

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 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 June 6, 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 FY 2024 Budget. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the FY 2024 Budget. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of DFCS Board Appointment. Mr. James Hawkins term expires June 30th. He would like to be reappointed. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the DFCS Board Appointment. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Family Connection Agreement. They are current with their financials and are requesting we be the fiscal agent for them. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Family Connection Agreement. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Sheriff's Grant. The Sheriff was awarded two grants. One was for three new canine patrols that consist of 3 officers and the dogs for a three year period. The grant is in the amount of \$810,989. The deputies have to be retained after three year grant expires. The other grant was in the amount of \$681,570 for various equipment such as tasers, radios, and other items. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the Sheriff's Grant. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of three new vehicles for the canine officers. Major Alan Baggett discussed it with the Commissioners and the total for the three new vehicles will be 141,684. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the three new vehicles. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Accountability Court Grant. The grant is administered by the superior court judges. The total grant amount is \$138,825. The matching funds come from the drug add on fines for cases. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Accountability Court Grant. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Drug Court Grant. The grant is administered by the superior court judges. The total grant amount is \$135,498. The matching funds come from the drug add on fines for cases. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the Drug Court Grant. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Sheriff Dean wanted to thank Cody Edge for his hard work on the grants. He also wanted to thank the Commissioners for everything they do.

David Gay wanted to thank the Commissioners for what they do to get the budget together.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Trae Kemp requested to go ahead and get engineering done for Davis Road from Chicken Road to Hwy 257. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the engineering for Davis Road. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Trae Kemp requested that the County cut the grass four times a year instead of three times a year county wide. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve cutting the grass four times a year. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.