

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CALLED MEETING

August 16, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 12:00 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 Amendments to Health Insurance Plan. Premiums for our individual stop loss insurance went up approximately \$75,000. Currently we cover the first \$90,000 of each claim before reinsurance kicks in. Staff recommends moving our stop loss coverage to \$100,000 which would save us approximately \$62,000 in premium based on our estimated numbers. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve moving our stop loss coverage to \$100,000. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next amendment to the Health Insurance Plan that was discussed concerned maternity benefit for dependent coverage. Presently the coverage will not pay for pregnancy procedures for dependents. If they get put in the hospital, they will have to determine if it is pregnancy related or something else. Staff recommends covering maternity procedures for dependents until the baby is born for clarity. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to cover the dependents maternity procedures. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded. All voted in favor.

The next amendment to the Health Insurance Plan concerned vision coverage. Presently vision coverage is through an outside network and we have no providers in our community. Employees are having to go elsewhere to have coverage which isn't effective. Staff recommends setting our vision care benefits in the same manner as with the dental coverage where employees can use the eye doctor of their choice with standard coverage. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to change the vision insurance. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Patching Bids. There are several roads that have extremely bad places in the road due to logging issues, etc. We received two quotes to repair them. The low bid came in at \$160 per ton while the other came in at \$200 per ton. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the patching bid at \$160 per ton. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Engagement Letter for Audit Services with TJS Deemer Danna. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter for Audit Services. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Administrator Bryan Rogers asked the Commissioners for approval on two paving in place projects. The two roads are Pridgen Road and Hampton Lane in District 2. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the paving in place projects. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Administrator Bryan Rogers requested the approval of engineering services on two roads. Oscar Wynn Road would be approximately \$15,000 and Ellington Road would be approximately \$29,000. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the engineering services. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

County Administrator Bryan Rogers asked the commissioners to approve buying 20 collection center containers and a new clam truck. The containers would be around \$105,000 and the clam truck would be around \$300,000. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the containers and clam truck. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.