

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting Monday, February 12, 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; Ms. Kim Daniels; 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. Jason Kemp, County Attorney, led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Chairman requested an amendment to the agenda. The agenda was amended on the motion by Mr. Larko to add Litigation to the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Exum. The vote was unanimous.

B. Jesse Bush – 12 Stones Engineering – Mr. Jesse Bush presented and updated Road Repair List for Board consideration. The list contains roads that are considered to be the worse roads in the county in need of repair. The specifications will provide information of what needs to be done, and an RFP will be prepared to put out to bid. Mr. Bush started at the top of the list explaining what each road needs. The list is to create reasonable repairs, not paving the road, because he is trying not to put too much on Brooks County at a time. He is trying to use judgement and cut back as much as he can; and set in order of necessity. Trying to see how many roads can be completed off the list and maybe Commissioners will not receive phone calls.

a. Road Repair List

1. Simpson Road – Replacing culvert and grading road - \$16,900.00 – will lay 18" storm drain, with little grading, not the entire road, but where build around the culvert.
2. Pidcock Road – Installing culvert and road patch - \$12,790.00 – will bid together with Simpson Road as one bid with 18" cross drain. This is a low budget project.
3. Rodgers Lane – Installing culvert and grading road - \$17,940.00 – culvert and grade road and install larger pipe.
4. Wooten Lane – Installing culvert and grading road - \$25,300.00 – culvert and grade road and install larger pipe.
5. Carter Road & Old Thomasville Road – Installing culvert and grade road - \$107,850.00 – culvert and grading, not grading entire road, install concrete pipe.

6. Minnow Farm Road & Livingston Road – Installing culvert and grading road - \$21,800.00 – open pipe for water to flow through and if needed, will include storm pipe.
7. Langboard Lane Bridge – Patching road - \$4,845.00 – will get proposal, there is no budget. Paving outside the bridge; needs to be fixed.
8. Troupeville Road – install guardrail and shoulder clipping - \$100,000.00 – this is an emergency repair. The box culvert is washed out, there is no dirt under the culvert. Will set plans and a budget, the cost for the guardrail is \$56,000.00. Installing guardrail and shoulder clipping will cost \$100,000.00, 3.4-inch shoulder clipping is \$39,000.00. Both will be included in one bid contract. This is a safety concern.
9. Speed Humps – install speed cushion and signs (each) - \$5,800.00 – install speed cushion and signs to try to slow down traffic.
10. BCT Gin Road – S-curve section – installing culvert and grading road - \$84,300.00 – the road has become a ditch, will take a good bit of grading.
11. BCT Gin Road – Flooded Section (133) – installing culvert and grading road - \$109,750.00 – This is the end that floods. Will replace 36" pipe with 42" pipes. This is in a flood plain area; the culvert crossing will allow water to cross the road.
12. Bethlehem Church Road – installing culvert and grading road - \$219,950.00 – this is a flood plain area; the road takes all the water. Will save the road on top of the pipe.
13. Jamar SD Improvements – construction of 0.6 miles of road - \$600,000.00 – build the road and pave it.
14. Emerson Road – installing culverts and grading road - \$102,340.00 – will replace five culverts. The price of pipes is based on GDOT numbers.
15. Patrick Road – patch road and driveway apron - \$60,000.00 – can be patched while building the driveway apron.

Mrs. Exum made the motion to prepare individual RFPs, for all roads (sections) on the list for separate bids, not to include Jamar Subdivision, Mr. Larko seconded. The Board voted unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Larko made the motion to go into executive session at 6:46pm, Mr. Cody seconded.

A. Personnel – Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator, Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk, and Human Resources Coordinator, Ms. Kim Daniels were excused from this portion.

B. Litigation – County Attorney updated the Board on pending litigation.

Executive session was closed on the motion by Mr. Larko, and Mrs. Exum seconded at 8:56 pm.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:57 pm, on the motion by Mr. Larko, seconded by Mrs. Exum.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Ms. Jessica McKinney, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk