

Bryan County Board of Commissioners – June 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in Richmond Hill. The following members were present: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, Commissioner Rick Gardner, Commissioner Wade Price, Commissioner Dallas Daniel, Commissioner Steve Myers, and Commissioner Noah Covington. Also present: County Administrator Ben Taylor, County Clerk Donna Waters, and County Attorney Lea Holliday.

Chairman Burnsed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Gardner. 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 presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **minutes** of the May 17, 2016 regular meeting. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the **consent agenda**. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Tax Refunds

*Real Property Appeal Refunds - \$6,871.78

*Motor Vehicle Appeal Refunds - \$413.00

A special presentation was made to **Pratt Lockwood** upon his **retirement** with 33+ years of service. He was presented with a proclamation proclaiming June 21, 2016 as Pratt Lockwood Day, as well as a crystal award and a photograph of himself signed by fellow employees. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the proclamation proclaiming June 21, 2016 as Pratt Lockwood Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Hewlett spoke with the board reference the need for **better staffing** for the Bryan County Fire Department. Ben Taylor gave a presentation on the continuing evolution of Bryan County Emergency Services and Fire/EMS services in Bryan County as compared to counties in our region.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to close the regular meeting to hold a **planning & zoning public hearing**. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **McAllister PUD Rezoning** – PUD # 172-16 – No one was present to speak on this rezoning request.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Wade Price to adjourn the public hearing and go back into regular session.

Eric Greenway, Planning Director, met with the board with Planning & Zoning issues.

1. **McAllister PUD Rezoning** – The property is located on Highway 144 near the Highway 144 Spur intersection and is approximately 55 acres. In January 2015 this property was rezoned from A-5 to an R-1 zone in order to develop a subdivision of approximately 110 lots. The

current developer of the property wishes to rezone this property into a PUD designation. The redesigned development will consist of single family lots. The Planning & Zoning Board and staff recommend approval with the condition that a community trail be constructed by the developer parallel to Highway 144 to the property line. A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Rick Gardner to deny the rezoning request for McAllister PUD Rezoning. Voting for: Myers, Gardner & Daniel. Voting against: Covington & Price. Motion carried. Rezoning request denied.

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

***Coastal Regional Commission Appointment** – The term for the Non-Public Representative for the Coastal Regional Commission Council is due for appointment. Currently serving in this capacity is Mr. Sean Register. Mr. Register has indicated that he would like to continue serving on the CRC Council. The tenure of this term runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Also serving on the Council is the Chairman (or elected designee) of each county commission in the region and the Mayor (or their elected designee) from the largest municipality in each county in the region. A motion was made by Noah Covington and seconded by Steve Myers to reappoint Mr. Sean Register to the Coastal Regional Commission Council as the Non-Public Representative for the term of July 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

***State Work Detail Agreement – Parks and Recreation Crew 1** – For the past several years, Bryan County has been contracting with the State of Georgia for the services of prison labor. It is time to renew this agreement. The agreement is for a ten offender detail and full-time correctional officer from the Women's Probation Detention Center in Claxton, Georgia. The detail performs manual labor tasks such as grounds management primarily in Hendrix Park and is under constant supervision of the assigned guard. This contract is a renewal of these services for the State's July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 budget year and has been budgeted for in the FY 2016 Bryan County Budget. The cost for this crew is \$39,500 annually.

***State Work Detail Agreement – Parks and Recreation Crew 2 & 3** – For the past several years, Bryan County has been contracting with the State of Georgia for the services of prison labor. The agreement is for two – ten offender details and each with a full-time correctional officer from Long State Prison in Long County, Georgia. The crews perform manual labor tasks such as grounds management primarily in our southern recreation parks and are under constant supervision of the assigned guard. This contract is a renewal of these services for the State's July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 budget year and has been budgeted for in the FY 2016 Bryan County Budget. The cost for these crews is \$79,000 annually.

***Effingham County Work Detail Agreement – Road Detail** – For the past several years, Bryan County has been contracting with Effingham County for the services of prison labor. The agreement is for an 8 to 12 offender detail and a full-time correctional officer from the Effingham County Prison Public Work Camp in Springfield, Georgia. The crew performs manual labor tasks for our roads department. This contract is a renewal of these services for Effingham County's July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 budget year and has been budgeted for in the FY 2016 Bryan County budget. The cost for this crew is \$46,646 annually.

A motion was made by Steve Myers and seconded by Noah Covington to approve the three (3) work detail agreements with the State of Georgia and Effingham County. Motion carried unanimously.

***Amendment to the Bryan County Purchasing Policy** – This amendment is a requirement for Georgia Department of Transportation LAP (Local Administered Project) Certification. This certification is required for most federally funded transportation projects. In our case, the I-95 interchange project creates the certification requirement for Bryan County. One of the aspects of certification is having a component of the local governments purchasing policy include policy components for competitive negotiation qualifications-based selection for projects using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding. This amendment satisfies that requirement. A motion was made by Rick Gardner and seconded by Steve Myers to approve the amendment to the Bryan County Purchasing Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wade Price and seconded by Noah Covington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.