

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Chairman Kevin Tanner, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, Jeff Davis, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Trae Kemp was absent. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Jeff Davis made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the presentation of Spay and Neuter Program. Jopy Graham presented some ideas that would help come up with a low cost spay and neuter program. She is going to have an open event at the end of the month. She would like for the County and City to fund some of it.

The next item was the presentation on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). Brett Manning presented the current TIA Program and the upcoming TIA project list that will be voted on during the May 24th election. The current T-Splost will end on December 31, 2022 and the new one will begin on January 1, 2023 and will be for 10 years.

The next item was to amend the current 457 Retirement Plan by adding a Roth Option. Roth contributions will allow for post-tax contributions so they will not have to pay taxes on it when they withdraw it. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Retirement Plan Amendment. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the National Guard Evac Plan for Airport. Administrator Bryan Rogers asked the Board to approve the National Guard's request to be able to utilize the Airport as an evacuation site during hurricanes. Every year the Commissioners supply them a letter approving the request. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to continue to be a certified site for the evacuation site for the National Guard. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Veatrice Rozier wanted to thank the Commissioners for getting the grass cut on Buckeye Road and also wanted to remind them about getting Buckeye and New Buckeye paved.

Bo Preston asked was the Humane Society no longer able to pull animals. Commissioner Kevin Tanner responded that is correct. She then asked why. County Attorney Billy Kight stated that he could not answer because of the ongoing investigation with the Department of Ag.

Mimi Steger stated she would like to see improvements made at Animal Control with the facility. She would also like to see the County allow donations, adoptions, and public access.

Catherine Wood stated that supporting rescues can save animals lives. She would like for the Commissioners to go visit the Jones County shelter.

Nan Smith asked was Animal Control closed. Commissioner Brenda Chain stated it was open shortly after it closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.