

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting and Work Session on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Court Room at the Brooks County Courthouse located at 100 East Screven Street, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mr. Willie Cody. Ms. Myra Exum was present via telephone. Mr. Rhett Rowe was not present. Others present were: Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; James Burchett, County Attorney; and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman called meeting to order.

Prayer/Pledge – Mr. Jim Owens led all in attendance in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Special Called Meeting**

A. Review and Approval of Grady EMS Contract – Grady EMS has provided a proposed renewal contract for emergency medical services for an annual fee of \$475,000 for the term of the agreement. Once the County-provided stations are complete and occupied, the annual compensation will adjust to \$450,000 for the term of the agreement. The contract was presented as is. County Attorney has not completed review of the contract; and County Administrator wants to present a counter-offer back to Grady EMS. County Attorney will complete review of the contract and present to the Board at the regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021. Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table this item to give County Attorney time to complete review and present to the Board at the August regular meeting; Mr. Cody seconded. The vote was unanimous.

B. Review and Approval of Grounds Maintenance Contract – County Attorney explained that the contract is ready for ratification since the Board has acted on it and awarded the bid.

C. Solid Waste/Fire Protection Fees – 2021 Tax Bills – Tax Commissioner inquired whether or not the Board anticipates an increase for solid waste fees and fire protection fees; as her office include the fees on the tax bills. The current fee for solid waste is \$192.00 per year; and fire protection fees are \$65.00. County Administrator was asked if we had received a notice from Thomasville regarding a fee increase; and Ms. McKinney responded we have not. The Board needs more time for discussion and Administrator needs to look at the budget.

D. Proposed Millage Rates – Tax Commissioner provided information for the proposed millage rate for the Board's review and possible adoption/approval as she is trying to be able to get notification to the Quitman Free Press by Friday noon. The information was incomplete for the Board to decide on the millage rate. County Administrator inquired whether or not the Board would have time for discussion; and the time frame in which to submit to the Department of Revenue. Tax Commissioner stated DOR will approve by September 1, 2021. If the millage rate remains as is; there will be an increase; if use rollback; it will decrease. Administrator stated she would need to look at the budget for proposed projects and funding necessity for those projects. After discussion, Ms. Exum recommended the Administrator take a look at the FY2021-2022 budget. Dates were discussed to schedule a meeting to decide on the millage rate in order for Tax Commissioner to run ad in Quitman Free Press. After further discussion, Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table the Millage Rate, Solid Waste fee and Fire Fee

for a special called meeting to be held Friday, July 30th at 11:00 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Administration Building; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Workshop -August 2, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda Review/Discussion/Approval

New Business – No changes.

Unfinished Business

Grady EMS Contract - added

4. Adjournment

On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board adjourned the work session at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk