

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session Monday, May 20, 2024, at 4:15 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. 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. Maxwell led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

B. Topics for Motion/Discuss

a. **Thomasville Humane** – Chandler Giles, Thomasville Humane, provided information to the Board regarding their services for animal control. He stated he wants to help the County move forward; the first step will be to revise the County Ordinance and get input from the Board and citizens. Their Humane has experience and history with Thomasville and have investigated these types of incidents before. The Board discussed entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the municipalities, needs to find out what they have to offer and what the Board is faced with. Mr. Giles stated that they have several versions that can be discussed, it can be expensive, but will educate the community, and pet owners. Rabies control and community control can eliminate dog problems in a humane way. If an intergovernmental agreement is entered into, will Brooks County be the manager, and need to discuss the ways it will be funded as a group. Humane will provide a higher level of service and support, and a much better deal cost-wise. Mr. Giles commented that the cost will be determined by what services the county wants to offer. He will work with and assist the county with producing data. The County Attorney will prepare a letter to send to the municipalities to see if interested in getting an estimated idea of the cost.

b. Brooks County Health Insurance Quotes – Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources, informed the Board that at the end of the day, she received information for the health insurance renewal; and will present at the regular meeting in June.

c. Brooks County Credit Card/Purchasing Card Policy – Mrs. Exum commented on a restriction for not using the county credit card for local dining and keep what we have but provide guidance on and what it can be used for and obtain PO number for credit card purchases. Mrs. Exum recommended to table discussion until the budget process.

d. Ratification of Scruggs Company Contract – Storm Drain Projects – During the regular meeting, the Board approved/accepted the bid from The Scruggs Company for storm drain projects for Pidcock Road and Simpson Road, Carter Road and Old Thomasville Road, and Rodgers Lane and Wooten Lane in the amount of \$391,784.76. The Board unanimously ratified the contract with The Scruggs Company as the presented amounts per bid on a motion by Mrs. Exum, Mr. Larko seconded.

e. Hospital Authority Trustee Appointments – The Hospital Authority has a seven-member panel, but currently only has four members and needs three more members. The terms will be staggered. Mr. Ramsey will complete his term. Chairman asked the Authority to consider Mrs. June Furney, as she will be retiring this year. Commissioners will not be on the Board but can recommend the Authority approves the member. County Attorney, Mr. Jason Kemp, will attend the meetings of the Authority to ensure procedures are conducted correctly.

f. Brooks County School System Flyover – Moody AFB – The Brooks County School System will have a flyover at the football field performed by Moody AFB in September. County Attorney stated that Moody AFB wanted to make sure they would not violate the noise ordinance and inform citizens so they will know what is going on. The flyover will not disrupt air space and will only last about five minutes at 7:22pm. The County will do its best to advertise and place on social media. The motion by Mrs. Exum carried to allow the flyover by Moody AFB for Brooks County School System, the ordinance will not be enforced, the School System will advertise and make it known to the hospital, Mr. Larko seconded.

g. Acoustic Panels – Ag Building Venue – The Board discussed the acoustic panels for the Ag Building Venue and the proposal presented by MODified Interior Design, Ms. Laura Yale, Owner. Ms. Yale presented a proposal to the Board at the April regular meeting to offer design solutions and recommendations to remedy the sound issues in the room. Mrs. Exum recommended authorizing MODified Interior Design and moving forward to have a design for the budget. Mrs. Exum made the motion to accept the proposal for MODified Interior Design with a limit of \$3,000.00 to move forward, and funds will come from the General Fund, Mr. Cody seconded. Chairman called for the vote. The vote was 4 to 1. Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Exum, Mr. Cody, and the Chairman voted in favor. Mr. Larko abstained.

C. Topics for Discussion

a. FY2024-2025 Budget & Millage – County Attorney advised the Board to start thinking about the millage rate for the next year to be ahead and not squeezed in.

b. Town Hall Meeting – The Board has been discussing conducting a town hall meeting regarding solar. There is a Solar Moratorium in place and expires August

4, 2024. The date needs to be determined, notice provided to the citizens, stakeholders, and others that are interested. There will be two meetings with different times and will be advertised. Also, needs to decide if the ordinance needs to be changed. The meeting will be held at the Courthouse due to expecting a large attendance. The Board will discuss possibly extending the Solar Moratorium during the June regular meeting.

2. WORK SESSION

A. Regular Meeting Agenda Review – June 3, 2024 – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Under New Business – The Board added Extending the Solar Moratorium.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board went into executive session at 5:31 pm on a motion by Mr. Cody, and Mr. Larko seconded.

A. Potential Claim - Sheriff – No action was taken.

B. Personnel – The Board discussed personnel issues; no action was taken.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:55 pm, to go back to the special called meeting, Mr. Larko motioned, and Mrs. Exum seconded.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:56 pm, on the motion by Mr. Larko, seconded by Mr. Cody.

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