

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2024

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Milton Harris, Vice Chairman Tameka Harris, Commissioner Randy Nelson, 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 Cicero Latimore gave the invocation. Commissioner T. Harris led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Nelson led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

The agenda was approved as distributed, on motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner T. Harris, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. None

Reports:

Amber Swann, Planning and Zoning – Ms. Swann stated that the lawyer for Purdue Farms which had come before the Board in 2022 with mobile chicken farms was on the agenda for the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on July 9th and has requested that the Board of Commissioners have a Special Called Meeting shortly after that. Ms. Queen stated that we will see what we can do about scheduling a meeting post July 10th. Ms. Swann brought a conditional use applicant Thorvold Hanson with Tickbird Farms before the Board, he has a 8 room lodge that he wishes to open and the land is rated Ag and needs to be rated for lodging, this was passed at the May 14th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting by a unanimous vote. The Lodge which is 4680 square feet with 8 rooms, each room has it's own bathroom attached, there are 2 septic tanks that service this building, with one well and the option to add an additional well if needed. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the conditional use application for the

Lodge, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of April there were 168 calls with 104 transports. See attached report for a letter of commendation for one of our EMS employees from Peach County.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 7 calls for the month of May. Our full-time employee, Tommy Hoffman has been going through each station getting a detailed inventory together.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely shared with the Board that we should allocate the LMIG funds from repaving Callahan Rd to a road that is more used with more residents on it. We have looked at a section of County Line Church Rd and Bickley Rd, the section of Bickley Rd will be building a base to make the dirt road better with erosion control, he has been in contact with Estes Ag Service which specializes in erosion control to get the best advice on how to proceed with the best route. A motion was made to reallocate the LMIG Funds to the best use by Commissioner T. Harris, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

The second thing was to replace a motor grader that had burned in the previous month, this is a purchase, not a lease as this is in the best interest of the county with a service contract. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the new motor grader, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Thirdly is Adopting a new Trash Turck Agreement, Ms. Queen stated that the best route will be to lease a trash truck, based on usage and wear and tear on the machine. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to allow Ms. Queen to move forward with the contract, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

River Valley Regional Commission – Commissioner T. Harris stated that we were awarded a EECBG Grant for improvements on the Courthouse, this is a \$150,000 grant to make energy efficient upgrades, this grant has a \$15,000 fee.

Unfinished business:

Review LMIG Changes – Garrett Bosely updated the Board during the Project Manager Updates.

Move Safes in the Courthouse – This was tabled from last month, while we have no objection to moving the safes, we will give the public 6 months to come forward if anyone has any objection.

New business:

Discuss FYE 6.30.25 Budget – Review Big Expenses & Financial Update – Ms. Queen shared the financial data that shows we have received the first SPLOST payment of \$122,419.59, the biggest increase to the budget was for salary and insurance. See attached for Itemized list of accounts.

Countywide Trash Proposal – Ms. Queen stated that the landfill company does not do door-to-door pick up so it would have to be contracted out, we can get some estimates and quotes, but discussed putting it on the November General Election Ballot. After a bit of discussion we will postpone a decision to put it on the ballot. Ms. Bass stated that the deadline for ballot submission is August 9th.

A motion was made by Commissioner T. Harris to enter Executive Session at 7:10pm, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm – no work session was held.

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