

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2024

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, September 12, 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 Randy Nelson, Commissioner Cicero Latimore, and County Manager Amanda Queen.

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 Nelson led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

The agenda was approved as distributed without changes, on motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the August 6, 2024, Regular Meeting was approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Latimore, 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 –no report

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of August there were 170 calls with 120 transports. Mr. Preston shared that the department has received a grant that will pay for a First Responder class that we plan on starting in January 2025.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 10 calls for the month of August. The fuel cost for the month was \$593.19. We have 2 new certified Fire Fighter 1, Brandon Bell and Avery Character.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely shared with the Board for the Courthouse beautification project, we had an arborist come in to test all the trees. All the oak trees are dead, only the walnut tree is good, we are planning to remove all the trees in October.

We had planned the ceiling and exterior repairs to be \$40,000, it is looking like it will be closer to \$65,000.

There was a fire at the Department of Public Health, which is a county owned building, it started with a ceiling exhaust fan in the bathroom.

River Valley Regional Commission – No Report.

Unfinished business:

CAT Leases – Ms. Queen stated that we have already approved the lease, however if we sign before September 20th, it will be less than originally agreed upon. The lease would drop to \$5,141.20 a month. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to proceed with the lease for the discount, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

New business:

Sign Agreement with Architect – Ms. Queen stated this is the agreement to hire the A2Arts group for the project at the Recreation Department.

Sign HEADSTART Lease – Ms. Queen stated that there is an agreement to make \$24,810 in payments to pay last year and this year. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to sign the Lease with HEADSTART, Commissioner Nelson seconded, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Sign Resolution for Road Sign – Ms. Queen stated that this is to turn in to GDOT for the “No Engine Breaking” sign in Mauk on 90 W. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Sign Authorizing Resolution for Transit – Ms. Queen stated this is to get grants and funding.

Software Update Expenses – Ms. Queen stated that the Tax Assessor’s software will be going away in June of 2025 and will need a replacement. And she is looking for new accounting software.

Appeal Sales Ratio Study for Tax Assessors – The state’s sales ratio study for the

county's tax assessors is mandated to be 40%, and Taylor County is at 33.64%. Jason Sapp, the county's Chief Tax Assessor, said the county's rate is actually closer to 40% and is asking for permission to appeal the state's rate in order to keep our millage rate down. Commissioner Latimore made a motion for the tax assessor to appeal the state's rate, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:18pm by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

No further information was provided.

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