

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting and Workshop on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Auditorium located at the Brooks County Ag/Extension Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice Chairman; Ms. Myra Exum; and Mr. Willie Cody. Mr. Rhett Rowe was present via telephone. Others present were: Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, County Administrator; and Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Mr. James Burchett, County Attorney; and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Folsom led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. **Special Called Meeting**

A. **Budget Amendment Review/Adoption**

a. Discussion of EMS Contract (Project Cost of Jackson Road Station Addition is \$175,000)

- i. \$62,500 for FD Headquarters Interior Office Work
- ii. \$10,000 for New Septic System
- iii. \$140,000 for Modular unit, plumbing, electrical, and AC (sleeping and comfort quarters)

- 1. Does not include tying into septic, electrical, sprinkling system (Fire Company)
- 2. Furnishings (\$8,000)
- 3. Appliances (\$5,000)

iv. **Projected Total: \$225,500 - \$230,500**

County Administrator presented information regarding cost estimate for addition of Jackson Road Fire Station to accommodate housing for Grady EMS. Grady EMS proposed an increase to their contract renewal of \$405,000 from \$375,000. Grady would like to get out of leasing space; and if the County can assist them by providing housing the renewal contract would decrease from \$405,000 to \$380,000 annually. The Board has to decide whether or not to provide housing or proceed at the higher contract renewal of \$405,000.

The build out came out to be more expensive than a modular unit. A modular unit estimated quote was presented in the amount of \$165,750 (includes the unit purchase, delivery, tie down, and footer). Ms. Exum stated this would be best option for long term, it's tangible and will be money well spent. She further stated EMS is now in Quitman and Morven, this would help them get away from high leasing, give independent space; allow for growth. The Board can accept the quote or put out an RFP to allow other companies to provide quotes. Mr. Cody commented he thought it would be the best route; and better to do it now. Mr. Compton, Grady EMS, stated it is a viable option for them because they do not want the lease expense.

After further discussion, Ms. Exum made a motion to amend the FY20-21 Budget to increase for EMS Dormitory in the amount of \$175,750 for modular and septic system; Mr. Folsom seconded. Vote was unanimous. Per Joe Cowart, Grady EMS, they have furnishings and appliances. On the motion by Ms. Exum, seconded by Mr. Folsom, the Board unanimously approved to proceed with the RFP for the modular unit and septic system to house EMS at Jackson Road Fire Station.

- b. East Brooks Contract Status – Contract is on hold, still waiting on East Brooks' Attorney.
- c. Discussion for Magistrate Judge Expenditure Request – Magistrate Judge David Crosby was not present.

3. Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Folsom, seconded by Ms. Exum, the Board closed the special called meeting to go into executive session at 5:58 pm.

Litigation – County Attorney informed the Board of a pending litigation.

Real Estate – No action was taken

The Board went out of executive session at 6:20 pm and back into the special called meeting on the motion by Ms. Exum; seconded by Mr. Folsom.

4. Workshop

A. Monthly Meeting Agenda Review for October 5, 2020 – Board discussed the agenda for the Monthly Meeting to be held October 5, 2020.

a. Fire Chief, Jordan Smith, was added under Reports From Committees/Departments

b. Fire Department Bid Consideration for New Fire Gear was removed from agenda to be added on agenda for November 2020 regular meeting.

c. Development Authority Appointments will be added to County Administrator Notes/Comments

On the motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Ms. Exum, the Board adjourned the Workshop at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. James Maxwell, Chairman
Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk