

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell ; Mr. Willie Cody; and Joe Wingate. Mr. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman was not present. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Mr. Vann Parrott, County Attorney; Mr. Mark Deatcher, Public Works Director; and various residents.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman called workshop to order.

### **Workshop – Road Issues**

Public Works Director, Mr. Mark Deatcher, reported he has two Side Arms down and needing repair. He requested Board permission to check pricing for leasing options; and to compare leasing versus purchasing. Board also discussed option of spraying to kill weeds on the roadway.

There is a problem with ditch and maintenance on Blain Circle. Other road problems exist with Morning Side, Rolling Hills, and Beulah Church Road.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:20 p.m.

### **Call to Order/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman called regular meeting to order. Mr. Lawson led all in attendance in Prayer and Chairman all in pledge of allegiance.

### **Amended Items**

Chairman asked to amend agenda to include: under Old Business, amend fee for Chief Registrar, and approve initial terms for Board Members. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to accept the amendments to agenda, and accept agenda with necessary changes, Mr. Cody seconded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cody made a motion to approve following minutes as written, Mr. Lawson seconded:

FY 2012 Budget Public Hearing	July 6, 2011
Monthly Workshop & Regular Monthly Meeting	July 11, 2011
Special Called Meeting	July 13, 2011

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**Public Hearing – None**

**Appearances**

### **1. Destination Brooks Tourist Initiative – Monthly Update**

Mr. Corey Cottle was not present.

### **2. Nate Tyler – Thomasville Utilities Solid Waste Contract**

Mr. Nate Tyler, Solid Waste Director, Thomasville Utilities, appeared to propose extending the solid waste contract for an additional five years with the same terms and conditions. Contract expires October 5, 2011. Mr. Tyler stated, throughout the five year partnership, they have worked hard to keep costs low while providing a superior level of service to Brooks County community, and request consideration in amending the five year agreement to allow Thomasville to continue to serve the community. There has been only one rate increase over the entire contract period. County Attorney stated, if Board is satisfied, the contract will need to be amended for additional five years. Mr. Tyler stated the Attorney for City of Thomasville will prepare an amended contract and deliver to County Attorney for review.

### **3. Gavin Laurie – Airport Authority**

Mr. Laurie stated Brooks County-Quitman no longer have a weekend crop duster airport, it has been approval for taxiway. But it needs three things, he stated. 1) fuel facility, 2) tee hangers, and 3) fiscal basis to stand on its own. The tee hangers will provide an opportunity for fuel, FAA will pay 95% to build hanger and fuel facility, but has to meet FAA specifications. It will cost \$290,000.00 for eight hangers, and \$265,000.00 for fuel facility. Airport Authority would like to get a loan for the projects, but cannot get loan without their partners, Brooks County and City of Quitman. The loan would be for 25 years at 3.5% interest, to be paid by Brooks County and City of Quitman. After discussion, Mr. Maxwell stated with economical situation in Government, we should not commit taxpayers money, wait six, eight, or maybe ten months to see what Government is going to do. Mr. Maxwell made the statement a motion, Chairman called for a second, called for a second a second time, and made third and final call for second, motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Lawson came back and made motion to wait one month, until next month meeting, it may be more optimistic, Mr. Wingate seconded. Chairman called for vote. Chairman, Wingate, Lawson, and Cody voted in favor. Mr. Maxwell voted no. Vote was 4 to 1.

### **4. Jerry Miller – Vehicle Request**

Jerry Miller, Sheriff's Department, appeared to request a four-wheel drive vehicle. Board tabled this issue to check where funds will come from before making a commitment.

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### **5. Tonya Reynolds – Recreation Department**

Ms. Reynolds and several citizens appeared with questions/concerns regarding Recreation Department. They complained of not being able to use field, having to work around tournaments, no weekend access, and re-establishing a recreation board.

Board asked them to prepare a list of their questions/concerns and present to the Board, and would work towards finding solutions for their concerns.

## **Old Business**

### **1) CDBG Grant Hassell Road and Few Lane**

CDBG grant for Hassell Road and Few Lane will be awarded probably in September.

### **2) Board of Elections Initial Terms and Pay**

During a special called meeting held Friday, July 29, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., Board selected and approved the members of the Brooks County Elections Board, and initial terms for the members need to be set and approved by Commissioners. Initial terms are:

1. Janette Baker – initial term ends 12/31/12
2. Zurich Deshazior – initial term ends 12/31/13
3. Nancy Duncan – initial term ends 12/31/2014

Minimum of \$242.00 is set by State for Registrars, which Board previously set at \$250.00 for all, and minimum by State for Chief Registrar is \$272.00, therefore, Board has to amend the amount for Chief Registrar by \$22.00.

Mr. Lawson made a motion to set minimum fee for Chief Registrar (\$272.00), \$250.00 for Registrars, and adopt initial terms of Elections Board Members, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. Vote was unanimous.

## **New Business**

### **a) Inmate Health Care**

During last month meeting, Ms. Brandi King, Southern Correctional Medicine, Waycross, GA, appeared to present to the Board a proposal for inmate health care services for Brooks County Jail. Board asked County Attorney to review contract. Mr. Parrott is in process of reviewing/modifying the contract by August 30<sup>th</sup> or September 1, 2011. On motion by Mr. Wingate, Board unanimously accepted proposal from Southern Correctional Medicine for health care services for inmates at Brooks County Jail, Mr. Cody seconded. Contract will automatically renew for three years.

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### **b) Timber Tax Committee**

Board members will go by Tax Assessor Office to see how their program works in regards to timber tax.

### **c) SB-10 – Sunday Alcohol Sales**

Board voted previously to have this item placed on ballot in 2012 election.

## **County Administrator Comments: Required Public Hearing**

Public Hearing

August 3, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

August 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session – None**

Mr. Wingate made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:47 p.m.; Mr. Maxwell seconded.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. Robert D. O'Barr, Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell; and Mr. Joe Wingate. Mr. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Willie Cody were not present. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk.

Chairman called public hearing to order. Sign-in sheet was provided. (See attached).

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions pertaining to Board's intention to increase property taxes. No decisions are made during the public hearing, but for citizens to express their opinion.

There were no citizens present.

Public hearing adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman  
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

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The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman; Mr. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell; Mr. Joe Wingate; and Mr. Willie Cody. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk.

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Ms. Marie DeShazor asked questions regarding the Elections Board, Airport Authority, the tax increase and the 2% salary increase for employees.

There being no other citizens present to express their opinions, Chairman closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.; and went into a special called meeting to adopt the millage rate.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the below listed millage rates, Mr. Wingate seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Unincorporated	9.926
Incorporated	11.247
Brooks County Development Authority	.377
Briggs Fire District	1.000
Board of Education	15.000

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn the special called meeting at 6:11 p.m., Mr. Cody seconded.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman  
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

