

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – Summary of August 13, 2019 Meeting

Members Present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioners Gene Wallace, Wade Price, Steve Myers, Noah Covington and Brad Brookshire. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the agenda with the removal of County Administrator Item #8 – Design Services Authorization-Gym and Field Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Motion by Noah Covington and seconded by Gene Wallace to approve the July 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation: Proclamations were presented to the South Bryan County Swim Team for their accomplishments as “2019 GRPA Class A Swim Team State Champions”.

Shawn Rosenquist spoke as a public comment regarding his dissatisfaction of the tabling of the Bryan County Initiated Rezoning Requests.

Public Hearing – John Hopkins Preliminary Plat: One person spoke in favor of this request. Motion by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the John Hopkins Preliminary Plat. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Verdell Jones Rezoning: The applicant was present to speak on this request. Motion by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the rezoning request of Verdell Jones from AR-1 to R-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment-Article XI & XV: No one was present to speak on this item. This is a first reading, no action required at this time.

Amendment to Land Use Element of the Comp Plan: Motion by Noah Covington and seconded by Wade Price to approve Alternative #2 (Highway Corridor), we back up the corridor district to Frank Hendry Road, we add the crossroads designation to the Toni Branch Road area, we make sure we protect the Groover Hill area that is designated on Alternative #1, and include those properties under Rural Residential that were discussed prior to those two parcels zoned R-1 on Page Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Station #1 Site Work: Motion by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Gene Wallace to award the contract for the Fire Station #1 Site Work to Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$623,794.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Belvedere Road LAS Phase 2: Motion by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to award the contract for the Belvedere Road LAS Phase 2 to Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$711,250.98. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconstruction of Hendrix Road: Motion by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to award the contract for the reconstruction of Hendrix Road to R. B. Baker Construction in the amount of \$271,265.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of 2019 Millage Rate: Motion by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Wade Price to adopt the resolution adopting the 2019 “roll back” millage rate for Bryan County county-wide at 8.561 mils, the Board of Education millage rate at 15.075 and the school bond debt service at 1.50 for an aggregate sum of 25.136 county-wide. Motion carried unanimously.

Mutual Aid Agreement between Bryan County Fire Department and Claxton Fire Department: Motion by Noah Covington and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Claxton Fire Department and Bryan County Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding between Bryan County and Georgia Forestry Commission: Motion by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Forestry Commission and Bryan County Emergency Services (Fire Department). Motion carried unanimously.

GEFA Loan Modification: Motion by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Wade Price to approve the resolution and other necessary paperwork for the modification to the GEFA promissory note and loan agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Baker spoke under public comments regarding the need for a full time recreation center with open gym time for the youth of South Bryan County.

Christopher Martin spoke under public comments regarding his concerns over the Bryan County Initiated Rezoning being tabled for another two (2) months.

Adjournment: Motion by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.