

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Commissioners Jeff Davis, Trae Kemp, Brenda Chain, Kevin Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. County Administrator Bryan Rogers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting and December 26, 2019 called meeting. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve the regular meeting and the December 26, 2018 called meeting. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was appointment of Chairman & Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made a motion to appoint Trae Kemp for Chairman and Jeff Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Brenda Chain opposed. Commissioners Jeff Davis, Kevin Tanner, and Jimmy Rogers voted in favor of Commissioner Kemp for Chairman. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to appoint Commissioner Brenda Chain for Vice-Chairman. Commissioners Kevin Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, and Trae Kemp voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Jeff Davis abstained.

The next item was Franchise Fee Resolution. Chairman Kemp stated Windstream had filed a notice with the Secretary of State's Office for a statewide franchise for providing cable services. Chairman Kemp also stated there is a need to adopt a state-wide cable franchise agreement that reflects a company applying in this manner. A charge of up to 5% of gross proceeds can also be charged which is the recommendation and consistent with other counties. Once the agreement is adopted, the agreement will be sent to the Secretary of State's Office. Chairman Kemp stated just because they request a franchise state wide does not mean they will be providing cable services in every county. Commissioner Chain made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was the approval for resurfacing various roads in the county including the County's 2019 LMIG projects. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated he received bids for the projects and Everette Dykes Grassing had the low bid of \$1,523,372.80. The Staff recommends Dykes Grassing. Commissioner Tanner made the motion to approve the bid for Dykes Grassing. Commissioner Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was Daniel Estates Subdivision: Mr. Rogers stated the subdivision was built approximately 8 years ago and it never took off until this year. Mr. Rogers stated there is approximately ½ mile of roads in the subdivision consisting of Daniel Estates Drive and Daniel Estates Lane. All roads were paved at the time the subdivision was developed and met the ordinance criteria. The developer is requesting the County accept the roads. Chairman Trae Kemp made a motion to accept the roads. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next was Creek Side Drive: Mr. Rogers stated this is the same situation as the Daniels Estate Subdivision. This subdivision was created in 2010 with several paved roads. However, Creek Side Drive is the only place houses were built. Mr. Rogers stated Creek Side Drive intersects with a county road and cul-de-sacs at the end. It meets the County criteria and there are several houses on it. Mr. Rogers informed the Commissioners that he does not recommend accepting any of the other paved roads in the subdivision at this time. Mr. Rogers stated Creek Side Drive is a little over ¼ mile in length. Commissioner Kemp made a motion to accept Creek Side Drive as a County maintained road. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Ms. Carolyn McCune made a comment that she believed Commissioner Brenda Chain should be put on more of the Committee boards.

Mr. Dennis Dobbins came before the Commissioners and had some issues with the Arthur Wolf Rd. He stated fiber glass from Valmira was falling off trucks in the roadway on its way to the landfill.

Superior Court Judge Donnie Gillis stated he would like the Commissioners to look at increasing the local supplement from for the Superior Court Judges from \$24,000 to \$40,000. Judge Gillis also stated he would like security gates to be put up under the basement of the courthouse.

Ms. Georgia James stated the dirt part of Ben Hall Lake road was still in bad shape.

Cherise Blackburn from the Land Bank Authority stated there will be a meeting at City Hall on January 22nd at 2:00 for people to learn more about the Land Bank Authority.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned.