

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Work Session and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were:; Mr. Joe Wingate, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; Mr. S. L. Jones; and Mr. James Maxwell. Ms. Myra Exum, Chairperson was not present. Others present were: Mr. Justin DeVane, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; and various residents.

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

WORK SESSION – Vice Chair Mr. Wingate called Work Session to order.

Reports from Committees/Departments

- A. Jordan Smith – Fire Department** – was not present.
- B. Glenn Walker – Public Works** – was not present.
- B. Ben DeVane – County Surveyor/Engineer** – presented project updates.
 - 2017 LMIG is in process; Pidcock Road; Dunn Road; Greenville Highway and Slaughter Road have been paved. Has started work on Grooverville Road at Liberty Church Road to Thomasville.
 - Working on Jamar Loop and has been added to the construction project list. Problems with drainage and water flow; survey needs to be done and plan worked up to be ready when this project comes on the list.

Vice Chair closed Work Session to go into the Regular Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order** – Mr. Wingate called meeting to order.
 - A. Prayer & Pledge** – Mr. Nick Hampton, Cross Pointe Church, led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - A. October 2, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting** – Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Cody seconded; vote was unanimous.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**

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

- A. Work Session & Regular Meeting** September 14, 2017

4. Appearances

A. Donald Turner – Request Paving in Jamar Subdivision – Appeared to address the Board regarding a time frame when improvements could be made to Jamar Subdivision.

5. New Business

A. Re-appointment of Ms. Gerry Folsom to Behavioral Health Board – Pamela Cartwright, CEO, South Georgia Behavioral Health Services, submitted a letter to the Board to re-appoint Ms. Gerry Folsom to the Board to serve a new term for three years until 2020. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to re-appoint Ms. Gerry Folsom to the South Georgia Behavioral Health Services Board for a three year term expiring in 2020; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. Bid Approval – Jail Hot Water Heater System – Jail Administrator, John Ulm, requested the Board to consider approval of bids to replace hot water heater system in the Brooks County Jail. The system has been repaired several times in the past few years; and has passed its expected lifespan. Three bids were received; and J & J Heating and Air was the lowest bidder with cost of \$33,530. Funds are not budgeted for the repair, but the Jail Commissary Fund is sufficient to cover the cost of the repair; and is recommended for use at this time. After Board discussion on the possibility of using a tankless water heater(s) to reduce cost; the Board unanimously tabled this item for Administrator and Mr. Ulm to look at tankless water heater(s) for cost and benefit and bring back to the Board on the motion by Mr. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Cody.

C. Bid Approval – Fire Department Turnout Gear - Administration received a request from Fire Coordinator, Jordan Smith to purchase new turnout gear for the County Fire Department. The new gear will be assigned to the new part-time employees hired for the department, and replacing the gear used by the department members that have been on staff up to this point. The used gear we have will be rotated down to the volunteer departments as needed.

After discussion, Administrator requested Board to table this item to go solicit more prices for turnout gear. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table; and Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business - None

7. County Administrator Notes/Comments

A. Request for Comments – GDOT Bridge Replacement on Highway 122 - Administration received a request from GDOT to submit comments on the upcoming bridge replacement project on Highway 122, east of Pavo. Originally, the project called for a build and re-alignment of Highway 122. However, due to cost, GDOT is proposing a detour around the projects and will demolish and rebuild both bridges in

their current locations. Board had questions and concerns regarding the detour routes suggested by GDOT.

B. Selection of Realtor for Property Sale – RFQs have been received from Realtors related to the sale of the County Farm on Dewey Road. Administrator would like to have each Commissioner come in and review the RFQs and provide a score. Once the RFQs are collected they can be averaged out, the highest score would be chosen. Administrator would recommend that the scores be completed ASAP so that a realtor could be contacted and put to work, since there is an opportunity to make a sale by the end of the year so that the buyer could choose what year to complete the purchase for tax reasons.

C. Vehicle Purchase/Agreement with Boys and Girls Club Recreation - Administration would like to request the Board's approval to consider an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club, who is contracted with Brooks County to operate the recreation department, to consider a vehicle purchase / use agreement with the Club for the recreation department. Administrator has spoken with the B&G Club Board about, if possible, if the County could purchase a vehicle and an enclosed trailer for use by the recreation department, that would have a "lease to own" agreement to where the County would maintain the title and insurance on the vehicle and trailer until at which said time the vehicle was considered paid off, and then be transferred to the B&G Club and to be insured at their expense. The Administrator proposes that the County purchase a truck, similar to what has been recently purchased, and an enclosed trailer suitable for moving the Rec Dept's 60" mower. The County would purchase the truck and trailer, and provide insurance and charge the B&G a monthly amount as payment for the vehicle from its monthly allotment it currently has. Should the agreement cease while the vehicle is still titled to the County, it would stay with the County and the recreation. The B&G Board was very interested in this proposal as they have come up short on securing an affordable option otherwise.

On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board authorized Administrator to get bids and work on a package. Vice Chair called for vote. Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Cody and Mr. Wingate voted yes. Mr. Jones voted no. Vote was 3 to 1.

8. Commissioners Notes/Comments

A. Joe Wingate - District 1 – Thanked Mike Smith, 911/EMA Director, Sheriff's Department; and Fire Department for good job done during the storm.

B. S. L. Jones, District 2 – No comment.

C. Willie Cody, District 3 – Commented he is receiving calls from his District regarding roads; and does not understand what problem is; and is not pleased.

D. Myra Exum, District 4 – Was not present.

E. James Maxwell, District 5 – Commented on problems involving discrimination; and stated we do not need it in Brooks County.

9. Executive Session – None

10. Adjournment - Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 5:52 p.m.; Mr. Maxwell seconded.

Mr. Joe Wingate, Vice Chair
Mr. Justin DeVane, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk