

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2012 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. Joe Wingate, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell; Mr. Howard Lawson; and Mr. Willie Cody. Others present were: Mr. Robert D. O'Barr, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Mr. Vann Parrott, County Attorney; and various residents.

Call to Order

Chairman called workshop to order.

Workshop – County Roads & Equipment Issues

Mr. Deatcher, Public Works Director, reported the Side Arm is back in operation. He informed the Board he has changed working hours for Side Arm Operator, Hugh McGhee, to 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. due to having one Side Arm in operation to get County roads done.

During last month meeting, Mr. Lawson discussed getting a traffic count of roads in Brooks County. He stated this is something that needs to be done; we do lot of paving and improvements; but need to know what traffic is like on these roads. The Board authorized Public Works Director to get what he needs to conduct a traffic count. The road count project is a little more complicated than expected, Mr. Deatcher stated a contractor may have to be hired because DOT used to perform this task; but now they sub out road counts.

Mr. Cody emphasized the continuing calls from residents regarding the problem of nuts, bolts, nails on Hassle Road. He explained something has to be done; he is constantly receiving phone calls from residents about the problem. Mr. Cody requested Mr. Deatcher come up with some type of resolution. Mr. Deatcher stated he could put gravel on the road with Board approval. He will research it out for price and make sure the gravel is clean.

Mr. DeVane reported he is working on the Safety Action Plan; working with the DOT consultant; and should have complete within a week or two. The SAP has to be submitted to DOT by January 2013. As soon as he completes the SAP; he will get back on the guard rail project.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:25 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman called regular meeting to order; and Mr. Maxwell led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. **Public Hearing – None**

4. **Minutes Approval**

Mr. Cody made the motion to approve the following minutes; Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous:

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5. **Appearances**

1. **Destination Brooks Update** – No one was present.

2. **Buddy Holwell – County Property & Liability Insurance Renewal**

Mr. Buddy Holwell, Holwell & Fletcher, appeared to present the 2013 Property & Liability Insurance renewal. The annual premium has increased approximately \$10,000.00; 2011 premium was \$128,184.00; 2012 premium was \$127,005.00; premium for 2013 is \$137,083.00. Mr. Holwell pointed out to the Board some reasons for the increase: a total loss amount of \$113,000.00, of which \$111,000.00 of the loss was for auto; the addition of six (6) new patrol cars at \$1,000.00 each; and 3% property increase across the board. Mr. Holwell stated to the Board he is still waiting on information from the company; there may be a possibility the premium may decrease; but not increase higher than \$137,083.00. After discussion, Mr. Wingate made the motion to accept the renewal for 2013 Property & Liability Insurance presented by Mr. Holwell at the maximum amount of \$137,083.00 or a lower amount than presented, seconded by Mr. Cody. Vote was unanimous.

3. **South Georgia Ambulance – Update**

Mr. David Crosby, South Georgia Ambulance (SGA), CEO, requested to appear to provide an update.

- Approved for grant for trauma equipment in amount of \$1,100.00
- Received grant for First Responder Program for course offered to Volunteer Fire Department or EMS which will bring up to EMT basic
- Trauma Care Grant which will benefit patients without insurance for transfer
- New vehicle replacement in amount of \$70,000.00 in January 2013
- Safety Seat Program awarded to be provider of 32 seats; and qualify safety seat techs thru SGA and Sheriff's Office
- EMS Training Academy and Trauma ER Training

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Mr. Crosby will return next month to provide update to Board.

6. **New Business**

1. **CD Bid Opening – Local Banks**

Certificate of Deposit (CD) for Brooks County General Fund in the amount of \$3,266,662.47 was put out to bid to local banks. Three sealed bids were received and opened:

- Citizens National Bank – APR .50%, APY .501%, 12 months, no penalty for early withdrawal; funds protected by FDIC and pledged securities.
- Ameris Bank – APR .13%, APY .13% for six months; APR .28%, APY .28% for 12 months, no penalty for early withdrawal; all deposits fully secured.
- Colony Bank – APR .15%, APY .15% for 180 days; APR .20%, APY 0% for one year; loss of one month's interest for early withdrawal; secured with FDIC.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to award the CD to Citizens National Bank at APR .50%; APY .501%, for 12 months, no penalty for early withdrawal; funds protected by FDIC and pledged securities, Mr. Wingate seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2. Pauper Burial Increase

Coroner, Mike Miller, appeared to request an increase in Pauper burial from \$250.00 to \$500.00. Mr. Miller stated the funeral homes are very cooperative and are not complaining; but \$250.00 does not nearly pay for the burial expense. On a motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved the increase for Pauper burial to \$500.00.

3. Sunday Alcohol Sales Resolution

A referendum for the votes of Brooks County was put on the ballot for November 6, 2012 election to approve or disapprove an ordinance permitting sale of alcohol beverages on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight; majority of the voters voted "yes". County Attorney presented the Resolution for approval to amend the Ordinance governing the sale of alcoholic beverages originally enacted on September 8, 1982. The Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to Section 6-46: The sale of all malt beverages and wine shall be permitted on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight unless otherwise prohibited by the laws and regulations of the State of Georgia.

Mr. Wingate made a motion to approve and adopt the amended Resolution permitting sale of all malt beverages and wine on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. Vote was unanimous.

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4. Plaque for Courthouse

Mr. Maxwell discussed placing a plaque at the courthouse for achievement of renovations by Commissioners; Board discussed and agreed; County Attorney suggested it would be a good idea to show a timeline. County Attorney will look at designs and cost.

Old Business

1. Status of 2013 LMIG Priority List and Camera at Fuel Sites

County Engineer has completed the 2013 LMIG Priority List; and working on the Safety Action Plan with consultant from DOT.

Cameras at the County fuel sites, Road Department and CID, are being installed.

2. Funding for Outfitting Six New Patrol Cars

Sheriff's Office submitted an invoice for funding of outfitting the six new patrol cars in amount of \$26,913.00. Board questioned whether or not funding is in the Sheriff's budget or if funds will come from contingency. Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve funding of \$26,913.00 out of Sheriff's budget, but if funding is not available, to fund the amount out of contingency fund, Mr. Wingate seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Administrator Comments

- Administrator reminded Board of the January 2013 Board appointments.
- Employee Christmas Dinner will be held December 20, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Commissioners Board Room
- Employee Christmas Bonuses will be distributed with payroll on December 7, 2012
- Christmas Holidays will be observed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Executive Session - None

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:20 p.m.; Mr. Wingate seconded.

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