

**LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Emory Lake, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Roscoe Brower was absent due to illness. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular meeting. Commissioner Emory Lake made a motion to approve the regular meeting. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Approval of Probation Service Agreement for Magistrate Court. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated this is the probation services for the Magistrate Court. The Judge decides who the company is he utilizes and they draft the agreement and work out all the details, but the Commissioners have to sign it. Mr. Rogers stated Judge Bobbitt has already executed his signature upon the contract but needs the Commissioner's final approval. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Emory Lake seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next was Approval of Bid for Resurfacing. Mr. Rogers stated bids were taken for approximately 15 miles of resurfacing for various county roads in Laurens County. Mr. Rogers stated he was very pleased with the bids. Dykes Grassing and Reeves Construction presented bids. Mr. Rogers stated Dykes had the low bid of \$1,113,123 and Reeves bid \$1,153,206. Mr. Rogers also stated this is based on unit price quantity in place, and based on those quantities and estimates, Dykes had the low bid and staff would recommend the Commissioners accept these bids. Commissioner Emory Lake made a motion to accept the low bid of \$1,113,123 from Dykes Grassing. Commissioners Tommy Daniel and Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Approve Qualifying Fees. Chairman Jeff Davis stated the Commissioners have to set the qualifying fees for the upcoming local elections for County Commissioners and County Board of Education. Mr. Davis stated those fees are proposed and the Commissioners qualifying fee is \$144.14 and the Board of Education is \$114.00. Mr. Davis stated these fees are based on the salaries which are statutory state law and they need to be adopted at this meeting. Mr. Davis asked if there were any other discussion on the qualifying fees. Being none, Chairman Davis entertained a motion that they be adopted. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to adopt the fees. Commissioner Emory Lake seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Trae Kemp stated he has some traffic issues going on in his district. Commissioner Kemp stated there are a couple of major issues that directly affect education and the transportation of education. Commissioner Kemp stated he would like to get the Commissioners on board because he will be presenting the same presentation to the Board of Education on Thursday.

Commissioner Kemp stated the first issue he would like to present is the Pinehill 257 issue. Commissioner Kemp stated currently GDOT has proposed a roundabout at this intersection to improve the traffic flow. The other location is at the intersection of Hwy 117 and Southwest Laurens Elementary. Mr. Kemp stated that it appeared a turn lane needed to be relocated to correct this issue.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

**LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting/workshop on Monday January 22, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp and Emory Lake, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Roscoe Brower was absent due to illness. Commissioner Tommy Daniel was also absent. Mrs. Kelly Lenz represented the newspaper.

The first item discussed was 2017 final budget amendments. Mrs. Donna Lumley, Finance Officer, informed the Commissioners of amendments that needed to be made to close out the financial reporting for the 2017 fiscal year. These amendments would then be given to the auditors. During the discussion, she discussed the reasons for the amendments such as grants etc. that were received during the fiscal year. She, along with County Administrator, also explained the insurance adjustment and that it, unlike the other amendments, was not a washout, and how the County was able to offset the overage with additional revenue and cuts from other departments. Commissioner Kemp made a motion to accept the 2017 budget amendments as presented. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was to approve a 2018 amendment to the sheriff's school security budget. This was due to the fact that the Sheriff Department took over school security in September of 2017 at East Laurens. Mrs. Lumley explained the school system was providing the revenue for the position. Commissioner Emory Lake made a motion to approve the amendment, and Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next, the Commissioners discussed proposed improvements at the jail. Administrator Rogers informed the Commissioners about the proposed construction of 12 individual holding cells at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. The Sheriff was making the request due to the need to segregate mentally ill patients from the rest of the population. Mr. Rogers informed the Commissioners that although there was money put in the most recent SPLOST budget that begins July, 1, 2018 for jail improvements, it did not take consideration building that many individual holding cells. Mr. Rogers reminded the Commissioners that the SPLOST budget was developed prior to Sheriff Dean being elected. During the discussion, the Commissioners were in agreement that in order to construct the cells, other transportation projects may have to be postponed. The Commissioner instructed Mr. Rogers to meet with a recommended jail architect and to proceed with pre-planning of the project.

The Commissioners then discussed the County's health insurance plan and what measures were available to better control the rising cost.

The Commissioners also discussed the relocation of the Extension Service to the Old Probation building as well as some improvements to the senior center.

There were no other items for discussion so the meeting was adjourned.