

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 7, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Vice-Chairman Trae Kemp, Commissioners Kevin Tanner, Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Chairman Jeff Davis was absent. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of First Responders Grant. The grant is for purchasing new AED's for the rural fire. The grant is in the amount of \$12,761. There is no cash match. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the First Responders Grant. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Shop Equipment. The lift in the shop is very old and the last time it was inspected, the inspector informed us that he felt it would need to be replaced before its next inspection. The cost for a new one is approximately \$22,000. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve buying the new lift. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Sheriff's Equipment. The Sheriff's will exceed his SPLOST budget by approximately \$70,000. The overage is due to unexpected increase in the cost of vehicles and the equipment to outfit the vehicles. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Sheriff Equipment. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Deputy Registrar Position. The Board of Registrars requested to change their search for an administrative assistant to a Deputy Registrar position due to the complexity of the new election process. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Deputy Registrar Position. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the 911 Center Plan Concept. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the 911 Center Plan Concept. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Sheriff's Department requested to surplus 3 vehicles. They are older vehicles and have over 100,000 miles on them. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to surplus vehicles. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Myrtis Williams stated her concerns about Williams Road and Josey Road. She stated that it also has a lot of trash dumped on it.

Veatrice Rozier stated her concerns about New Buckeye Road needing to be paved.

Carolyn McCune stated that she would like for the Commissioners to bring in the companies that are working on broadband in the area for the community to ask questions and get updates.

Bobby Register would like for the Commissioners to consider changing Clyde Thomas Road name to Register Road.

Linda Jones stated that The Rock Road needs some work done to it. She is a bus driver and cannot make it down the road when it rains.

Leigh Ivey wanted an update on the mandated training for the Animal Control Officers. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated that they had gone through training and we are planning to build a new facility that would hold 25 animals.

Once all citizen comments were completed, Commissioner Trae Kemp requested that the Commissioners go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Upon completing the executive session, Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to come out of executive session and Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.