

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2024

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Milton Harris, Commissioner Robert Peacock, Commissioner Cicero Latimore, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Milton Harris, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Commissioner Robert Peacock gave the invocation. Commissioner Peacock led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Latimore led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

Agenda approved as distributed, on motion of Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the March 5, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. none.

Reports:

Chamber of Commerce – Director Nicole Acree reported on the upcoming Chamber events as well as thanked the Board for their support with the Chamber Banquet in February. The upcoming Events includes the Strawberry Sizzlin Cook-off that will take place April 19 – April 26 featuring strawberry incorporated dishes from our local restaurants. The First Friday in May will be on the 3rd and will be Cinco de Mayo themed, we have partnered with Butler Fire Department for give-a-ways.

Development Authority – Mr. David McLeighton reported for the Development Authority for this quarter, NextAir Solar is still negotiating but should be moving forward in the next 30-60 days. Leeward Solar is bidding out the Solar project in late summer. Mr. McLeighton stated that Ms. Acree is working with Natalie Bradley at Flint to get a market gap report study completed at the 96/19 intersection to get information to

market the empty lots.

Amber Swann, Planning and Zoning – none

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of March there were 184 calls with 94 transports. Mr. Preston stated that for 2 weeks the texting was down which means that the 911 calls could not come through over text. After speaking with the E911 Center, they suggested an app called ActiveAlert. This app not only delivers the emergency messages, gives GPS directions, and has many other features (see attached EMT Report). The cost for the county to go with this would be about \$375 a year for 25 medics. Mr. Preston stated that several agencies have been looking at including body cams on their EMT's. However, they are looking at the legality due to HIPPA rules on patient privacy.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 11 calls for the month of March. The county has hired a full-time Fire Fighter, Tommy Hoffman, to work 9-6 and be available in a centrally located office to be able to be accessible and for a quicker response time to calls.

River Valley Regional Commission – Mr. Tom Queen gave the report from the latest RVRC meeting, there was a discussion on broadband coverage in the county, Taylor county has 60% broadband coverage with Public Service and Flint. The RVRC has 2 public surveys at the moment, a broadband and transit survey is available for the public to address concerns and find lack of coverage.

Unfinished business:

Hwy 208/19 RCUT DOT Proposal – The Commissioners do not like the idea of an RCUT, might consider something like a roundabout. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to “kill the idea” of the roundabout, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

New business:

LMIG Roads – This LMIG project will resurface Callahan Rd, Will Turner Rd, Pine Level Church Rd, and Mt Zion Church Rd, it will also include restriping Wilson Rd, Prosperity Church Rd, Wainwright Cemetery Rd, Buster Rd, Corbin Rd, and Feagin Rd. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to submit the roads listed for repaving and restriping for LMIG funds, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Purchase new Equipment for the Road Department – Ms. Queen stated that we had a volvo that cut brush on the side of the road, that has been out of service since the middle

of last year, we are selling a tiger cat and purchasing this excavator with a brush attachment. We received 3 quotes, each quote is for the same type of equipment with service contracts for 3 years included. The quotes are as follows:

CAT \$191,623 for CAT model 309

Perry Brothers \$104,411 for Sany model SY80U

CASE \$147,764 for CASE model CX75C

Ms. Queen stated that these excavators get pretty beat up working to clear brush and it makes sense to go with the cheapest option since each quote has the same warranty and service contract. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to approve the purchase from Perry Brothers, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latimore to enter Executive Session at 6:41pm, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Work session followed for the Budget FYE 06.30.2023.

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