



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Patrick Folsom, Chairman (District 2)  
James Maxwell, Vice (District 5)  
Myra Exum (District 4)  
Willie Cody (District 3)  
Lee Larko (District 1)

**COUNTY STAFF**

Jessica J. McKinney, County Administrator  
Patricia Williams, County Clerk  
Kim Daniels, Human Resources  
James Burchett/Jason Kemp, County Attorneys

**Brooks County Board of Commissioners  
Special Called/Work Session/Executive Session  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – 5:15 pm**

**Brooks County Administration Building  
Commissioners Meeting Room  
610 South Highland Road  
Quitman, GA**

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – 5:15 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - A. Prayer/Pledge
  
- 2. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**
  - A. Amend Superior Court Budget – Jury Duty Fees
  - B. Brooks County Historical Society
  - C. Development Authority Board Review
  
- 3. WORK SESSION**
  - A. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – April 3, 2023
  
- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - A. Real Estate
  - B. Litigation
  
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session/Executive Session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., at the Brooks County Administration Building, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman, Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman, Ms. Myra Exum, Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Lee Larko. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; and Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney, 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 pledge of allegiance.

**2. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**A. Amend Superior Court Budget – Jury Duty Fees** - Chairman requested a motion to amend the agenda to delete this item; and move to the regular meeting agenda for April 3, 2023. Mrs. Exum made the motion, Mr. Larko seconded, to amend the agenda to delete Item 2A and add to the regular meeting agenda on April 3, 2023. The vote was unanimous.

**B. Brooks County Historical Society** – Mr. Maxwell requested this item to be added to request the remainder of the \$10,000 (\$5,000) from the ARPA fund. The Board previously approved \$5,000 from ARPA. The Society need funds to purchase calendars and to assist with the Juneteenth Celebration to be held Saturday, June 17, 2023. Mr. Maxwell stated that funding was overlooked when the Historical Society was established. Mr. Cody made the motion to approve the request for the remaining funds of \$5,000 from ARPA to assist the Brooks County Historical Society. Mr. Maxwell seconded. Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Cody, Mr. Maxwell, and Chairman voted in favor. Mrs. Exum and Mr. Larko opposed. The vote was 3 to 2.

**C. Development Authority Board Review** – Mr. Larko requested this item to be included for discussion. Mr. Larko stated there are Board members with low attendance and recommended they be removed and replaced with someone who will participate. Currently, the Board does not have a quorum due to low attendance by Dr. Horne, Mr. Marable, and Mr. LaHood. This is the third month in a row they have not held a meeting. Mrs. Exum inquired who would be appointed if they are removed. The development and goals of the Authority need to be looked at. County Attorney recommended going back to the Development Authority and let them remove the members. After discussion, Mr. Maxwell made the motion to table until the removal has been acted on for the members who has missed 3 or 4 meetings, Mr. Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**3. WORK SESSION**

**A. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – April 3, 2023** – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting.

**INVITED GUESS** – Added David Wall – Windstream – Broadband Update

**OLD BUSINESS** – Added NextEra Energy