

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 5, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Emory Lake, Ms. Julie Driger, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Tommy Daniel 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 May 1, 2018 regular meeting and May 30, 2018 called meeting. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the regular meeting. Ms. Julie Driger seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the Development Authority Joint Appointment. Chairman Jeff Davis stated this is the one appointment that is joint with the City of Dublin. Chairman Davis stated the position is currently filled by Mr. Guy Cochran, who wishes to be reappointed. Commissioner Emory made a motion to reappoint Mr. Guy Cochran to the Development Authority as the joint appointment with the City of Dublin. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next was Region I EMS Council Appointment. Chairman Davis stated the position is currently being filled by the EMS Director, Terry Cobb. Commissioner Emory made a motion to reappoint Mr. Terry Cobb to fill the EMS Council Appointment. Ms. Julie Driger seconded the motion. Commissioner Trae Kemp voted in the negative.

The next item was Surplus Property. Chairman Davis stated the Sheriff's office wants to sell or trade a 2010 Ford pickup truck. Deputy Baggett stated the truck has 160,000 miles on it and they would like to trade it in for another vehicle. Ms. Driger asks if the truck would be a trade in instead of a sell. Deputy Baggett stated that is correct. Commissioner Emory Lake made a motion to surplus the property. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was GDOT Agreement for HWY 257 Round-About. Chairman Davis stated this is for the right of way and the lighting. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated GDOT will be funding the project completely and the only responsibility the county will have will be a right of way acquisition, which is what the agreement is for. Mr. Rogers also stated the other agreement is for the county to pay for the power of the lighting at the roundabout once it is constructed. Ms. Driger asks if there was a chance that the contract would not proceed as indicated because the date under the item 11 states this contract will expire on December 11th. County Attorney Billy Kight stated they left it blank because they were not sure what date the meeting was being held. Ms. Driger asks if there was a chance the contract will expire on 2018. Mr. Kight stated no it would not. Mr. Rogers stated after the project is let, and the notice to proceed is issued, he hopes to have it constructed in six months. Chairman Davis entertained a motion to acquire the right-of-way and commit to funding the lighting to be construction by GDOT Round about at 257 and Pine Hill Road. Ms. Julie Driger made a motion to the agreement for the roundabout. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kesler Holder, Executive Director of the Laurens County Teen Court Program. Ms. Holder also introduced two of the board members, Ms. Brown and Ms. Stokes. Ms. Holder explained what exactly the program is about. Ms. Holder stated the teen court program started back in 1997 in Dublin and was around for 10 ten years and then it stopped. Ms. Holder stated it was brought back in 2014. Ms. Holder stated the GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) asked what happen to the program and could it be brought back. Ms. Holder also stated that Mayor Phil Best and Council Woman, Julie Driger, went around speaking at different GMA events and brought back the program to Laurens County. Ms. Holder stated they could not do the program if it wasn't for the volunteers and the youth volunteers that give up their Saturday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons to make sure the program runs successfully. Ms. Holder stated the volunteers are definitely the back bone and the strong arm of the program. Ms. Holder stated the program is definitely changing the lives of our youth. Ms. Holder also stated, in order to volunteer with the youth program, the teens must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, not only in the courtroom but also in school. Ms. Holder also stated, the teens have to attend a mandatory training session. Ms. Julie Driger also stated the youth volunteers that have committed offences have now had some attorneys that have come out of this program. Chairman Davis ask if the program received more funding, from the Commissioners, what is the immediate need and what would the money do that's not being done now or what would the money do more of. Ms. Holder stated the money would be used for tutorial services, some need community mental health services and sometime they need clothing.

Mr. Rogers stated he would like everyone to keep Mr. Tommy Daniel in your prayers. He had a small accident and he is not healing like he should and he will be going back to the doctor for treatment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.