

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session Monday, March 25, 2024, 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. Larko. Others present were Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams; County Clerk; 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 – Vice Chairman Maxwell led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Chairman called for an amendment to the agenda. On the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Larko, the Board unanimously amended the agenda under Item C, to add IGA with City of Quitman for Gas Line on County Right of Way on Dry Lake Road.

B. Topics for Motion/Discuss

a. South Health District Environmental Health Fees – Blake Lowery – Mr. Blake Lowery District Environmental Health Deputy Director, appeared to get the Board approval of the South Health District Environmental Health Fees for FY2025 and FY2026. The Board of Health approved the fees during their meeting in February, but they must present them to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The proposed increase in fees will be a step process for the next two years and will help bring the fees back in line where they need to be due to inflation. Mr. Maxwell made the motion, Mrs. Exum seconded to unanimously approve the fee increase for the South Health District Environmental Health Fees for FY2025 and FY2026.

b. Ag Building Venue – Acoustic Panels Proposal – Laura Yale, Designer and Owner, MODified Interior Design, submitted an offer of their design solutions and recommendations to remedy the sound issues in the event space of the Brooks County Agricultural Venue with their professional interior design services. For the interior design and consultation services, the County will be billed a fee of \$100.00 an hour, invoiced bi-monthly for actual hours worked, with detailed notes on the invoice for the project.

AudioWave, the previous bidder, sent a new proposal. The previous proposal was \$10,000. The Board did not take any action; but will be placed on the agenda for April 1, 2024 upcoming meeting for discussion; and AudioWave will present their new proposal.

C. Topics for Motion/Discussion

a. IGA with City of Quitman for Development Services (Planning/Zoning) – County Administrator met with Dr. Nancy Dennard, City Manager. Dr. Dennard inquired as to what the City can do to help the County. They discussed an IGA with the City for Planning and Zoning. Brooks County does inspections for the city. After discussion, the Board agreed to wait until the County hires a Zoning Administrator before entertaining an IGA.

b. IGA with City of Quitman for Animal Services/Thomasville Humane Society – County Administrator and Dr. Dennard discussed animal services. The City of Quitman currently uses Thomasville Humane Society but is not working to the degree they want. The City is willing to entertain animal services again with Brooks County. This will be an item for discussion on the April regular meeting agenda.

c. IGA with City of Quitman for Gas Line Right of Way on Dry Lake Road – The Board discussed an IGA with the City of Quitman to continue the gas line on Dry Lake Road. The City will furnish the tap and the County will provide the right of way to permit the City or Contractor to lay gas pipe on county right of way; and the city tap into the gas. How far the gas line will be laid on Dry Lake Road has not been determined yet; it was recommended to have a survey done to determine how far. After discussion, the Board agreed to let the City of Quitman do the contract and survey.

2. WORK SESSION

A. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – April 1, 2024 – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Chairman asked for a status update from Mr. James Warren and Kyle Christian on Fawn Heights Subdivision. They have been out to look at and assess the issues, and stated that there are three residents with problems, and are working to get the problems/issues resolved.

The Board discussed meeting with Farmers regarding county right of ways before sending a letter, if they do not comply, send a legal letter.

The County Credit Card Policy will be on the April workshop agenda.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board went into executive session at 6:43 pm on a motion by Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Larko seconded.

A. Litigation – County Attorney updated the Board on pending litigation. No action was taken.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:06 pm, to go back in the special called meeting, Mr. Maxwell motioned, and Mr. Larko seconded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:06 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