

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Chairman Jimmy Rogers, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Brenda Chain, and Kevin Tanner, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Jeff Davis was absent. Mr. Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to dissolve the Rural Fire Board. A letter was sent to the current members advising them of the intent to dissolve the Fire Board. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to dissolve the Rural Fire Board. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the GDOT Lighting Agreement at the proposed Bethlehem and Hwy 80 Roundabout. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Chain second the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the FY 2020 Financial Statements. We were given a clean audit report. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the FY 2020 Financial Statements. Commissioner Brenda Chain second the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan has to be updated every ten years. Changes to the plan center around projected growth and volumes of solid waste associated with the corresponding growth numbers. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Trae Kemp second the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the GDOT Support Letter for a proposed Roundabout at Hwy 441 and Hwy 46 intersection. GDOT is recommending a roundabout at the Cedar Grove intersection due to the numerous accidents that have taken place at this location over the years. Construction would be approximately 2025. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the GDOT Support Letter for Roundabout at Hwy 441 and Hwy 46. Commissioner Kevin Tanner second the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board of Registrars requested to hire another full-time employee. They currently have 2 full time and 2 part time employees. They would like to eliminate the 2 part time positions by hiring a full-time employee. They would like the starting pay to be at \$10 an hour. Chairman Jimmy Rogers stated that they would consider it and get back with them at a later date.

The next item was to approve the FBO Maintenance Agreement. Fred Houston no longer desires to operate as the FBO over airport maintenance operations. After speaking to several interested parties, staff would like to recommend AirStar as our FBO over airplane maintenance operations. Robert Barker is the owner of the company, and he has several airplane maintenance shops at different airfields in Georgia. He also operates a charter service with multiple planes and jets. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the FBO Maintenance Agreement with AirStar. Commissioner Kevin Tanner second the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the County Board of Education Request for Transportation Assistance. The County Board of Education has requested assistance to make improvements on Hwy 80 at the entrances of the new East Laurens High School. GDOT is requiring turn lanes at the new school entrance. The estimated cost of improvements according to their engineer is \$260,000. They are also building a new middle school on Honeysuckle Road but have not requested improvements at this location. After looking at the bus and vehicle entrance at the Honeysuckle Road entrances, staff feels the Board should consider some improvements at this location for safety reasons and also in an effort to lessen the need for deputies directing traffic. These improvements

would cost approximately \$100,000. GDOT has a program within LMIG that Counties can access to help school boards with highway improvements at school entrances. School Boards are not allowed to apply for the funds themselves but have to go through the Board of Commissioners to make application for the funds. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to apply for LMIG funds for the entrances at the two new schools. Commissioner Brenda Chain second the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Sheriff's Department would like to surplus 3 vehicles that have high mileage. There are 2 chargers and 1 F150. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to surplus the 3 vehicles. Commissioner Brenda Chain second the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.