

# **LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 3, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Emory Lake, Ms. Julie Driger, Tommy Daniel, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting and June 22, 2018 called meeting. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the regular meeting. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was a presentation by Dublin Police Chief Tim Chapman. Chief Chapman informed the Board of a program called The Offender Parolee Probationer State Training Employment Program. The program encouraged businesses to hire individuals with a past criminal history. As a result, the business would be eligible for certain tax credits. Chief Chapman felt that the crime rate could be reduced if past felons could obtain a job. He stated that anyone desiring further information could contact the Labor Department.

Next was the approval of the FY 2019 Budget. Chairman Davis thanked the Commissioners and staff for the effort put into the budget. Commissioner Kemp stated he felt the budget had been thoroughly studied and vetted and the final document was very acceptable. Administrator Rogers stated that the overall budget was \$44,126,012 with the General Fund being \$23,817,610. Commissioner Kemp made a motion to adopt the FY 2019 budget as presented. Commissioner Driger seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was for the Commissioners to consider being the fiscal agent for a school security grant for the Board of Education. Mr. Rogers explained that the County Board of Education would like to apply for a Federal COPS Grant to aid with school security, but the grant would have to flow through the Commissioners. He stated that the only cost the Commissioners may incur would be additional auditing cost due to the grant amount. Commissioner Driger made a motion to be the fiscal agent for the County school system for the COPS grant. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the bank bid approval for the County's financial services. Chairman Davis and Commissioner Kemp excused themselves from the meeting due to both having a conflict of interest. Commissioner Daniel was designated to lead the discussion and he requested Mr. Rogers give a bid summary. Mr. Rogers stated that bids were received from Morris Bank, Bank of Dudley, Capital City and Amerus, and staff was recommending Morris Bank as having the best value to the County. Morris quoted the rate of the Georgia Fund 1 rate plus .15 basis points. Commissioner Driger made a motion to accept and approve the Morris Bank bid. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion. Commissioner Lake, Daniel and Driger voted yes with Commissioner Davis and Kemp abstaining due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Carolyn McCune came before the Board and expressed her concern with not being able to contact the Humane Society. Mr. Rogers informed her that the Humane Society was not a County Department, but he had heard others complain about it, and was working with them to try and improve communication with the community.

Kesler Holder, Executive Director of the Laurens County Teen Court Program thanked the Commissioners for including them in the 2019 fiscal year budget.

Luke Jones came before the Commissioners and expressed his support for the Arts Alliance and thanked the citizens who volunteered to bring additional programs to the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.