

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at the Brooks County Administration Building, in the Administration Office, 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, via telephone/Zoom; and Mr. Lee Larko. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; James Burchett via telephone/Zoom; and Jason Kemp, County Attorneys; and various residents.

Special Called Meeting

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

Prayer/Pledge – Chairman led all in attendance in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Redistricting Maps – A virtual Zoom meeting was provided by Gina Wright and Brian Knight to discuss the redistricting maps and provide information to the Board; and allow for questions from the Board. The Board of Education has met and approved/adopted the maps. The Board questioned why the Board of Education did not contact them to have a joint meeting.

Ms. Gina Wright led the discussion by providing the draft maps for view and census data which caused the change to the maps to shift balance of district boundary lines. Addresses were provided for Commissioners; and a map provided to the Board of Education. Legislature is trying to get all maps approved so Elections Office can notify voters in ample time before election process begins. The redistricting provides a balance between all districts with roughly 3,200 for all five (5) districts. Local Legislature needs a Resolution from the Board of Commissioners; hopefully, the Board of Education and Commissioners will use the same map. On the motion by Ms. Exum, seconded by Mr. Larko, the Board adopted the Resolution to Approve 2022 Reapportionment District Map as presented per Ms. Gina Wright. Chairman called for discussion. Mr. Cody commented on the loss of population in his district, which happened during the last redistricting 10 years ago. After discussion, Chairman called for the vote. Ms. Exum, Mr. Larko, Mr. Maxwell, and Chairman voted in favor. Mr. Cody opposed. Vote was 4 to 1.

2. **2022 LMIG Project List** – Administrator provided funding account balances for Board review to show there are not enough funds to support the proposed 2022 LMIG Project List. The proposed amount of \$1,550,810.00 for 10.26 miles of roads for leveling and resurfacing will result in a negative balance of \$839,751.73 after total projected expenditures from TSPLOST; due to the Board designating TSPLOST for funding of the County's portion. Brooks County has received \$722,460.63 from GDOT for the LMIG Grant; County is responsible for 10% (\$72,246.06) funding of the project. Board discussed reducing the number of roads on the 2022 LMIG and the TSPLOST List to bring cost down. After discussion, Chairman Folsom recommended adopting the TSPLOST Project List as the 2022 LMIG Project List. The TSPLOST List is a total of 6.37 miles and cost will be \$981,134.00. After further discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Maxwell authorizing the Board to adopt the 2021 TSPLOST Project List as the 2022 LMIG Project List in the amount of \$981,134.00, using dedicated funds from GDOT and the remaining funding from TSPLOST, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Adjournment

On the motion by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board adjourned the special called meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk