

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, September 10, 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

Mr. Deatcher, Public Works Director, reported no road issues, but equipment is down. The Side Arm need seals repaired; is still under warranty. The company will come down Wednesday to take a look at it.

Mr. Raymond Coker, resident on CR 133 has a Bush Hog Mower for sale, almost new and in great condition; and will sell to County for \$7,000.00, he paid \$13,000.00.

Mr. Deatcher reported he and Mr. Ben DeVane is still working on the guard rails project for bridges. The inventory list for the Road Department is available for Commissioners; and will be placed in their boxes at the Administration Office.

Magnolia Church Road has a box culvert that is deteriorating; and in need of repair; County Engineer will look at it.

Mr. Maxwell commented to Mr. Deatcher to pay more attention to his department; he has complaints of items being missing.

Mr. Ben DeVane reported the ad is being prepared to bid out 2012 LMIG; should go to newspaper next week. Board needs to set time for 2013 LMIG discussion.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:27 p.m.

Call to Order/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lawson made the motion to approve the agenda, and Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Public Hearing – None

Minutes Approval

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

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| Monthly Workshop & Regular Monthly Meeting | August 6, 2012 |
| FY 2013 Budget Public Hearing | August 15, 2012 |
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| FY 2013 Budget Public Hearing | August 22, 2012 |
| Special Called Meeting | August 27, 2012 |

Appearances

1. Destination Brooks Update

Ms. Lauren Basford was present; provided copies of the new Tourism Brochure; and update for Destination Brooks.

- Tourism website has been launched.
- Recipient of the Governor Tourism Award.
- Skillet Festival planning is in full steam; lot of interest from vendors; and scheduled for October 20, 2012, will have a month of events leading up to and thru out the month.
- Grant awarded on behalf of Development Authority for \$3,000.00 to renovate medians downtown Quitman.

2. J. A. R. Productions Concert

J. A. R. Productions requested approval for concert on October 20, 2012 at the Seldom Seen Farms on Highway 122. The concert was held last year; and they are trying to make it an annual event. They donated portion of funds to someone in need in Moultrie last year; informed the Board if anyone in Brooks County needs help to let them know; they would like to help others also. Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve the concert to be held by J. A. R. Productions on October 20, 2012 at Seldom Seen Farms on Highway 122, Mr. Lawson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Michael Simmons – Roads & Bridges

Mr. Simmons appeared to inquire on status/update of guard rails for bridges; inquired as to what is being put in place.

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4. Michael Turner – Roads – Was not present.

5. Cleveland Graham - Taxes

Mr. Cleveland Graham appeared last month to request refund for property taxes paid prior to being declared 100% disabled by Department of Veterans Affairs; which qualifies him for tax exemption. After discussion, Board unanimously approved to table the issue; have Administrator get with County Attorney for more information, and get

back with Mr. Graham. County Attorney will look into the matter further and report to Administrator.

6. Surveillance Cameras – Road Department & CID

Mr. Mike Smith, 911/EMA Director, presented quote from Southeast Georgia Computer Consulting & Engineering, Inc. for cameras at the fuel centers at Road Department and CID in amount of \$3,966.68. On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Lawson, Board unanimously approved purchase of surveillance cameras in amount of \$3,966.68 for Road Department and CID fuel centers, funds will come from contingency.

7. National Adult Literacy Week Proclamation

Brooks County High School sent a Proclamation to be signed honoring the observance of National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week of September 10-16, 2012. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 10-16, 2012 as National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week, Mr. Wingate seconded. Vote was unanimous.

8. 911 Addressing

Mr. Mike Smith requested funds in amount of \$5,000 for E-911 addressing for City of Quitman; which was originally included in the contract with Brooks County; but deleted because he thought it could be done another way. On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved \$5,000.00 from Contingency Fund for 911 addressing.

9. Well Damage at Landfill

TTL informed County of monitoring wells needing to be replaced at landfill. TTL estimates a total cost of \$7,732 for well installation, development, and reporting activities. On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Cody, Board unanimously accepted the proposal from TTL for well damage at the landfill in amount of \$7,732.00. City of Quitman pays 65% of the cost and County pays 35%.

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New Business

1. CDBG Grant – Few and Hassel Lane Paving

Brooks County has been informed by the Department of Community Affairs of being selected to receive a commitment of Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds totaling \$482,312.00 for Few Road and Hassel Lane.

2. Guard Rails on Bridges

Mr. Wingate made the motion to designate funding for guard rails on bridges from SPLOST #5, Mr. Maxwell seconded.

3. Airport Authority Reappointments

On motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Wingate, Board unanimously reappointed Mr. Kenny Baker and Mr. Gavin Laurie retroactively to serve on the Airport Authority Board August 1, 2011 to July 1, 2015.

4. Bush Hog Mower

Mr. Lawson made the motion to approve purchase of the Batwing Bush Hog Mower from Mr. Raymond Coker in amount of \$7,000.00 from contingency fund, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. Trees at Courthouse

Mr. Wingate previously discussed spraying the oak trees at the Courthouse for moss, which is smothering the trees. He has spoken with someone about spraying the trees; the cost will be \$1,500.00. On a motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board approved funding in amount of \$1,500.00 from contingency fund to spray oak trees for moss at the Courthouse. Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Cody, Mr. Lawson; and Mr. Wingate voted yes; Mr. Maxwell voted no. Vote was 3 to 1.

6. Lawn Mower for Grounds Maintenance

County is in need of a lawn mower for grounds maintenance. County Administrator checked into the cost of a John Deere X320 from Boston Tractor in amount of \$3,500.00; there is \$3,200.00 in the Building and Plants budget. After discussion, Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve purchase of John Deere X320 lawn mower for \$3,500.00; use \$3,200.00 in the Building and Plants budget; and remainder of cost to come from contingency fund, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Old Business

1. Part Time Employee for Grounds Maintenance

Board has been discussing hiring a part-time person for grounds and building maintenance for the County. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve Administrator sending ad to Quitman Free Press for a part-time employee for County ground and building maintenance for 32 hours per week, Mr. Lawson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Administrator Comments

Administrator informed Board of working with Hospital Administrator regarding County Jail medical billing issues.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to close the regular meeting and enter into executive session at 6:13 p.m.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody, Board closed executive session to return to regular meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table the land acquisition issue, Mr. Cody seconded.

Adjourn

Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:25 p.m.; Mr. Wingate seconded.

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