

# LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## REGULAR MEETING

**August 2, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Chairman Kevin Tanner, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, Jeff Davis, 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 June 29, 2022 regular meeting minutes. 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 presentation of a Spay and Neuter Program by Shamrock Animal Welfare League. Louie Curry gave an update on the progress of the program. It is a non-profit program, and they have already received \$1200 in donations and have spayed and neutered 10 animals. Their goal is \$26,000 a year and that will cover 260-275 animals. They request that the county and city contribute donations.

The next item was the approval of the Paving Project Bids. Scruggs was the only company to submit a bid. The prices were very high and came in approximately \$240,000 over budget. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to postpone the Paving Project in expectation of lower prices in the fall. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of a Beer and Wine License. Brandi Shay submitted an application for a consumption on premises for beer and wine at Tumpie House, located at 1049 Snellbridge Rd. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Beer and Wine License located at 1049 Snellbridge Rd. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Resolution for naming the Airport Terminal Building in honor of Fred Houston. Houston began his aviation career as a crop duster in 1975 and later managed the airport, overseeing numerous upgrades that helped make the airport one of the best small airports in the state. He received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the FAA for his "professionalism skill and aviation expertise." Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve naming the Airport Terminal Building in honor of Fred Houston. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to discuss classifying Country Club Road from Buckeye Road intersection to the Dublin City Limits a no truck route. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Sheriff's Department Body Camera System. Captain Shirley said the current body camera system is 5 years old and that the cameras have about reached their life expectancy. A new company bought out the current camera system and they are having trouble getting any support from them. The bulk of the new cameras will go to units in traffic patrol and warrants. Axon cameras include in-car cameras that are integrated with the body-worn cameras, which can automatically check cars for expired or stolen tags. The cost of the Axon cameras are \$549,000 spread out over 5 years. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Sheriff's Department Body Camera System. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

County Administrator Bryan Rogers asked the Commissioners to approve the meals on wheels contract with Middle Flint Council on Aging. The meals went up from \$3.70 per meal to \$4.10 per meal. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the contract with Middle Flint. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Steven Ward stated his concerns with Josey Road. He said it gets really slippery and would like to see what we could do to help when it rains.

Rufus Hill stated his concerns with the speed limit on New Buckeye Road. He would like for it to be changed from 55 mph to 45 mph.

Jeremy Williams stated his concerns with Williams Road. When it rains, it gets slippery and washes out.

Once all citizen comments were completed, Commissioner Jeff Davis requested that the Commissioners go into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Upon completing the executive session, Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to come out of executive session and Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.