

# **LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 6, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M.**

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes and August 16, 2022 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and called meeting minutes. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of Shamrock Animal Welfare League Spay and Neuter Contract. This program is headed up by Dana Raymer and Lynn Whittle. They are requesting \$12,500 in funds for spay and neuter services in Laurens County. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Spay and Neuter Contract. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Dublin City Schools Grading Project. Dublin City Schools have requested that we perform some grading services on a playground involving the excess top soil left over behind the tennis courts. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Dublin City Schools Grading Project. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dudley for Building Inspection. The City of Dudley would like for us to inspect all new residential construction taking place inside their city limits. We would keep all fees associated with the inspection. A \$25 administrative fee would also be added to the permit cost. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dudley for Building Inspection. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Samsara GPS Equipment. The program tracks current as well as past location of equipment as well as operating diagnostic information. The supervisors are finding it very useful. The contract is \$5,472 annually. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the Samsara GPS Equipment. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve adding a meeting each month on the third Tuesday at 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to add a Commission meeting on the third Tuesday at 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the HVAC Bid for Replacing 5 Units for the Administrative Building. Allen's Heating and Air had the low bid at \$27,350. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the HVAC Bid. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the Retirement Plan Amendment. The Board recently amended the retirement plan that allowed workers who have retired from the county to work part-time up to 25 hours per week. After the County lowered the retirement age to 62 years of age, the plan still states that you must be 65 years of age to work part-time with the county. Plan administrators require us to correct the age discrepancy if we want to allow 62-year-old retired employees to be able to work part-time with the County. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the Retirement Plan Amendment. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to set the proposed 2022 Millage Rate. Mr. Rogers informed the Commissioners the roll back millage rate that would not require public hearings as a tax increase would be 6.754. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to approve the roll back millage rate of 6.754. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Architect Services for the New 911 Center. Three firms were interviewed out of the six that submitted proposals for architecture services. Staff recommends going with PGAL. Their firm is nationwide, but they have an office in Atlanta and have enormous amounts of experience building 911/EOC Centers. Due to the nature of this building, staff suggests a flat fee instead of a percentage of construction cost. Their flat fee would be \$240,000. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to approve PGAL for architect services for the 911 Center. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of Surplus Property. The Sheriff would like to trade a 2019 Dodge Pickup with a little over 100,00 miles for a Camry for the investigative division. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the surplus property. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the County School Resource Officer Contract. The County schools requested an additional school resource officer. This would all them to have one at each school. They reimburse the County for the officer while he is at school. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the School Resource Officer Contract. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The Public Defender's office requested a budget amendment. The change in their retirement went up \$4,000 a quarter. Commissioner Jeff Davis made a motion to approve the amendment to the Public Defenders budget. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ester Boyd stated that her property tax bill went up. The Commissioners explained that her property value went up but they had just rolled the millage rate back to help offset the value increase.

Karly Currie and Brooke Woods with Stepping Stone stated that they would like for the Commissioners to distribute the Victim Assistance funding. They stated they have not received any funds this year and have received very few the last few years. County Attorney Billy Kight informed the ladies that the District Attorney handles victim assistance monies and they would need to set up a meeting with him.

Thelma Thomas stated that Josey Road is in need of maintenance. She got stuck on it Sunday from all the rain.

Maudiant Montford addressed the board about his concerns with Animal Control. Chairman Kevin Tanner stated that it had been taken care of.

Once all citizen comments were completed, Commissioner Jeff Davis requested that the Commissioners go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate. 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.