

## Bryan County Board of Commissioners – July 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Brad Brookshire, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Steve Myers and Commissioner Noah Covington. 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 Commissioner Brookshire. 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 Wade Price to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the June meetings. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Rick Gardner to approve the minutes of the June meetings as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

**1. Approval of Tax Refunds**

\*TAVT (Motor Vehicle) Appeal Refunds - \$63.00

**2. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendments**

**Liz Lynn, Chief Appraiser**, met with the board to give an update on the tax digest.

**Kay Proctor with Lanier, Deal & Proctor**, met with the board to present the 2017 Annual Financial Statement Audit.

**Jeff Adams, Planning Director**, met with the board with planning & zoning issues.

**\*Text Amendment to Section 1112 Interchange Commercial District** – This amendment is to amend Section 1112 Interchange Commercial District of the Bryan County Code of Ordinances to amend the permitted uses section to permit convenience stores, with self-service stations and no unenclosed outside storage and to provide for drive-in commercial uses and package liquor stores as conditional uses and other matters related thereto. This is the second reading. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the text amendment to Section 1112 Interchange Commercial District as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Conditional Use Application** from Manisha Patel to develop a liquor store adjacent to the BP Zip-N-Go #4 PBC 444/Subway, located at 10820 Highway 280 East, Ellabell. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the conditional use application of Manisha Patel as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**County Administrator July Report** –

**-Roundabout Design Progress** – Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood were awarded the design. The project should be ready for bid on September 1.

**-Hendrix Park Improvements** – Contractor should be on site within the next 10 days to begin construction on the concession stand.

**-Northern Animal Shelter** – The last stages to complete on the project is to install the fencing and rocks.

**-LMIG 2018 Resurfacing** – Construction has begun on these resurfacing projects, which include Harveytown Road and a portion of Ash Branch Road, as well as Bailey Plantation Drive.

**-I-95 Interchange Project** – This project has been awarded.

**\*Appointment to Library Board** – An appointment needs to be made to replace Alex Floyd on the Bryan County Library Board. Ms. Sherry Bath has been recommended for this appointment. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to appoint Sherry Bath to the Bryan County Library Board as a replacement for Alex Floyd with a term to expire June 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Coastal EMC Addendum** – The County entered into an agreement with the Coastal Electric Membership Utility to help fund a portion of the costs associated with the burying of utility lines along the State Route 144 Corridor in the unincorporated area. After two hurricanes in two years that produced major outages and with the coupling of forthcoming 144 widening project which is eligible for reimbursement for a portion of the relocation costs, this provides an opportune time to proceed with this project. The county portion of this project is \$609,355.84. A contract addendum details the payment arrangements to Coastal EMC from Bryan County. This is a three year payment option. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the contract addendum with Coastal EMC for the three year payment option with annual payments being \$215,425.79 each year due on the January 31 beginning in 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*SDS Intergovernmental Agreement** – The Bryan County, Richmond Hill and Pembroke Service Delivery Strategy was extended until October 31, 2018. The proper paperwork was submitted by the County to the Department of Community Affairs on June 29, 2018 after the City of Richmond Hill agreed to sign the proper documentation. The City of Richmond Hill asks that all parties involved sign the intergovernmental agreement involving this SDS extension. Due to the deadline and the late submission of this intergovernmental agreement by the City of Richmond Hill, it could not be considered before the adoption and submission of the required paperwork. Therefore, it is being brought before the board for consideration now. A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Brad Brookshire to enter into the SDS Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Ambulance Remount** – Funds in the amount of \$90,000 were budgeted in the 2018 SPLOST Budget for the remounting and box refurbishment of one ambulance. This project has been advertised and bids were received in accordance with the purchasing policy. The lowest bid was \$98,000 from Ten-8. The SPLOST Fund has an adequate bank balance to accommodate the additional \$8,000. Staff is recommending the award of the contract to Ten-8 in the amount of \$98,000 for the Demo Ambulance. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to award the contract to Ten-8 in

the amount of \$98,000 for the ambulance remount with funds to come from SPLOST and approve the budget amendment for the additional \$8,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Carl Stewart and Earl Hamilton of Mill Creek Church Road** met with the board to discuss the need for improvements on this road.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.