

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Chairman Jimmy Rogers, Commissioners Trae Kemp, Brenda Chain, Jeff Davis, and Kevin Tanner, County Administrator Bryan Rogers. County Attorney Billy Kight was absent. Chairman Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes and April 16, 2021 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and called meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Airport Usage as Support Point for National Guard during an Evacuation Event. We execute this agreement each year for use of our airport in the event of coastal evacuation. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to Approve Usage of Airport during Evacuation Event. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to renew the Building Lease for South Central Health District at 105 East Jackson St. They are presently leasing it. The lease amount is \$32,760 per year. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to renew the Building Lease. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Special Tax District at Loblolly Pines. The subdivision is located off Ashley Road. A meeting was held with landowners several weeks ago and there was overwhelming support to create the special tax district for five years in the amount of \$450 per year. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Special Tax District. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the Intergovernmental Sewer Agreement with City of Dublin. This agreement is to take the sewer water coming from our sewer line that originates at West Fraser and empties into the Dublin Sewer at the Rest Area on I-16. The agreement is for 50 years that renews every five years with a two-year cancellation notice. They will charge us the same rate as their city customers. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Sewer Agreement with City of Dublin. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carolyn McCune stated her concern about the broadband system. She wanted to know if Laurens County had applied for the broadband grant. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated that we have not because there are several options the county was exploring.

Vonda Morton stated her concern about the side mower cutting her trees during maintenance on April 12, 2021. Morton said the trees are basically family heirlooms as they were planted by her late great-uncle and were rooted from her great-grandfather's trees. She said the same thing happened four years ago. County Administrator Bryan Rogers reminded Ms. Morton that four years ago they were told that if they didn't want the County to cut the trees back, then she needed to keep them pruned back out of the right of way. After last month's incident, he and the county attorney went to look at the trees, and the trees were growing out into the ditch as they were last time. He said we run into this a lot, but at the same time, we have to maintain the right of ways. Chairman Rogers defended the county's work crews, saying "These people do a great job." Morton told the board that she has spoken to most Morton Drive residents and they would prefer to take the road back from the county.

Veatrice Rozier stated her concerns on New Buckeye Road. She said that she was concerned with the number of pot holes on the road. She explained that many years ago, members of her family

had been killed in an accident caused from pot holes and she did not want something like that to ever happen again.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.