

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Emory Lake, Tommy Daniel, Ms. Julie Driger, 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 July 3, 2018 regular 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 Jail Construction Bid. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated bids were opened on the addition to the jail last week, and he received 3 bids with Pope Construction out of Statesboro, they had the low bid coming in at \$1,073,100 and Allstate Construction had the next closest bid at \$1,239,000. Mr. Rogers stated the bid was approximately \$150,000 more than originally anticipated. Mr. Rogers stated after review by the architect and staff, he recommend accepting the bid with Pope Construction. Ms. Driger made a motion to accept the bid from Pope Construction. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the bid. All voted in favor.

The next item was Taser Contract. Sergeant Allen Baggett from the Sheriff's Department stated the Tasers they are using are out of date and the manufacturer will no longer provide legal or maintenance support. Sergeant Baggett stated they desire to replace 70 Taser's through a company called Axon Enterprise and the total cost is \$91,000. They will have a staggered payment plan with first-year cost being \$12,600 and the four remaining payments being \$19,600 each year. Commissioner Tommy Daniel made a motion to accept the payment plan for the new Tasers. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Board of Assessor Appointment. Chairman Jeff Davis stated Mr. William Walthour is unable to continue serving as a member of the Board of Assessors due to his health. Mr. Walthour's un-expired term ends on December 31, 2019. Chairman Davis stated he would like to make a motion to appoint Deborah Stanley to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Walthour. Ms. Driger seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was Public Hearing on Closing Watkins Way. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated this road is in District 4 in the Isaac Watkins Subdivision. Mr. Rogers stated Watkins Way is listed in the 911 data base. The road is a dead end road about ¼ of a mile long. Mr. Rogers also stated the only way this road could remain a county road is to widen the road and to be brought up to the proper standards. Mr. Rogers stated his recommendation would be to abandon the road.

Chairman Jeff Davis made a motion to exit the regular meeting and to go into executive session. Chairman Davis then made a motion to close Watkins Way because it is not a county road. Chairman Davis made a motion to go back into the public hearing. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Ms. Driger made a motion to close Watkins Way Road. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.