

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Jimmy Rogers, Commissioners Gerad Mathis, Kevin Tanner, Trae Kemp, Brenda Chain, and County Administrator Bryan Rogers. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular meeting. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Purchase of Two Sets of Extrication Tools. Mr. Rogers explained that we received three quotes and the low price for each set is \$33,280. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Purchase of Two Sets of Extrication Tools. Commissioner Gerad Mathis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was a discussion/approval of the Language Access Plan for the CDBG Grant. This is a requirement of the CDBG grant that we have one in place to provide information about the project in multiple languages. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the Language Access Plan for the CDBG Grant. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Qualifying Fees for 2026 Election Cycle. The Board of Education is \$108.00, and Board of Commissioners is \$144.14. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Qualifying Fees as presented. Commissioner Brenda Chain second the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the District Attorney's Request to Amend the Budget to Retain Assistant DA Positions. Mr. Rogers explained that the grant had ran out that funded the positions, and to retain the positions would take an additional \$75,000 this fiscal year, with Laurens County's portion being \$49,500. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to amend the DA budget as presented. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Bid to Construct the EMS Substation. Mr. Rogers stated that five bids had been received on constructing the new station. Riley Contracting had the low bid at \$575,960. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the bid to construct the EMS Substation. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Appointment to the Landbank Authority. Michae Maffett had requested to come off the Landbank Authority. Commissioner Gerad Mathis made the motion to appoint Phil Bazemore to the Landbank Authority. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of Sikes Aviation Contract. Mr. Rogers explained that Jerry Sikes, our Maintenance FBO at the airport, said he was experiencing large increases in his insurance and would like to re-negotiate his contract at the end of this year. He is currently paid \$2,400 per month and keeps half of the call out fees. He would like to increase his monthly contract to \$3,400 per month and the County would keep all of the call out fees. Commissioner Gerad Mathis made the motion to approve the Sikes Aviation Contract. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval to continue Fiscal Agent Status for Family Connection. They are current with reimbursement. Commissioner Brenda Chain made the motion to approve the Fiscal Agent Status for Family Connection. Commissioner Gerad Mathis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval to Surplus a Sheriff Department Vehicle. The Sheriff wants to trade a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe he purchased out of the commissary account. Commissioner

Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the Surplus of Sheriff Department Vehicle. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Striping Proposal. Mr. Rogers stated that the County had compiled a list of approximately 32 miles of roads identified as needing striping. Mid-State Striping gave a price of \$99,750. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the striping proposal. Commissioner Gerad Mathis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Brenda Chain stated she would be running for re-election in District 1.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Veatrice Rozier stated that she would like to thank the commissioners for paving New Buckeye Road.

Willie Clover Jr. stated he would like to get Ralph Keen Ext. resurfaced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.