

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting and a Work Session on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 5:15 p.m., at the Brooks County Courthouse, in the Courtroom, 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, and Mr. Lee Larko. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; and Jason Kemp, County Attorney (via telephone), and various residents.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman called the meeting to order.

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

2. **A. FY2022-2023 Budget** – County Administrator stated the County's budget has hit the ceiling for operating off the tax digest alone; the budget exceeds the digest. There is no revenue growth. There are overages in the Jail Operations, Narcotics, and Road Department. There will be no performance management unless the funds are appropriated. We can look at the requests and cost; but it is up to the Board.

The capital requests of three new vehicles for Administrator, Code Enforcement, and Inspections & Permitting. The average cost of a vehicle is approximately \$55,000; totaling \$165,000.

Per Legislation, all Constitutional Officers, including Commissioners, will receive a \$5,000 increase.

Road Department capital request is two new vehicles (\$55,000), a Side Arm; and a Culvert Cleaner; the cost would be \$300,000.

Recycling/Landfill requesting a Backhoe that would cost approximately \$70,000.

The Board has discussed increasing the Fire Service Fee, which would generate \$250,000.

The Sheriff's Department, Uniform Patrol, requesting salary increases.

Ag Extension requesting two vehicles, fill position for a Field Agent and 4-H Agent, would cost \$24,888. Board discussed purchasing one vehicle and they would continue to use the Ford truck.

The total amount of all FY2022-2023 requests would be \$1,202,743.00; and the proposed budget would be \$13,126,335.80.

County Administrator will go back and look at the numbers and provide more information at the meeting scheduled for July 7, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

B. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – July 11, 2022 – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting.

INVITED GUESTS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Road Abandonment – Old Pavo Road
- B. Road Abandonment – Giddens Road
- C. Solid Waste Rate Increase

NEW BUSINESS - Items added to the agenda:

- A. Irrigation Systems on County Roadways (Farmers)
- B. Request to Name New Ag Building after Mr. Henry Carr
- C. 2022-2027 Joint Brooks County and Cities of Barwick, Morven, Pavo, and Quitman Updated Comprehensive Plan
- D. LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) Re-Negotiation

On the motion by Mr. Larko, seconded by Mrs. Exum, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution to continue operating on current FY2022 Budget until the FY2022-2023 Budget has been adopted.

County Administrator inquired if the Board will cut, increase or maintain the millage for Development Authority? The question was asked if City of Quitman will fund Development Authority?

Mrs. McKinney also inquired of the Board whether they would be interested in contracting with Excellence Exceeded again? Scott Johnson has stated to Administrator he will use the same rate contract previously used (\$5,000/month) for six months.

Public Comments

- A. Clay Bank Subdivision Roads – Steve Shierling

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

4. Adjournment

On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Larko, the Board adjourned the special called meeting/work session at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman
Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator
Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk