

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – June 26, 2017 – Called Meeting

A called meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 26, 2017 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Brad Brookshire and Commissioner Steve Myers. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor. Commissioners Noah Covington and Wade Price were present via telephone.

Chairman Infinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the funding gap for the **Interstate 95/Belfast-Keller Road Interchange**.

The project is a current project with the Georgia Department of Transportation. The funding for this project consists of State funding of \$12.6 million and \$1.5 million from a grant from the State Roads and Toll Authority (GTIB). The project estimated budget at \$16.6 million produces a probable funding gap of approximately \$2.5 million. It is recognized that the GDOT may award a project above the estimated budget amount up to an approximate amount of \$18.3 million, thus producing a \$4.2 million funding gap. The Georgia Department of Transportation has determined that the County and City of Richmond Hill will be required to participate in the funding of the costs associated with the development and construction of this project in the amount of \$1,250,000 each and potentially up to \$2,100,000 each. The County agrees to fund its 50% share of the projects funding gap. Mayor Fowler stated the City of Richmond Hill with their 50% share of the funding.

A resolution was presented to the board for approval committing funding for the county portion of 50% of the required local funding obligation for the Interstate 95/Belfast-Keller Road Interchange Project. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.