

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Monthly Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013 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. Willie Cody, and Ms. Myra Exum. 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.

Ms. Susan Radford appeared to thank the Board for the assistance at the Ag Building in preparation for the Camilla Show. She stated she appreciated all the help and support of Ms. Exum, Mark Deatcher; and the Inmate Work Detail.

Workshop – County Roads

Mr. Deatcher, Public Works Director, presented an update:

Experiencing Side Arm issues; only one in use; Cherry Picker needs engine repair, causing delay in trees being trimmed.

Mr. Deatcher discussed the brake repair on the Sheriff's vehicle that was repaired wrong by the County Maintenance Shop due to not knowing brakes for law enforcement vehicles are different than civilian vehicle brakes. Mr. Deatcher took full responsibility for his department; and will get with Administrator to discuss which budget the funds will come from. He informed the Board he has set up training for Shop employees with Hill Tire in Valdosta to correct the problem. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate.

New signs have been placed at Recycling Centers in Quitman and Morven; they have also been cleaned up.

Old Madison Bridge has been repaired; and looks good. There are shoulder problems on Dixie-Barwick Road; Mr. Freddie Brown, B.L.P.C., submitted a quote for \$683.00.

Mr. DeVane reported the Safety Action Plan is complete and sent to DOT. LMIG is also complete; and he has started on the guard rail project.

Chairman closed workshop at 5:56 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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2. Approval and Amendments to Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended to include under Old Business: Replacing Ferris Road on

Paving List; and Reverse Building Assignment of 911 Center to Mr. Cody.

3. Public Hearing – None

4. Minutes Approval

Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve the minutes of Workshop and Regular Monthly Meeting held January 7, 2013; Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous:

5. Appearances

1. Destination Brooks Update – No Update

2. Tina Herring – Extension of BCDA Site Purchase

Ms. Tina Herring, Brooks County Development Authority, appeared to request an extension for the term of the site purchase option agreement previously approved by the Board until June 2014. The extension is in regards to the request of 125 acres in Section 2 for Project Chuck with the option to be purchased by Development Authority. On a motion made by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, Board approved the extension of a new one year term of the Brooks County Development Authority site purchase option of 125 acres through June 2014. Vote was unanimous.

3. Mark Deatcher – Rock Crushing Bid

During the regular meeting held August 6, 2012, Board awarded a rock crushing bid to Green's Backhoe, Inc. of Thomasville, GA in amount of \$10,000.00. But has not performed the job; and cannot be found. Mr. Deatcher requested the Board approve awarding the bid to Brown's Landscaping, Paving, and Crushing (B.L.P.C.) of Dixie, GA in same amount; Mr. Brown will crush 1000 tons of rock at \$10.00 per ton. Mr. Wingate made the motion to accept bid submitted by B.L.P.C. for \$10,000.00, seconded by Ms. Exum; vote was unanimous.

4. Mike Smith – Colquitt County & Brooks Fire Coalition

Mr. Smith informed the Board of a Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into by Sandhill and Morven Volunteer Fire Departments. The two volunteer Fire Chiefs will sign the agreement.

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6. New Business

1. Truck Purchase – Public Works Supervisor

Bids were obtained for purchase of truck for Public Works Supervisor, Mark Deatcher:

GSA Auto Choice:	2013 GM K1500	\$23,538.05
	2013 Ford F-150	\$24,299.59

2013 Chrysler Ram 1500 \$24,399.58

Langdale Ford 2013 Ford F-150 Super Crew \$ 25,938.00

After discussion regarding gas mileage comparison, Dodge has better gas mileage, even though; it costs more than the others. With the gas mileage comparison, Mr. Wingate made the motion to approve purchase of the Dodge Chrysler Ram 1500 in amount of \$24,399.58, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2. Election Polling Locations Repairs

In January, Brooks County Elections Board and Commissioners went on a tour of all nine voting precincts in Brooks County to discuss ways to improve election buildings to bring up to compliance with State Election Board Election Code.

Elections Supervisor, Ken Collins, provided Board copies of letter to Department of Justice requesting pre-clearance for polling place change in Barney, GA and Pavo, GA. The pre-clearance request is to change polling place located at 350 1st Avenue, Barney, GA to 426 1st Avenue, Barney, GA, which is the renovated Morven Rosenwald School which will offer a much larger facility to serve the votes of the Barney precinct.

The second pre-clearance request is to change polling place located at 128 Harris Street, Pavo, GA to Resurrected Power Full Gospel Church at 1050 County Line Street, Pavo, GA which is much larger; and has major street ingress and egress; with much more parking and is handicap accessible.

Sheriff Dewey Update – Sheriff briefed the Board of meetings with Board of Education since the Sandy Hood tragedy to decide on added security for Brooks County Schools. GEMA did an audit and made suggestions to Board of Education. He stated, as with all funding there is a problem, grants will be submitted to help, but if not successful, may have to come to the Board.

3. Reappoint DFACS Board Member – District 1

Letter was received from Brooks County Department of Family & Children Services, Rhonda Wheeler, County Director, advising that Myra Jordan, current board member for District 1 has not attended enough board meetings to be beneficial to the board. The letter is requesting the County Commissioners to consider removing Myra Jordan

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and replace with a representative from District 1 that is willing to attend the meetings on the third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. of each month. Board agreed to bring a name(s) to the next monthly meeting.

4. DOT ARRA Contract – Brooks Transit Funding

DOT sent contracts to be executed for the FTA 5311 Program related to Brooks County Transit in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 100% federal funding. On a motion made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Wingate, the Board unanimously approved and authorized Chairman to execute the contracts for Capital Improvement Assistance between DOT and Brooks County.

5. **MIDS, Inc. – Discuss Insurance and Audit**

Chairman informed the Board of discussion with County Auditor and Public Transportation Coordinator for DOT in Tifton District, Ms. Donna Stinson, regarding insurance payments reimbursed to MIDS, Inc. by Brooks County; and audit requirements. These issues are being looked into.

6. **Repair/Replace Two A/C Units @ Ag Building**

Two A/C units were repaired at the Ag Building by J & J and are working now; may need to be replaced if breaks down, per J & J Heating. Currently, there is no funding; Chairman stated the budget is already 6% over.

Ms. Exum informed the Board of being approached by Mr. Whiddon regarding public use of the Ag Building; the need for guidelines. Chairman asked Ms. Exum to serve on the committee to look into this issue; Mr. Wingate will also serve on the committee.

7. **Old Business**

SAP Update and LMIG Progress

County Engineer has completed the Safety Action Plan and sent to DOT; 2012 LMIG is complete.

Ferris Road - Mr. Maxwell requested Ferris Road be placed back on the paving list.

Reverse Building Assignment - On a motion made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Wingate, the Board unanimously approved to change the 911 building assignment from Mr. Maxwell to Mr. Cody.

8. **Administrator Comments**

FY 2014 Budget - Administrator stated FY 2014 Budgets from departments should be turned in no later than March 15, 2013.

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Contingency Fund Status- Printout was provided to show status of contingency fund budget; which is almost depleted.

Applications Review - A workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to review applications submitted to fill County Administrator position.

9. **Executive Session - None**

Mr. Maxwell made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.; Ms. Cody seconded.

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

