

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – February 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Brad Brookshire, Commissioner Dallas Daniel, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Gene Wallace and Commissioner Wade Price. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, Interim County Clerk Lori Tyson, and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Chairman Infinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Brad Brookshire. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the agenda. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Dallas Daniel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Dallas Daniel to close the regular meeting to hold planning & zoning public hearings. Motion carried unanimously.

*2nd Reading Amendment to Development Impact Fee Ordinance – No one was present to speak on this request.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

*2nd Reading Amendment to Development Impact Fee Ordinance – The Bryan County Board of Commissioners adopted the Development Impact Fee Ordinance of Bryan County, Georgia (DIFO) on January 8, 2019. The Impact Fee Ordinance was codified in MuniCode as Appendix D of Subpart B “Land Development”. With the recent adoption of the UDO, which repealed and replaced Subpart B, Appendices A “Subdivisions”, B “Zoning” and C “Engineering Design”, the DIFO needs to be renumbered, which requires repealing and replacing the existing ordinance. Additionally, the DIFO references an Attachment A, which is the approved Impact Fee Schedule. In order to address the amended Impact Fee Schedule approved with the 2021 budget, the DIFO needs to be amended to incorporate the Amended Impact Fee Schedule. Sections 115-12 and Section 115-15 have been amended to reference the Amended Schedule. Per state law, development impact fee ordinances require two public hearings. While the revisions to the DIFO are minor, since the DIFO is being repealed and replaced, staff is scheduling this item for two public hearings. The first public hearing was held on January 12, 2021, with the 1st Reading. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Gene Wallace to approve the Amendment to Development Impact Fee Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Taylor, County Administrator, met with the board on several issues.

*Purchase of a 2022 International HV607 Dump Truck – Staff recommends the purchase of a 2022 International HV607 Dump Truck under the Sourcewell contract from Roberts International Trucks for \$113,799.76. The Sourcewell discount is \$62,526.40. This is a 2021 budgeted item from our TSPLOST Funds and will be financed. A motion was made by Gene Wallace and seconded by Brad Brookshire to authorize staff to purchase this truck from Roberts International Trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

*Purchase of a 2022 International HX520 Truck – Staff recommends the purchase of a 2022 International HX520 Truck under the Sourcewell contract from Roberts International Trucks for \$120,930.60. The Sourcewell discount is \$65,976.60. This is a 2021 budgeted item from our TSPLOST Funds and will be financed. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Noah Covington to authorize staff to purchase this truck from Roberts International Trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

*FY 2021 Budget Amendment – In 2010 and 2012 The General Fund transferred the following amounts to the Water & Sewer Fund to cover debt service payments to GEFA: 2010 = \$337,307 2012 = \$673,350. The notes from the 2010 and 2012 Audits related to these transfers are attached as Exhibit A. Although these transfers were not originally set up as a loan or advance to be paid back we would like to transfer these funds back to the General/County-Wide Fund. The total amount to be transferred from the Water & Sewer Fund back to the General Fund is \$1,010,657 plus \$68,893 in interest for a grand total transfer of \$1,079,550. The notes from the 2010 and 2012 Audits related to these transfers are attached as Exhibit A. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Dallas Daniel to approve the FY 2021 Budget Amendment as presented herein as Exhibit B. Motion carried unanimously.

*Bond Refinancing Resolution – Due to new industrial growth in north Bryan County, as well as some sewer line connections in south Bryan County, the County has hired First Tryon to send out a bank RFP for bond financing for these projects, as well as to refinance some existing water & sewer debt at a lower interest rate. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Wade Price to authorize a resolution for the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County and take such other actions as may be necessary or desirable to facilitate a bank RFP for bond financing for some new water & sewer projects as well as refinance existing water & sewer debt at a lower interest rate. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Gene Wallace to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 5:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Gene Wallace and seconded by Brad Brookshire to appoint Lori Tyson as County Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Dallas Daniel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.