

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Workshop on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 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; and Ms. Myra Exum. Mr. Rhett Rowe was not present. Others present were: Mrs. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources, and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Cody led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

2. **Workshop**

a. **2021 LMIG Project List** – The Board provided input of roads for the 2021 LMIG Project List to be submitted to GDOT on or before February 1, 2021. GDOT sent letter advising the County's formula amount for 2021 is \$657,408.65; and the County's local match is 10%; which will come from SPLOST #6 fund.

Ms. Exum would like to see Coffee Road completed from Belcher Road to Jackson Road, which consists of .90 miles. Would also like to include Williams Road from Hwy 76 to the railroad, at least one-half mile; if the funding will allow. Ms. Exum stated Cooper Road needs striping; and would like to see that done with TSPLOST discretionary funds.

Mr. Maxwell wants Dodd Road completed for one mile. Would also like to add CR 78 to Grooverville Road, if funding will allow.

Mr. Cody chose to add Dixie Road from Russ Butler's residence to Claude Butler's residence for one mile; and if there is any funds remaining; would like to add one-half mile for Simmon Hill Road.

Mr. Folsom added Brookfield Drive; but will confirm and submit by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Mr. Rowe provided his submission to the Administrator that he wants to add Shelley Road.

b. **TSPLOST Discretionary Fund Projects** – The Board earmarked \$260,000 for the Jmar Subdivision project; with this earmarked amount the balance will be approximately \$1.2 million in the TSPLOST fund.

Ms. Exum added Cooper Road striping to TSPLOST Project List, if we do not get grant funding for striping from GDOT. Ben DeVane will check on the grant funding. She also discussed the road improvements in Shady Acres; but needs confirmation as to the names of the roads presented by Herb Mason during his appearance at the November 2, 2020 regular meeting.

Mr. Maxwell provided Jefferson Street at Hwy 84 going north to McLeod. He would like to add Grooverville Road @ Hickory Head Road for striping.

Mr. Folsom provided Johnson Short Road, Nankin Road, north end of Aikens Road (small section); would like to add Blue Springs Lane for widening.

Board discussed purchasing pipes in the amount of \$250,000; and hire contractor to put them in.

**c. East Brooks Fire Department Contract** – Board discussed the next step for the East Brooks Fire Department; and building a Fire Department to remain in the five mile radius from where it is currently. Discussed reaching out to the Tax Assessors Office to reach out to land owners. After discussion, the Board agreed to continue to work on acquiring land for the next month.

**3. Adjournment**

On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Cody, the Board adjourned the Workshop at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman  
Mrs. Jessica J. McKinney, County Administration  
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk