

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – September 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in Pembroke. The following members were present: Chairman Carter Infinger, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Steve Myers, Commissioner Noah Covington, Commissioner Brad Brookshire and Commissioner Gene Wallace. 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.

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 August 2019 meetings. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Brad Brookshire to approve the minutes of the August 2019 meetings as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mandy Toole was recognized for winning the GRPA District 2 Carl Hager Award for Excellence in Recreation Programming. **Christina Herb** was recognized for winning the GRPA District 2 Thad Studstill Award for Excellence in Day to Day Operations. **South Bryan Recreation** was recognized for winning the GRPA District 2 Agency of the Year.

Audra Miller, Community Development Director, met with the board to discuss a **Zoning Ordinance Tax Amendment to Articles XI & XV**. This is a second reading. At the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 11, 2019, a request was presented for an applicant requesting a rezoning to “B-1” Neighborhood Commercial District or “B-2” General Commercial District to permit the use of a “hobby shop”. Generally, the term “hobby shop” describes a retail store, which sells recreational item for hobbyists; however, in speaking with the applicant, the intended use focused on the refurbishing of antique and/or collectible items. Neither this specific use, nor one similar enough to make a similar use interpretation, is currently contemplated within the zoning ordinance. Therefore, upon an action to rezone the property to “B-1”, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to proceed with a text amendment that would incorporate the requested use. In response to this, staff is proposing a text amendment to introduce and define a *Craftsman, contractor, or artisan workshop* as a permitted use within the “B-1” zoning district. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the text amendment as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

***LVAP Funding MOU** – The Bryan County LVAP Advisory Committee met and made recommendations for the 2020 fund distribution of LVAP Funds with 55% to the Atlantic Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Program; 15% to the Mary Lou Fraser Foundation-Helen’s Haven; 15% to Serenity Hill, Inc. (The Cottage); and 15% to Tri-County Protections Agency. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the recommendation of the LVAP Advisory Committee and authorize the staff to execute MOU’s to the above agencies for 2020 LVAP funding. Motion carried unanimously.

***Ambulance Remount** – Staff did an RFP for a Type 1 Ambulance Remount or Demo. Emergency Tactical Rescue Vehicles (ETR) had the highest score with 98 points out of 100 points based on 1) Design, performance, equipment & appearance (25 points); 2) Delivery Date (25 points); and 3) Fees for Services (50 points). Staff is recommending awarding of the contract to Emergency Tactical Rescue Vehicles (ETR) for an ambulance remount at \$194,328 along with a reimbursement resolution for funding. A motion was made by Brad Brookshire and seconded by Wade Price to approve staff to award a contract to Emergency Tactical Rescue Vehicles (ETR) in the amount of \$194,328 for a Type 1 Ambulance Remount and approve a reimbursement resolution for funding this. Motion carried unanimously.

***MOU with Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce** – Staff recommends approval of the MOU with the Richmond Hill Bryan County Chamber of Commerce. In this MOU, Bryan County will pay \$10,000 for a sponsorship to the Chamber for the “Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival” to promote tourism in Bryan County. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to authorize the county staff to execute the MOU with the Richmond Hill Bryan County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

***Design Services Authorization, Gym and Field Facility** – Staff recommends approval of the GMC Task work order #5 in the amount of \$590,750 for design services, architecture, and engineering. GMC scope includes: Landscape Architecture, Civil Site Engineering, Interior Design/FFE, Artist Site Signage Renderings, Construction Testing, Geotech and Site Surveying for the Henderson Park Gym and Soccer Complex. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to authorize county staff to execute the above task work order under Bryan County-GMC Master Services Contract in the amount of \$590,750 for design services, architecture, and engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Sehl, Jaclyn Arbogast, Amy Gamblin and Dr. Trinity Ingram-Jones spoke under public comments regarding the LVAP funding.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Steve Myers to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.