

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 5:05 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Administration Building, located at 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody; Ms. Myra Exum; and Mr. Rhett Rowe. Others present were: Mrs. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney; and various residents.

Public Hearing – None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman called the Regular Meeting to order. Mr. Cody led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Ms. Exum, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for April 5, 2021 regular meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

On the motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Rowe, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings:

- Special Called Meeting/Work Session February 24, 2021
- Regular Monthly Meeting March 1, 2021
- Special Called Meeting/Work Session March 29, 2021

4. APPEARANCES - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Re-appointment – Ms. Gerry Folsom – Community Service Board – Mr. Maxwell made the motion to re-appoint Ms. Gerry Folsom to fill the County appointment position on the Community Service Board for Legacy Behavioral Health Services for an additional three-year term, until 2024. Vote was unanimous.

B. Brooks County ISO Preparation

a. Building Code Enforcement – Administrator provided a copy of the results from the November 13, 2018 evaluation. Ms. McKinney asked the Board to review the report; and discuss at the next meeting.

b. Fire Department – This is the year to receive the ISO audit. Chairman stated he has reached out to someone to do a surprise inspection to try and help get us ready.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appoint Replacement – DFCS Board – Brooks County Director, Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), Ms. Sky Robinson, submitted a letter regarding a replacement on the DFCS Board due to the unexpected passing of Ms. Tawanda Rose. Ms. Robinson has spoken with Mr. Rowe, due to the appointment being in District 1, regarding a potential candidate. Mr. Rowe has spoken with Nick Hampton; and Mr. Hampton advised he would look at his schedule and get back with him. Mr. Rowe made the motion to appoint Mr. Nick Hampton to serve on the DFCS Board to replace Ms. Tawanda Rose, Mr. Maxwell seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. JMAR Loop Progress – Administrator met with County Engineer, Mr. Ben DeVane, to get update for the water line. Ms. McKinney stated she plans to put out a monthly report on the progress of the project.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOTES/COMMENTS

- Upcoming Expiration of Contracts
 - Road Department Superintendent (End of June)
 - Grass Cutting (End of June)
- Financials Update
 - Current Budget Health – Major departments are good; if maintains the rest of the year.
 - April Is a Freeze/No Spend Month (Emergency/Operational Necessities are Exception)
 - Department Planning Meetings Scheduled
- Facilities Update
 - Courthouse Renovations – Should be doing a walk thru within the next 2 to 4 weeks; and will be take the Commissioners for a walk thru if any of them would like. Renovations are coming towards an end and is looking phenomenal.
 - Ag Design Build – The targeted completion date is August 1st; and it is also going to be an amazing phenomenal building.
- Meeting with Congressman Scott's Team on USDA Funding Opportunities – Met with Congressman Scott's Team; will fill out grant forms.
 - Communities Facilities Direct Loans/Grants
 - Washington Street
 - Animal Control Services
 - Airport Hangars
 - Fire Department Fleet
 - Livestock – Annex Ag Building
 - Economic Impact Initiative
 - Rural Community Development
 - Farmers Market
 - DNR Grants
 - Walking Trails
 - Playgrounds/Equipment/Splash Pads
 - Reconnect Broadband Grant & Community Connect Grant
 - DNR Resources
 - Boat Ramps

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

Commissioners Notes/Comments

- **Rhett Rowe - District 1** – Thanked everyone for coming. Commented on the beautiful weather and pollen being out.
- **Patrick Folsom, District 2** – Commented on workshop schedule and budget meetings.
- **Willie Cody, District 3** – No Comment.

- **Myra Exum, District 4** – Commented on beautiful weather, asked for prayer for the farmers; and to watch out for heavy equipment on the road ways.
- **James Maxwell, District 5** – No comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Exum made the motion to adjourn regular meeting at 5:26 p.m.; Mr. Maxwell seconded.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Jessica J. McKinney, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, Clerk