

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Brad Brookshire, Commissioner Wade Price and Commissioner Rick Gardner. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

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

A discussion was held on the **agenda**. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the March meetings. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the minutes of the March 2018 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire 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 in the amount of \$773.46

TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeal Refunds in the amount of \$192.50

2. Approval of Superior Court Law Clerks Budget

FY 2018-2019 Budget in the amount of \$14,260 with Bryan County's share being \$2,709.40

3. Approval of Superior Court Judges Budget

FY 2018-2019 Budget in the amount of \$139,796 with Bryan County's share being \$26,561.24

4. Approval of National Donate Life Proclamation

5. Approval of Georgia Fund 1 Resolution

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

***April Report –**

-Shoulder Installation on Belfast River from Harris Trail to Belfast Keller has been completed.

-2018 LMIG Road Resurfacing Project has been put out to bid. This includes Ash Branch Road, Harveytown Road and Bailey Plantation Drive. We hope to proceed with this contract in the summer of 2018.

-Hendrix Park Football Field Upgrades and Concession Stand bids were received today. The bids will come back before the board at our May meeting once reviewed by the staff.

-North Bryan Animal Shelter is moving along. We need to do some more site work and are about ready to hook up the electricity. This project should be complete within the next few days.

-2018 Comprehensive Plan Update has been submitted to CRC and they have submitted it to DCA seeking comments. There were no comments by the CRC. Adoption is scheduled for May 15 by the Board.

John Rauback, Finance Director, gave a report on the finances for Bryan County.

Dr. Jeff Adams was introduced as the new Bryan County Planning Director.

***Resolution Regarding Authorization of Board of Education Bond Tax Levy** – As a requirement of the recent general obligation bonds issued by the Board of Education and since the Bryan County Board of Commissioners is the governing authority and taxing authority, a resolution authorizing the Board of Education to proceed with the levy of a separate portion of its millage rate is necessary. This is one step in the process to accomplish the requirement of the recently issued bonds, the Board of Education will still have to follow mandated procedures for the establishment of this separate millage rate, which may vary from year to year, depending on the overall budget and the needs of the district. These bonds were authorized by the voters in Bryan County per the election held on March 21, 2017. These bonds are essential to the school board's capital projects plan. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to adopt the resolution regarding authorization of Board of Education Bond Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

***Adoption of Code of Ordinances** – Municode has been working with the staff on the recodification of the Bryan County Code of Ordinances. This process has been completed and the new code books have been printed. To complete this process, we must have two (2) readings of the adoption of the new Code of Ordinance. The first reading was held last month. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to adopt and enact a new code for Bryan County; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. Voting for: Myers, Covington, Brookshire & Price. Voting against: Gardner. Motion carried.

***Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals** – Angi Kennedy currently serves of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Her term on this board expires on April 11, 2018. The new appointment would be a three year appointment. The board has the option of reappointing Ms. Kennedy or selecting someone else to fill this position. Ms. Kennedy has expressed her interest in being reappointed to this board. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Wade Price to reappoint Angi Kennedy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term to expire April 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

***Special Service Delivery Districts Resolution** – With the adoption of the FY 2018 Budget, a resolution was passed delineating the services the county provides for the unincorporated areas and the county-wide services provided to all citizens with the formation of special service districts. This delineation allows for the county to ensure that our citizens receiving county-wide services and unincorporated services are not experiencing "double taxation" for services not received. This resolution further expounds on that principle with the addition of the services that include: recycling, code enforcement, geographical information system mapping, and regional planning. It is important to note

that this resolution does not change existing service delivery practices but further clarifies and reinforces them. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve resolution on special service delivery districts. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Steve Myers to **adjourn**. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.