

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, March 5, 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; Mr. Mark Deatcher, Public Works Director; and various residents.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman called workshop to order.

### **Workshop**

Public Works Director, Mr. Mark Deatcher, reported:

Overall roads are ok after weekend rain, his department worked multiple hours over weekend, and roads were closed due to water over roads. He assured residents the Road Department is getting road situation under control and to be patient.

Mr. Deatcher informed Board of situation in Perdue Heights on Church Lane where residents are experiencing problems traveling in and out. Road Department is not responsible for private lanes. Mr. Deatcher and Mr. DeVane will look at to see what can be done.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:23 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 pledge of allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda and Amendments**

On motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, Board unanimously approved to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Mike Dewey. Vote was unanimous.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

Monthly Workshop & Regular Monthly Meeting	February 6, 2012
Special Called Meeting	February 16, 2012
Special Called Meeting	February 23, 2012

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### **Appearances**

A. **Destination Brooks Update** - Not present.

**B. Ben DeVane – Ferrell Scruggs, Claybank Subdivision Easements**

County Engineer, Mr. Ben DeVane, informed Board of the request of the Claybank Subdivision owner, Mr. Ferrell Scruggs, to accept streets in the Subdivision. If Board accepts the streets, drainage easements will be needed at lot lines; and the pond would also have an easement to have rights to put water in it. The Subdivision would need to be brought up to standards; currently it is not up to par for subdivision. Mr. Maxwell made the motion authorizing Mr. DeVane to proceed with bringing necessary roads up to standards in Claybank Subdivision in order to be accepted as County roads to obtain easements, Mr. Lawson seconded. Vote was unanimous

**C. River Run – Reestablish Boundary Pens and Shape Cul-de-Sac**

Mr. Ben DeVane also informed the Board that over a period of time drainage downhill has covered up and knocked out pens and shape of cul-de-sac on River Run in Rolling Hills causing it to be straight. County has the right-of-way and needs to be reestablished; corners need to be reset. On motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Wingate, Board unanimously authorized Mr. DeVane to see what can be done to improve the cul-de-sac on River Run; Road Department reestablish property corners. Vote was unanimous.

**D. David Crosby - EMS Contract**

Mr. David Crosby, EMS, appeared to address concerns regarding EMS services provided. One concern has been no ambulance in Morven. Mr. Crosby stated the ambulance has not been in Morven as often as it should be due to call volume. When Quitman truck is down; Morven truck moves; there are more calls and less trucks. He stated the solution would be to add a 12 hour truck, which would cost more money. Mr. Crosby stated he would provide information needed for the new entity.

**E. Election System Hardware Maintenance**

Elections Supervisor, Mr. Ken Collins, requested approval of Hardware Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC. Currently there is nothing in place to provide maintenance service for hardware; agreement will be for a three year period. The total cost will be \$5,877.00 for three year maintenance agreement or \$1,962.00 per year. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to approve the Hardware Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC for three years at cost of \$1,962.00 per year, Mr. Lawson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**F. County Department Heads Update – There were none.**

**G. Kinderlou Retreat**

Ms. Tina Herring provided informational packets to Board for the retreat of City and County officials to be held Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Kinderlou Forest.

## **New Business**

### **a. Sheriff's Department Request for New Cars**

Sheriff Mike Dewey appeared to request cars; and approval to purchase a 2007 vehicle from Pavo in amount of \$10,000.00. He stated the department is in need of cars; most of vehicles have over 100,000 miles. Chairman advised we are getting ready to start FY 2013 budget process; and will look at possibility of three cars. Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve purchase of vehicle from Pavo, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous. Funds will come from contingency.

### **b. Vending Machines**

Ms. Loretha Arnold runs a vending machine operation with her family, M & N Vending; and lives in Brooks County. Ms. Arnold stated most of their business is in Lowndes County; but would like a chance to place vending machines in Brooks County buildings. Board advised Ms. Arnold to get with Administrator.

### **c. Tax Assessor Board Appointment**

Current Tax Assessor Board Member, Mr. Earl Lacy, term expires December 31, 2012. Mr. Maxwell suggested proceeding with appointing Mr. Gerald Golden so he can start training and be ready to come on Board January 1, 2013. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to appointment Mr. Gerald Golden to replace Mr. Earl Lacey when his term expires; and authorized Mr. Golden to proceed with training, Mr. Cody seconded. Mr. Golden three year term will expire December 31, 2015. Vote was unanimous.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Heating and Air Condition at Jail**

This item was tabled during last month regular meeting for County Attorney to look into how to proceed and if need to go out for bid. County Administrator asked J & J Heating to assess the air condition problems at the Jail. With the repairs he is proposing; should save County approximately 20-25%. County Attorney reported after reviewing purchasing policy, there is no way to proceed and be in compliance with purchasing policy. Board can either follow recommendation by J&J Heating or create specs and solicit bids. Board can consult with J&J Heating to draft specs; and pay him to create specs and put out to bid. After discussion, Mr. Wingate mad the motion to hire J&J

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Heating to prepare specs to bid out Brooks County Jail air condition unit repairs, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous

### **2. Side Arm Mower Purchase**

Previously during a special called meeting, Public Works Director, Mr. Deatcher presented a quote for a New John Deere Samurai Boom Mower in amount of \$97,070.80 from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company, Inc. located in Lake City, GA. Board discussed option of lease vs. purchase; and authorized Administrator to contact

ACCG in regards to the lease option. Board authorized purchase of John Deere 6430 Samurai Boom Mower from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company, Inc. in amount of \$97,070.80, and if funds are available to go ahead and purchase, and if not look at lease option. Funds are not in the FY 2012 budget; the budget would have to be amended to approve the purchase; and funds will have to be moved out of reserve into the budget. Mr. Wingate made the motion to amend FY 2013 budget, move funds out of reserve and place in budget, Mr. Maxwell seconded. County Attorney advised Board due to not having budget amendment on the agenda, would not be in compliance to do so. After discussion, Mr. Wingate withdrew the motion; Mr. Maxwell withdrew his second. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table the item until Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. when they will meet for a special called meeting, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

### **3. Road Department and CID Surveillance Cameras Quote**

County Administrator presented quotes for two options on surveillance cameras for Road Department and CID from ADT Solutions. Due to Board wanting more information, Mr. Maxwell made a motion to table this issue; Mr. Wingate seconded. Vote was unanimous.

### **4. Johnson Short Road Recycle Center House Bids**

County Administrator requested this item be tabled due to needing more specs on the building to be placed at Recycling Center on Johnson Short Road.

### **5. Rosenwald School Marker**

During last month meeting, Mr. Gerald Golden appeared to request Board assistance in acquisition of a historic marker for the Rosenwald School in Barney. Mr. Golden stated the cost of the marker is \$1,500.00, and asked for any support the Board can provide. County Attorney was authorized to look into as to whether or not the County can provide funding assistance. County Attorney researched the issue; reported the County can assist with funding, but will own marker and has to be put on County right-of-way. Mr. Maxwell made the motion, Mr. Lawson seconded, Board unanimously approved funding of \$1,500.00 for marker to be placed at Rosenwald School in Barney; funds will come from contingency.

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### **6. LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) Negotiations**

County Administrator reminded Board of LOST negotiations with cities (Quitman, Morven, Pavo, Barwick); to pick up packets. The LOST is renewed every ten years when census is done.

### **7. CDBG Grant Resolution and Conflict of Interest- Few and Hassle Road**

Mr. Justin DeVane, SGRC, presented the Resolution of Brooks County Commission to Submit an Application to Obtain FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant Funds for Street Paving and Flood and Drainage Improvements for approval. On motion by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Cody, Board unanimously approved and authorized Chairman to sign the Submittal Resolution for FY 2012 CDBG; and declared there is no

conflict of interest related to 2012 CDBG application.

**Executive Session – None**

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.; Mr. Cody seconded.

Mr. S. L. Jones, Chairman

Mr. Robert D. O'Barr, Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk

