

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 26, 2019 @ 12:00 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their meeting on Monday, June 26, 2019 at 12:00 P.M in place of the July 2, 2019 meeting. Present were, Chairman Trae Kemp, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Kevin Tanner, Jeff Davis, and Jimmy Rogers, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Jeff Davis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The General Fund Budget of \$24,972,890 and the total of all budgets combined for FY 2020 is \$45,041,884. County Administrator Bryan Rogers wanted to thank the board members, department heads and constitutional officers for the great work they did making the budget process successful. Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the FY 2020 budget and Kevin Tanner seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Community Mental Health Architectural request. Bryan Rogers explained the Community Mental Health will be renovating the old health department building they recently purchased from Laurens County with a CDBG grant which has to flow through us. They advertised the request for qualifications for architectural services and after reviewing submittals they selected the firm of Carter Watkins & Associates to assist them on this project. The County will need to approve their request. Brenda Chain made the motion to approve Carter Watkins & Associates for architectural services. Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Laurens County Board of Assessors appointment. This appointment is to fill the un-expired term of Mr. Jimmy Stinson who passed away. His term expires December 31st, 2019. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a recommendation for Mr. Terry Autry to be appointed to the board to fill Mr. Stinson's un-expired term. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was the Development Authority appointment. The term of James Malone expires June 30th, 2019 and he would like to be re-appointed. Trae Kemp made the motion to re-appoint Mr. James Malone to the Development Authority Board. Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jeff Davis (on behalf of the Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council) would like to have approval from the Board of Commissioners for a grant fund request. The Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council has asked for the County to provide construction assistance with grading, leveling and graveling a trail that will connect the Dubose Porter Center, Visitors Center as well as the hotels and restaurants at the 51 exit off of Interstate 16. This trail will help connect the Dubose Center, which the Tourism Council has been working with in attracting more events and conventions, to the hotels and restaurants for visitors. Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the grant request from the Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council to provide construction and support for the Laurens County Flanders Trail Phase 1A. Trae Kemp seconded. All voted in favor

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Ms. Holder with the Teen Court Program wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the program and to let them know that the Dublin-Laurens programs are being spoken about across the state. Ms. Holder wanted to let the Board know that the previous weekend the Dublin-Laurens County Teen court was recognized by the City of Dublin's Mayor during his speech at his installation as the President of the Georgia Municipal Association. Ms. Holder was

also asked to speak at a Workforce Development meeting to discuss the importance of investing in our youth to improve the future workforce in communities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.