

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 4, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Present were, Chairman Kevin Tanner, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Jimmy Rogers, Jeff Davis, Trae Kemp, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and County Attorney Billy Kight. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes and September 28, 2022 called meeting minutes. Commissioner Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and called meeting minutes. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of Airport Engineering Services. Every five years the Fed's require us to re-evaluate our airport engineers. We sent out RFQ's and interviewed firms that submitted information. Croy, our existing engineers, continues to do a great job. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve Croy Engineering as the Airport Engineering Services. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the discussion/approval of the Airport FBO Maintenance. Perry Aviation currently operates as the maintenance FBO at the airport. Jerry Sikes, who us a Laurens County resident and previously worked for Fred Houston, runs it for them. He desires to leave Perry Aviation and go out on his own at the airport. The name of the company will be Sikes Aviation. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the Airport FBO Maintenance. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of the New Hangar Construction. There is a spot designated for additional hangar construction. The County will need to build approximately a 100-foot driveway and should be able to accommodate 4 new hangars. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the New Hangar Construction. Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was the approval of Real Estate Purchase. The Board voted to purchase the Nelson Estate Property for \$165,000. This property will be used for a parking lot. Commissioner Jeff Davis made the motion to approve the Real Estate Purchase. Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Joanne Hilburn resigned from the Library Board due to her health. Patrick Thames would like to fill her position. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made a motion to approve Patrick Thames on the Library Board. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Veatrice Rozier stated her concerns of Buckeye Road and New Buckeye Road. She stated that both roads need to be resurfaced.

Myrtice Williams stated that Williams Road had ridges in it and when it rains, it washes out bad. She would like for it to be paved or put some gravel on it.

Carolyn McCune stated that the Development Authority stated that they want to improve economic development and improve technology. She would like for broadband to be expanded throughout the County. County Administrator Bryan Rogers responded that there are 3 companies running it to the rural areas.

Ashley Buckner stated that they would like for Creekside Drive to be turned back over to a private road. Everyone that lives on the road were in favor of it being private. Commissioner Trae Kemp made a motion to close Creekside Drive. Commissioner Jeff Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Lena Davis stated that the Brewton Lovett Collection Center needed some new bins. The ones out there are rusted and have holes in them. County Administrator Bryan Rogers stated that we have order some and they will be put out there.

Dana Raymer with Shamrock Animal Welfare League wanted to update the Commissioners on their spay and neuter program. Within the few weeks that they have had the money from the County, they have spayed and neutered 30 animals and gave them rabies shots. She thanked the Commissioners for the money.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.