

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting and Executive Session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Brooks County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Mr. James Maxwell, Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom, Vice Chairman; Ms. Myra Exum; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Rhett Rowe. Others present were: Ms. Patricia Williams; Interim Administrator/County Clerk.

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** – Chairman called meeting to order.

Ms. Exum made the motion to close the Special Called Meeting to go into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. to conduct interviews for County Administrator position; Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**A. Interviews – County Administrator** – Board closed Executive Session and returned to Special Called Meeting at 5:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rowe; seconded by Mr. Folsom. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Exum motioned to approve the two finalists, Ms. Jessica McKinney and Mr. Juan Turner, to be consider for the position of County Administrator, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**2. Health Insurance Renewal – Harris Tennyson** – Mr. Tennyson, Holwell & Fletcher, presented options for Board consideration regarding the renewal of employee health insurance for FY 2019-2020. The increase for the renewal is 5.12%; and remains with Cigna. The Board has met and discussed options on ways the County can save money; and continue to provide a benefit to employees. Mr. Tennyson presented options to the Board during a Special Called on May 8<sup>th</sup>; the Board asked Mr. Tennyson to prepare quotes and bring back to the Board on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The following renewal options were presented to the Board:

1. \$5,000 Deductible Plan at no cost to the employee.
2. \$3,500 Deductible Plan – Purchased by employees at \$15.05 per pay period.
3. \$2,500 Deductible Plan – Purchased by employees at \$25.49 per pay period.

The County will continue to pay full cost of Dental and \$25,000 life insurance for employees. On the motion by Mr. Folsom, seconded by Ms. Exum, the Board unanimously accepted the three options for FY 2019-2020 renewal of employee health insurance: (1) \$5,000 Deductible Plan at no cost to the employee; (2) \$3,500 Deductible Plan – Purchased by employees at \$15.05 per pay period; and (3) \$2,500 Deductible Plan – Purchased by employees at \$25.49 per pay period.

**3. County Attorney Position** – During the Special Called meeting held May 8<sup>th</sup>, resumes were submitted for a County Attorney. Chairman asked the Board to review resumes and have a choice by the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following resumes were

submitted: Mr. James Burchett, Millwood, GA, Mr. John G. Edwards, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. Kyle T. Swann, Thomasville, GA.

Mr. Rowe made a motion for Mr. Kyle Swann as County Attorney; Ms. Exum seconded. Chairman called for the vote. Ms. Exum and Mr. Rowe voted yes. Mr. Cody; Mr. Folsom; and Mr. Maxwell voted no. Vote was 3 to 2 not in favor of Mr. Swann.

Chair called for another motion. Mr. Folsom motioned for Mr. James Burchett for County Attorney; Mr. Cody seconded. Chairman called for the vote. Ms. Exum and Mr. Rowe opposed. Mr. Folsom and Mr. Cody voted yes. Mr. Maxwell voted yes, breaking the tie. Vote was 3 to 2 in favor of Mr. Burchett as County Attorney.

**4. Brooks County Fire Chief – Jordan Smith** – Mr. Smith did not appear; per Board decision.

**5. Adjournment**

Mr. Cody made the motion to adjourn special called at 5:40 p.m.; Mr. Folsom seconded.

Ms. James Maxwell, Chairman

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk/Interim Administration