

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a FY 2012 Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 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. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; and Joe Wingate. Mr. James Maxwell was not present. Others present were: Mr. Robert O'Barr, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; and Wayne Waldron.

Call to Order

Chairman called meeting to order. Sign-in sheet was provided for those in attendance. (See attached).

FY 2012 Budget

County Administrator presented an overview of all internal departmental budget requests. Departmental budget requests are \$7,840,047.98 and anticipated revenue estimate is \$7,314,519.00, which reflects a deficit of \$525,528.98. Administrator proposed cutting contingency fund by \$140,000.00, Highways & Streets property liability \$31,000.00, Governing Body liability insurance \$23,000.00, included 911 revenue estimate of \$50,000.00, use prior year surplus of \$164,569.00 to assist in balancing the budget; the total short fall then will be \$166,959.98. Board will add an additional \$21,000.00 to Extension Office budget.

Board increased State Court Judge, William Folsom's salary by \$3,000.00, total salary will be \$21,000.00 annually, contingent upon a contract.

There were no citizens present. Chairman closed workshop at 5:47 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Cody, public hearing adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman
Mr. Robert D. O'Barr, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, July 11, 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: Mr. Robert O’Barr, County Administrator; 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 there were no update/issues at Road Department to report.

Mr. Ed Johnson updated Board on following projects:

1. LMIG grant in amount of \$370,000.00 needs to be processed.
2. SAP contracts are in for signature, and need to prepare for 2012 program.
3. Problem with Snow Road at Dixie, CSX has created drainage problem.
4. CDBG award for Hassell Road and Few Lane will probably be in September.
5. TIA one percent sales tax will provide \$750,000.00 year.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:11 p.m.

Call to Order/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Amended Items

Chairman asked to amend agenda to include: 911 Working Hours; Inmate Health Care; and Public Hearing. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to add the amendments to agenda, Mr. Wingate seconded. Mr. Cody made the motion to accept agenda as amended, Mr. Maxwell seconded.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve following minutes with any necessary corrections, if any, Mr. Cody seconded:

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Public Hearing – Special Exception

Ms. Sherry Davidson, Southern Georgia Regional Commission, appeared to present the Petition by Jerry Westmoreland for a Special Exception, but asked Board to table due to existing non-conformance issues with the subject property. Planning Commission decided to table the case for 30 days so the applicant can clean up the site to meet the conformance standards of the Brooks County Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Wingate requested the issue be tabled, Board agreed.

Appearances

1. Destination Brooks Tourist Initiative – Monthly Update

Mr. Corey Cottle appeared to present monthly update of Destination Brooks Tourist Initiative. Certified local government is complete and By-Laws delivered to City for approval. Skillet Festival is accepting applications for vendors; highlight agriculture in Brooks County; craft shows; food festival and local bands. Mr. Cottle also informed the Board of a customized tour they provided for a visiting African American family; and hoping to provide more of this service.

2. Ronald Bryant – Community Wildfire Protection

Mr. Ronald Bryant was present to follow-up on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan presented at last month's meeting. The Plan is provided at no cost to the County and can be very important for County applications for hazard mitigation grants through the National Fire Plan, FEMA mitigation grants, and others. The Plan will: enhance public safety, improve community sustainability, protect ecosystem health; raise public awareness of wildfire hazards and wildfire risk; educate landowners on how to reduce home ignitability; and build and improve collaboration at multiple levels. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve Community Wildfire Protection Plan and authorized Chairman to sign, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Judge Tunison & Judge Cowart – Courthouse Renovations

Judge Tunison and Judge Cowart, Superior Court Judges, appeared to discuss improvement to courthouse grounds, main courtroom, sound system, lights, doors and floor. They asked Board to consider forming a committee to provide a scope of improvements/changes needed and present to the Board. They informed Board they are not looking at spending a lot of money, but things can be done to improve the

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Courthouse inside and outside. Judge Cowart stated the weeds and overgrown shrubbery outside has created a security problem/issue. Committee will consist of Judge Tunison, Judge Cowart, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Parrott.

Old Business

a) Inmate Health Care

Ms. Brandi King, Southern Correctional Medicine, Waycross, GA, appeared to present to the Board inmate health care services for Brooks County Jail. Ms. King stated Southern Correctional Medicine will provide: on-site urgent care, initial medical set-up, 24/7 call coverage and nursing care, regular doctor visits, medications, full time nursing supervision, dental coverage, decreased security risk with exclusive on-site care, and psychiatric coverage at a cost of \$4,000.00 less than the current provider, Southern Health Partners. Board asked County Attorney to review contract, and this issue will be placed on agenda for special called meeting.

9-1-1 Working Hours

Mr. Maxwell requested this item be placed on the agenda to discuss 12 working hours vs. 8 working hours for 9-1-1 dispatchers. Mr. Maxwell suggested giving it a try for next six months to see how works. Director, Mike Smith, stated 12 hours ensure employee same days off and one weekend. Mr. Maxwell questioned why same could not work for 8 hours. Mr. Smith stated weekends off would be determined by seniority, and there would be some employees that would not get a weekend. Mr. Smith will look at and put something together and present to Board.

New Business

a) Budget Adoption Resolution

County Administration presented the FY 2012 Budget Resolution for adoption. On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Wingate, Board unanimously adopted the FY 2012 Revenue and Expense Budget established at \$7,840,047.98 with funds appropriated to departments as established in budget.

b) Brooks Transit Contract

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to accept contract for Brooks Transit Operating Assistance between DOT, State of Georgia and Brooks County for FY 2012, with MIDS, Inc. as Third Party Operator, seconded by Mr. Cody. Vote was unanimous.

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c) 9-1-1 Charge on Prepaid Wireless Service

Legislation passed the bill in 2008 to assess a 9-1-1 fee on prepaid wireless phones. This bill repeals the previous statute regarding collection of the 911 fee on prepaid wireless phones. The new bill sets out a new system to collect the prepaid fees at the point of sale. Such charges may be imposed at the rate of 75 cents per retail transaction; and in order for funds to be treated as local tax, counties and municipalities must adopt an ordinance or resolution imposing the fee and file with the DOR. On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Cody, Board unanimously adopted the Imposing a 9-1-1 Charge on Prepaid Wireless Service Ordinance to impose a charge of 75 cents per retail transaction on prepaid wireless service.

d) Safety Action Plan Contract

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody, Board unanimously approved and authorized Chairman to sign contract for Off System Safety Action Plan from DOT.

e) Timber Tax

Mr. Lawson requested this item be placed on agenda. Mr. Lawson was not present, but Board discussed ways to ensure County receives taxes on cutting of timber. County Administrator will set up a committee to work on this project.

f) Solid Waste Contract Expiration

Administrator informed Board the Solid Waste Contract with City of Thomasville will expire October.

g) Memorandum of Agreement – Brooks County Public Health Department

Ms. Norma Jean Johnson, RN, Brooks County Health Department, submitted a Contingency Memorandum of Agreement Strategic National Stockpile for Chairman signature. The Strategic National Stockpile is based on assumption of a manmade or natural disaster may deplete our local medical supplies and equipment. In the event the SNS is deployed, Lowndes County is identified as the primary site to Receive, Stage and Store (RSS) the SNS. The agreement allows for use of Brooks County employees to assist in manning a mass vaccination/prophylaxis site in Brooks County; and provides Brooks County Health Department with a 24-hour contact number for rapid recall of personnel. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to accept the Strategic National Stockpile Agreement between Brooks County and Brooks County Health Department, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

h) SB-10 – Sunday Alcohol Sales

Mr. Wingate requested this item for discussion to place a referendum on ballot for 2012 election and prepare resolution for Sunday alcohol sales in Brooks County. Mr. Wingate

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made the motion to proceed with putting referendum on ballot and resolution for upcoming 2012 election for Sunday alcohol sales in Brooks County, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

i) Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Reimbursement

Georgia Department of Natural Resources informed the County of eligible costs spent investigating and cleaning up the landfill will be reimbursed in amount of \$72,166.11 from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. In order to receive this funding, a signed and certified copy of resolution and three signed and attested originals of the contract must be returned to EPD no later than August 31, 2011. Mr. Cody made the motion approving the Resolution and contract for reimbursement of \$72,166.11 from Hazardous Waste Trust Fund, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. Vote was unanimous.

k) CDBG Grant

CDBG grant for Hassell Road and Few Lane will be awarded probably in September, per County Administrator.

County Administrator Comments: Required Public Hearing

Administrator reported it looks as though there may not be a tax increase, if not we will not be required to hold public hearings. He is continuing to get the numbers from Tax Commissioner.

Two candidates for Elections Supervisor were interviewed on Friday, July 8, 2011 by Mr. Wingate, Mr. Cody, and Administrator. Candidates were: Ken Collins from Valdosta and Johnny Spearman from Adel.

Ms. Rhonda Wheeler, Brooks County DFCAS, appeared to inform Board of their office being closed on Wednesdays due to State cut backs, starting this week thru December 2011.

Executive Session – None

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.; Mr. Wingate 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 Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 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 ; Mr. Willie Cody; and Joe Wingate. Mr. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman, was not present. Others present were: Mr. Robert O'Barr, County Administrator.

Call to Order

Chairman called meeting to order.

Appointment of Elections Supervisor

On motion by Mr. Wingate, Board unanimously appointed Mr. Johnny Spearman as Elections Supervisor for Brooks County. Salary will be \$32,000.00 annually.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35 p.m., Mr. Wingate 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 Monthly Workshop and Special Called Meeting on Friday, July 29, 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. Howard Lawson, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell ; Mr. Willie Cody; and Joe Wingate. Others present were: Mr. Robert O’Barr, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Mr. John Spearman, Elections Supervisor; and various residents.

Call to Order

Chairman called workshop to order.

County Administrator reviewed agenda with Board for Regular Monthly Meeting on August 1, 2011 in case if they had any questions due to his absence.

Selection of Election Board Members

Chairman called special called meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

County Administrator asked Elections Supervisor, Mr. John C. Spearman, to present to Board what he is looking for in prospective Elections Board Members. First, Mr. Spearman wanted to thank Board for the opportunity to fill position of Elections Supervisor for the newly formed Brooks County Board of Elections and Registration.

A total of 15 applications were submitted for selection of three Election Board Members. One application was disqualified due to be related to an elected official, and one applicant withdrew his application. Mr. Spearman reviewed application and spoke with applicants; and presented his top three whom he felt would be qualified:

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| 1. | Janette Baker | Morven, GA |
| 2. | Nancy Duncan | Quitman, GA |
| 3. | Zurich Deshazor | Dixie, GA |

Mr. Wingate made the motion to accept the top three applicants chosen by Elections Supervisor for Brooks County Board of Elections and Registration, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.; Mr. Wingate seconded.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman
Mr. Robert D. O’Barr, Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

