

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Work Session and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Ms. Myra Exum, Chairperson; Mr. Joe Wingate, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. S. L. Jones. Mr. James Maxwell was not present. Others present were: Mr. Justin DeVane, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Mr. Vann Parrott, County Attorney; and various residents.

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

WORK SESSION – Chair Exum called Work Session to order.

Reports from Committees/Departments

A. Glenn Walker – Public Works – Mr. Walker presented updates for month of June 2017.

- There were 25 driveway pipes installed, 170 work orders; 7 Side Arm; 10 trees removed; 36 roads graded; 17 roads with sand, 117 bags used; and 10 – 911 calls.
- Priority is mowing roads, have started on Troupeville moving to Jackson Road.

B. Ben DeVane – County Surveyor/Engineer – presented project updates.

- Bids will be opened for the 2017 LMIG on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Four bid packets have been submitted. Estimated cost is 1,160,000.00.
- Working on list of roads needing small repairs.

Chair closed Work Session to go into the Regular Meeting at 5:08 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Ms. Exum called meeting to order.

A. Prayer & Pledge – Nick Hampton, Crosspointe Church, led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

A. July 10, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting – Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Cody seconded; vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the following minutes:

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| A. | Work Session & Regular Meeting | June 5, 2017 |
| B. | Budget Public Hearing | June 15, 2017 |
| C. | Special Called Meeting and Executive Session | June 29, 2017 |

4. Appearances

A. South Georgia EMS – Defibrillators for Fire Department – Mr. Joe Cowart requested to come present defibrillators to the Brooks County Fire Department for use in the County's fire trucks. Each defibrillator will be installed in various trucks in the County. Only members of the department that have received training from Grady EMS staff will be authorized to use the devices. These devices will increase quality of care for Brooks County.

B. Doris Miley – Wings of Eagles, Inc. – Ms. Doris Miley, representing Wings of Eagles, Inc., a 501C3 organization, requested to speak with the Board about their programs and services. Wings of Eagles is offering a free Junior Eagle Tutoring program; and taking applications for enrollment. Wings of Eagles After School Program is based on two focus areas, developing specific activities based on need and creating measurable tools to evaluate whether or not students and parents are succeeding.

C. Amy Swails – Zika Virus Overview – Administration received a request from Ms. Amy Swails from the Southern Health District to provide information to the Board regarding the Zika Virus. Ms. Swails did not appear.

D. Natasha Gray & Beth Lee – Request for Use of Facilities (Courthouse Grounds) – A request was submitted by Ms. Natasha Gray to host an event with Ms. Beth Lee, on July 22nd at the Brooks County Courthouse from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is to promote the Brooks County Little Libraries and to host a reading event on the lawn for families. Ms. Gray has also agreed to host the Jewels for Julie Back-to-School giveaway on August 5, 2017 at the Chamber event to be held that evening at the County recreation fields. Mr. Cody made the motion to approve the request for use of Courthouse Grounds by Ms. Natasha Gray on July 22, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Mr. Jones seconded, vote was unanimous.

5. New Business

A. Approval for Voting Machine Purchase – Administration received a request from Elections Superintendent, Ken Collins, to purchase 48 used voting machines from San Diego County. The machines were used only once, and will be shipped to Kennesaw State where they will be certified for County's use. The total price per unit is \$366.46 including shipping; total amount is \$17,590.08. The proposed FY2018 budget includes funds for the purchase in amount of \$30,000.00. Current machines the County uses are almost 20 years old. The purchase of the 48 voting machines in the total amount of \$17,590.08 was unanimously approved on the motion by Mr. Wingate and seconded by Mr. Cody. Funds will come from Elections budget line item.

B. Surplus Property Approval – Dixie Voting Building – During the regular meeting on June 5th, the Board voted to have Administrator advertise for sale several small land tracts owned by the County. The Dixie voting building and land was omitted from the

motion inadvertently and should have been included. It will be listed in the advertisement for sealed bids to be submitted to the County. The Board approved the surplus of the Dixie Voting Building property and to include for sale by sealed bids, on the motion by Mr. Cody; Mr. Jones seconded. Vote was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business - None

7. County Administrator Notes/Comments – Administrator provided information regarding kick off for Back-to-School event. The event will be held on August 5th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the County Recreation Fields. Activities and events include: adult softball, school supply giveaway, carnival games, surprises, fireworks begin at 9:30 – 9:45 p.m. and afterwards there will be a movie. Mr. DeVane invited everyone out to the community event for fun and games; and family time.

8. Commissioners Notes/Comments

A. Joe Wingate - District 1 – Commented on calls of complaints regarding Advanced Disposal.

B. S. L. Jones, District 2 – Commented on complaints about garbage pickup.

C. Willie Cody, District 3 – Commented on problems with garbage pickup; condition of hole on Dry Lake Road; the bad condition of Old Thomasville and Pidcock Road.

D. Myra Exum, District 4 – No comments.

E. James Maxwell, District 5 –Not present.

9. Executive Session – None

10. Adjournment - Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 5:42 p.m.; Mr. Wingate seconded.

Ms. Myra Exum, Chairperson
Mr. Justin DeVane, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk