

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Vice-Chairman Rick Gardner, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Dallas Daniel, and Commissioner Steve Myers. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Vice-Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Noah Covington. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to amend the agenda to add an executive session to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the August 9, 2016 regular meeting. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stephen Rominsky met with the board to discuss **Beautiful Zion Church Road** and the need to have this road resurfaced.

A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a **planning & zoning public hearing**. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Judy Price Rezoning Request** – No one was present to speak on the rezoning request.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Dallas Daniel to close the public hearing and go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Eric Greenway, Planning Director**, met with the board with Planning & Zoning issues.

1. **Judy Price Rezoning Request** – The applicant requests to rezone Parcel 027-029 from A-5 to AR-1.5 to create two parcels for single family homes. The property meets the subdivision requirements and the use is consistent with the surrounding parcels. The property is 3.7 acres and is located on Mack English Road. Staff recommends approval to rezone. Commissioner Wade Price abstained from discussion and voting. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the rezoning request for Judy Price from A-1 to AR-1.5. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. **Approval of Tax Refunds**

- \*Real Property Appeal Refunds - \$56.10
- \*TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeal Refunds - \$963.37
- \*Void Uncollectible Personal Property Bills - \$3,529.95

## **2. Budget Amendment**

\*\$57,000 for the purchase of a tractor and mower for this fiscal year

**Richard Deal with Lanier, Westerfield, Deal & Proctor** met with the board to present the 2015 Annual Audit for Bryan County.

**Ben Taylor, County Administrator**, met with the board to discuss several issues.

- 1. Award of Bid for Asphalt Spray Patcher** – The FY 2016 budget authorizes \$150,000 for the acquisition of an Asphalt Spray Patcher for road maintenance. Bryan County currently handles repairs with a pull behind patcher which requires additional manpower, safety precautions, and time. This specifically reduces the patching crew of 5 previously required with a crew of 1 or 2. With our road volume increase in the last few years and what is projected to come in the next several years, this equipment acquisition will be a good investment for the County. Bids for this piece of equipment were solicited and a used piece of equipment was targeted to save on the overall purchase amount. Two bids were received after the required solicitation. Staff is recommending the purchase of the 2015 Rosco RA-400 Pothole Patcher Truck with the 2010 3300 UN Nissan Chassis in the amount of \$149,000. There is sufficient funds available in the bank balance to purchase this equipment without using the tool of a lease-purchase. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the resolution to amend the 2016 budget in the amount of \$150,000 to purchase the Asphalt Spray Patcher from existing bank balance. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Award of Bid for Fire Station 2 Construction** – The FY 2016 budget authorizes \$300,000 for the construction of Fire Station 2 on Daniel Siding Road. Bids were solicited per the Georgia Public Works Construction Code and six were received ranging a high of \$578,000 to a low of \$395,500. The Architect is recommending the low bid of \$395,500 with CNB Construction of Savannah, Georgia. A budget amendment for the FY 2016 SPLOST Budget will need to be made since this project came back at a higher than originally anticipated amount of \$300,000. The additional SPLOST funds can come from the Building and Facilities Portion of the SPLOST Budget since expenditures have been lower than expected in that line item. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the resolution to amend the 2016 SPLOST budget for the construction of Fire Station 2 on Daniel Siding Road. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to go into executive session to discussion personnel issues. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into executive session at 6:24 p.m. The board went back into regular session at 7:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Noah Covington to increase the salary of the County Administrator by \$15,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.