

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/FY2022-2023 Work Session on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at the Brooks County Administration Building, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, located at 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman, Ms. Myra Exum, and Mr. Lee Larko. Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman and Mr. Willie Cody were not present. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources, and James Burchett, County Attorney; and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chairman called the meeting to order.

A. Prayer/Pledge – Mr. Larko led all in attendance in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

B. Clay Bank Subdivision – County Clerk received information from Mr. Stan Folsom, County Surveyor, regarding Clay Bank Subdivision roads. County Clerk has been searching for information regarding whether the roads at Clay Bank were transferred to Brooks County for the purpose of being maintained by the Road Department. Mr. Folsom provided copies of the subdivision plats for ClayBank Golf Club that were approved by County Engineer, Mr. Ben DeVane; and filed/recorded in Brooks Superior Court. On the plats it is written as follows:

Streets are to be privately maintained and not to be dedicated to the County.

The motion was made by Mrs. Exum, due to an error by former Road Superintendent, to grant a one-time cut by the Road Department; make residents at ClayBank Golf Club aware of the findings, and they will be responsible for cuttings in the future, seconded by Mr. Larko. Vote was unanimous.

2. **WORK SESSION**

B. FY2022-2023 Budget – Due to Chairman Folsom and Mr. Cody not being present, the FY2022-2023 Budget was discussed; no decision was made. The Board will meet on Friday, July 15, 2022 to discuss their options/choices regarding the budget. Mr. Maxwell turned to County Administrator to provide budget information and alternatives of choices. The proposed FY2022-2023 budget is \$13,158,872.80; the FY2021-2022 budget was 12,980,092.64. Capital requests from departments total \$1,134,100.00. General Fund projected expenditures if fully approve totals \$14,292,972.80.

County Administrator stated that operations are costing more to sustain, will need to increase taxes, generate revenue, or cut operations; the increases are indicative of the market.

Administrator presented options: a ½ mill increase would generate \$583,500.00; and 2% increase would generate \$385,000.00; or can offset by transferring from reserves.

Sheriff Dewey requested salary increases for his department which would total \$95,000.00 and E-Ticketing System would cost approximately \$80,000.00. The Board asked the Sheriff if he had a choice would he rather the E-Ticketing System or salary increases for his Deputies? Sheriff Dewey responded he would choose the salary for employees over the E-ticketing System.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

4. Adjournment

On the motion by Mrs. Exum, seconded by Mr. Larko, the Board adjourned the special called meeting/work session at 3:05 p.m.

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