

# LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## REGULAR MEETING

**May 16, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Kevin Tanner, Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Brenda Chain gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2023, regular meeting. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. Commissioner Trae Kemp abstained. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the purchase of a smooth drum roller for road construction. Mr. Rogers stated that Dobbs Equipment had a roller with 264 hours on it for \$132,000 with full warranty. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the purchase of the smooth drum roller from Dobbs Equipment. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of a front end loader. Mr. Rogers informed the Board that TEC, which is Komatsu, had a used 2021 loader that had been in their rental fleet. The loader had 250 hours on it and with the two year warranty, the price was \$172,000. The pricing for new loaders was Komatsu @ \$192,250, John Deere @ \$199,250 and Cat @ \$210,000. After discussion of the options available, the Commissioners decided to buy the John Deere for \$199,250 with a 4 year/4,000 hour warranty due to it having more options such as quick coupling hydraulics. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to buy the John Deere front end loader. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of additional funds for Shamrock Animal Welfare League. Mr. Rogers stated they have used all of their spay and neuter funding for this fiscal year and would like to request an additional \$5,000 which would allow them to continue in May and June. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the additional funds for Shamrock Animal Welfare League. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Judicial Alternative of Georgia (JAG) contracts. The Courts desire to renew their contracts with JAG for probation services. The contracts went up \$5 per case per month. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the JAG Contracts. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Vonda Morton recommended for the Commissioners to pledge to the State Flag.

Lynn Whittle gave an update on Shamrock Animal Welfare League. She stated they spayed and neutered 40 dogs and cats in April. She stated that it was down a little because they ran out of funds. She also thanked the Commissioners for giving additional funds for May and June.

Veatrice Rozier thanked the Commissioners for getting the potholes filled on New Buckeye Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.