

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., at the Brooks County Administrative 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, Mrs. 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.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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.

B. CWS – Road Department Contract Services - Negotiation – Mr. Steve Kaywood, Clear Water Solutions (CWS), introduced his team that will manage the contracted services for the Road Department. The Board approved the contract with CWS during the regular meeting on September 11th on the conditions to work to reduce the amount of the contract (\$2,140,246.82) to meet the County's budgeted amount (\$1,847,872.31), which is a difference of \$292,374.00. Mr. Kaywood stated they would reduce manpower to reach the range budgeted for and it would not affect performance; and the Project Manager will be changed. He does not have a Project Manager at this time, but they are looking; and will find one. Mr. Kaywood stated, currently, he is looking at a start date of December 1, 2023, that will give time to work with the contract and get in the contract phase. CWS will use all the County equipment, excluding mowing. They will need to hire employees but will start with the group currently in the Road Department; and will have a job fair to recruit new employees. The current employees will convert from the private sector to the public sector. Current employees will be offered a job and an opportunity to stay. Administrator McKinney inquired if it is possible, they would start before December. Mr. Kaywood stated they will get the scope worked out; to give them a week or so to get their boots on the ground and they will get started as soon as possible.

Mr. Dana Hill, Director, North Carolina, stated he would be going to the Road Department in the morning for an introduction and to speak with employees. Mr. Cody advised that he would be there at 7:00am; and Chairman commented he would also be there. There was no action needed by the Board; they approved an agreement.

C. Grady EMS – EMS Contract – County Administrator informed the Board of the meeting with Grady EMS this morning, wherein they gave official notice they have no intention of renewing the emergency medical services contract at the end of 2024. This is ample notice for the County to apply to purchase license back, after approval to obtain the license, the services will be put out to bid.

D. Sherry Davidson – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - RVs – Zoning & Code Enforcement, Ms. Sherry Davidson, wanted to make the Board aware of the growing RV problems in the County. She is requesting a text amendment to the current zoning ordinance. The amendment would apply to page 8, the section titled Trailer, Travel Type: “A vehicular portable structure designed as a temporary dwelling (add only) for travel, recreation, and vacation uses which is identified on the unit by the manufacturer as a “camper” or “travel trailer”, which shall also include motorized recreation vehicles”.

Second amendment, page 13, Section 3-28 **Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles shall not be utilized as a permanent dwelling in any Zoning District. (Delete)** (Occupancy exceeding 30 days shall be considered permanent).

County Attorney, Jason Kemp, stated there needs to be a benchmark time frame; and add more language to make clearer. The Board asked Mr. Kemp to look at before Ms. Davidson take it to the Planning Commission.

Chairman closed the special called meeting to go into the work session.

2. WORK SESSION

A. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – October 2, 2023 – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

7. Old Business – Added

A. GDOT – Speed Zone Ordinances – Updating Existing Speed Limits

8. New Business - Added

A. Empress Road and Johnson Short Road

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:34 pm, on the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Larko.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk