

**Lanier County Board of Commissioners
Called Meeting - Open Session Minutes
October 9, 2018 at 9:00A.M.**

Annex Building, 162 W. Thigpen Avenue, Lakeland, GA 31635

Commissioners Present

Chairman Alex Lee, Commissioner Dennis Fender, Commissioner Susan Bowling, and Commissioner Paul Brockington

Others Present: County Administrator Neil Ginty, County Clerk Patti Bass, County Attorney Suzanne Mathis

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

Scott Fountain gave the invocation and Chairman Lee led in the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda was presented before the Board, County Administrator Neil Ginty recommended to move EMA Director Randy Patten to #6 in the Agenda due to the storm. Commissioner Fender made a motion to amend #6 of the agenda; Commissioner Bowling seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chairman Lee presented the September meeting minutes with the name change correction for approval. Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to accept and Commissioner Fender seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Old Business

- Winning Bid on the 1998 Fire Truck – one bid submit, winning bid was for \$10,000 to Ronnie Kent.

New Business

- EMA Director Randy Patten gave an update on the storm and advised he is corresponding with resources for storm readiness. Chairman Lee inquired about the documentation needed from those Departments that will be participating. EMA Director Patten advised documentation of work prior to and through storm clean -up.
- Fire Chief Gary Yeomans advised the 1996 Ford F350 vehicle will be stripped and removed from the fleet.
- Fire Chief Yeomans advised he is considering purchase of an E-One Pumper that appears to be in great shape and he is making arrangements to preview it for purchase. Chairmen Lee asked the price of this truck, Chief Yeomans advised \$55,000. Chief Yeomans advised he has looked at a couple trucks but this is his preferred vehicle. Chairman Fender asked if he will be going to inspect this vehicle prior to purchase and Chief Yeomans advised he would. Chairman Lee asked for a motion to sell one vehicle and purchase a replacement. Commissioner Fender made a motion and Commissioner Bowling seconded the motion all were in favor.

Administrative Report

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of the lowest bids received for the ballpark was 1.8 million and gave a recommendation to deny all bids and look at more reasonable pricing. Chairman Lee asked for a motion to deny all bids. Commissioner Bowling made a motion to deny and Commissioner Fender seconded the motion all were in favor.
- County Administrator Ginty advised the November Board meeting will be on Tuesday due to Veterans Day on Monday.

- County Administrator Ginty shared the resignation of our Lanier County Extension Coordinator Rachel Hubbard from Lanier County Extension Office. The Board thanked Ms. Hubbard for her years of service and congratulated her on her new appointment. Ms. Hubbard shared her appreciation to the board and advised the service will continue.
- County Administrator Ginty recognized 4-H, expressing appreciation during National 4-H week.
- County Administrator Ginty recognized Vicky Croft on her attention to Banks Lake Outpost; the facility is being kept up exceptionally well. Administrator Ginty also recognized Buddy Joe Browning for his attention to the welcome sign area coming in to the West entrance of Lakeland.

Financial Report

- County Clerk Patti Bass gave the financial report. Revenues are at 6.97% and Expenses are at 21.83%. County Attorney inquired about the Public Defenders funds and County Administrator Ginty advised those funds have been brought current. County Administrator Ginty advised we are not pleased with the information this report is providing and we are working with Harrison on more informative reporting and /or software. County Attorney Mathis expressed she is not in favor of monthly reports and that County Offices are not revenue generating. County Administrator Ginty advised the goal is to have a more tangible track of revenues to reflect against revenues that are projected. Chairman Lee added the report itself is lacking for budget purposes and recommends an improved report.

Department Reports

EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain

- EMS District Commander Scott Fountain gave the EMS report for September. There were 151 9-1-1 calls for the month. Of the 151 calls, there were 84 transports to SGMC Main campus; 16 to SGMC Lanier campus; 1 to Tift Regional Medical Center; 1 to the Landing zone, (air lift); and 2 transports to other locations. Commander Fountain wanted to thank the Fire Department for their assistance with calls; they have been very supportive of EMS. Commander Fountain relayed the absence of a 24-hour truck and the impact of this position and importance of mutual aide. Commander Fountain advised this responder might be out indefinitely.

Fire Department Report – Chief Gary Yeomans

- Fire Chief Gary Yeomans gave the Fire Department report for September. There were twenty-two calls. Of the twenty-two calls, fourteen were in the county and eight were in the city. All county calls qualified for pay totaling \$2,175.00. Fire Chief Yeomans asked about assistance with the Firefighter grant and County Administrator Ginty advised Chief Yeomans to get him some information on the grant.

Road Department Report – Superintendent Bob Moore

- Fire Chief Gary Yeomans reported that Road Department Superintendent Bob Moore was unavailable to attend due to the storm.

Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson

- Park Director Will Watson reported that Tackle Football has begun and they have a couple Football Jamborees schedules with neighboring counties. Director Watson also shared a Bulldog Bowl is scheduled for November 10th and Soccer and Flag Football is starting up. Director Watson also

advised Park Assistant Kallie Ragan would be at the park on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays assisting with clerical responsibilities.

Family Connections – Amy Sanders

- Family Connections Director Amy Sanders distributed the October Family Connections Calendar. Director Sanders advised the Poverty Simulator had to be cancelled. Director Sanders advised Program director Rachel Hubbard has advised she will assist Family Connections to ensure the simulator will continue.

Citizen Comments

None

With no further business in Chairman Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Bowling made a motion and Commissioner Fender seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Alex Lee, Chairman



Patti Bass, County Clerk