

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Trae Kemp, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Kevin Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, Jeff Davis, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the January 8th, 2019 regular meeting. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting and Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Family Connection Fiscal Agent Request. Chairman Kemp stated this is something that is done every year, and the Commissioners act as a fiscal agent to help Family Connection administer their budget and receive the grant funds they need. Chairman Kemp also stated Family Connection is current with their reimbursements to the county. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the request from Family Connection. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was discussion on replacing the roof on the Senior Center. Chairman Kemp stated bids were taken and Baggett Construction had the low bid of \$23,500, followed by Johnny Thompson with \$28,500 and Dublin Construction at \$39,000. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to accept the bid of \$23,500 from Baggett Construction. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next was the discussion of the sale of the old health department building and the old South Central Health building located at 2121 Bellevue Road to Community Mental Health. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated he and Commissioner Brenda Chain met with the Mental Health Board and reviewed the appraisal of the property with them. The Mental Health Board was in agreement to purchase the properties for a total of \$250,000. Mr. Rogers stated the old South Central Health District Building has been vacated by the health department and they are now located next to the Commissioner's Office. Mr. Rogers also stated that Mental Health plans to renovate the property and utilize it as part of their mental health campus. They would also ask that the Commissioners agree to be a conduit for them in applying for a CDBG grant to renovate the property. Mr. Rogers stated it has been done on several occasions in the past and the only cost to the County would be to perform additional year end auditing which would probably run approximately \$5,000. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to sell the former South Central Health District building, the old health department building, parking lot area, and adjacent 0.48 acre vacant lot to the Community Mental Health Service Board of Middle Georgia for \$250,000 and act as a conduit for the CDBG Grant for the Community Mental Health Board. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Kemp stated every year when the Department of Revenue releases their mileage rates for the entire state, he likes to conduct a millage rate comparison to show people where Laurens County falls in comparison to other counties around the state. Mr. Kemp stated there are 159 counties and Laurens County has the 8th lowest mileage rate in the state. Mr. Kemp stated last year Laurens County was the 10th lowest. Mr. Kemp also stated he took the average of the surrounding eight counties and Laurens County is less than half of the surrounding eight counties. Mr. Kemp stated he would like to congratulate Mr. Bryan Rogers and all of the County employees and Constitutional Officers for working hard to maintain such a low mileage rate.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Foster Golf wanted to speak about the condition of Troup Lane.

Mr. Rufus Hill stated he lives on Willie Wood Road and he stated the road needs resurfacing and the lines on the road need to be redone because he cannot see the lines at night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.