

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Present were, Chairman Jeff Davis, Commissioners Kevin Tanner, Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, Trae Kemp, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2023, regular meeting. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Amendments to the FY 2022 County Financials. The majority of the amendments are the result of having to move ARPA out of the general fund. When it was first set up, the APRA guidelines were not complete. Once the guidelines came out, the money had to be moved out of the general fund and set up in a new ARPA fund. The other amendments dealt with receiving additional grant funds which then increased the expenditure side, the jail and insurance. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the amendments to the FY 2022 county financials. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of deeding Jefferson Street Parking Lot to Downtown Development Authority. Local hotelier Raj Saxena made a presentation encouraging the Commissioners to transfer the parking lot so that a hotel could be built on that location. After some discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter for further review.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Accepting Roads within Cambridge Subdivision. The subdivision is approximately 10 years old and most of the lots have been developed. The roads are in adequate shape. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to approve accepting roads within Cambridge Subdivision. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of amending the Country Club Road guardrail project. The project was approved several months ago. Due to the complexity of installing the guardrail around the many utilities, the scope of the work has changed, as well as the cost. The original contractor will not perform the work due to the utilities. Dublin Industrial gave a price of \$55,800 with the County providing the guard rail which cost \$18,246. Dublin Construction declined to bid. The total project will cost approximately \$75,000. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to approve the amendment to the Country Club Guardrail Project. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Motor Grader Purchase. John Deere and CAT submitted bids for the 11 motor graders. John Deere had the cheaper bid under a 5-year lease purchase option at \$2,518,437. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the Motor Grader Purchase. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Administrator Bryan Rogers requested that the County buy a new patching machine. They can't repair the one we have now. Adams Equipment quoted it at \$97,650. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to purchase a new patching machine. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rufus Hill asked the Commissioners would they be opposed to an IHop coming to town.

David Gay wanted to update the Commissioners on the voter registrar's new equipment. New equipment will have to be purchased with new card readers and poll pads. He also stated that if house bill 212 passes, they will combine boards and they will not have enough room in the Registrar's office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.