

# LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## CALLED MEETING

**AUGUST 22, 2019 @ 8:00 A.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday August 22, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. Present were, Chairman Trae Kemp, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Kevin Tanner, Jeff Davis, and Jimmy Rogers, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight.

The first item was to set a proposed millage rate. Commissioner Kemp explained that last year's millage rate was 7.185 mills and this year the proposed roll back rate was 7.175. He further explained that by rolling the rate back, the Commissioners would not have to advertise for a tax increase, but they would lose approximately \$13,500. Commissioner Kemp then made a motion to set a proposed millage rate of 7.185 mills for the calendar year 2019. Commissioner Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item discussed was the county's LMIG program. The Commissioners discussed various roads that would be resurfaced with the LMIG funds.

The next item discussed was the list of projects to place on the TSPLOST. The Commissioners discussed the widening and resurfacing of arterial roads within the County as well placing improvements to Industrial Blvd. and extending the bypass to Hwy 19 as regional projects.

Next, the Commissioners discussed increasing monetary participation in the Dublin Downtown Development Authority. Mr. Kemp explained that criteria for participating in the DDA should be set in case other cities asked the County for funds to be used for developing downtown areas. The Commissioners requested Mr. Rogers and Mr. Kight draft an intergovernmental agreement for further review that included the participation criteria. The criteria to be included was having a Downtown Development Authority with a Main Street designation, having a full-time paid Director, successful demonstration of re-developing downtown areas, and requested monies be proportional to County Board seats on the DDA.

The next item was a discussion to place flashers on stop ahead signs at the intersection of Bethlehem Church/ Ed Beckham and Hwy 29. Mr. Rogers stated that after reviewing the traffic data from GSP, he and Commissioner Tanner felt this may improve the safety of the intersection. Mr. Rogers also informed the Board that GDOT was planning to construct a roundabout at this location in the future. He stated the flashers would cost approximately \$7000 for 4 flashers. The commissioners requested Mr. Rogers get prices and proceed.

Mr. Kemp then made a motion for the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate. Commissioner Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to come out of executive session and Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.