

**Lanier County Board of Commissioners**  
**Scheduled Meeting - Open Session Minutes**  
**January 14, 2019 at 9:00A.M.**  
**Annex Building, 162 W. Thigpen Avenue, Lakeland, GA 31635**

**Commissioners Present**

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

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, Commissioner Dennis Fender made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.

Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to accept the December minutes, Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to accept the minutes, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of eight vehicles on the list for surplus: Three 2008 Dodge Chargers, four 2008 Crown Victorias and one 2007 Crown Victoria from the Sheriff's Office fleet. One 2007 Crown Victoria from the Tax Assessors office. Commissioner Neil Ginty advised the board of a metal carport for Surplus at Westside Fire Department. Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion, Commissioner Paul Brockington made a motion to surplus the eight vehicles and metal shed, Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty reminded the board of the two vacancies on the Library Board. The notice will run again in the county organ.
- County Clerk Patti Bass presented the board with the current Personnel Management Handbook and recommendations for the boards review.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty asked for approval to accept the Land and Water Grant Resolution with the noted change. Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to approve the Resolution, Commissioner Dennis Fender made a motion to accept the Resolution and Commissioner Hank Smith seconded, all were in favor.

**Administrative Report**

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of a meeting with Paul Randall from the Insurance Service Office to discuss ratings and the effect on our insurance rates.

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of a visit scheduled with Cory Hull from South Georgia Regional Commission on the twenty-ninth of January to discuss services Regional Development offers and ways that Lanier County could take advantage of those services.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised that Darrell Moore with Valdosta State University, Center for Regional Impact would be at the Chamber on the fifteenth of January at two o'clock.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of the contract renewal with Advanced Disposal, that contract is up for renewal in June.

## **Financial Report**

- County Clerk Patti Bass gave the financial report. Income is lower than projected and Expenses are at 52.18%

## **Department Reports**

### **Emergency Management Services – District Commander Scott Fountain**

- EMS District Commander Scott Fountain gave the report for December. There were 166 9-1-1 calls for the month. Of the 166 calls, there were 103 transports to SGMC Main campus; 16 to SGMC Lanier campus; 2 to SGMC Berrien Campus; 3 to Lakeland Villa; 4 to the Landing zone, (airlift); 1 to Clinch Memorial Hospital and 4 transports to other locations.

### **Fire Department – District Chief Gary Yeomans**

Fire Chief Gary Yeomans gave the Fire Department report for December. There were eighteen fire calls. Of the eighteen calls, seven were in the county. All county calls qualified for pay totaling \$1775.00.

### **Road Department – Superintendent Bob Moore**

- Superintendent Bob Moore was absent.
- **Emergency Management – Director Randy Patten**  
Emergency Management Director Randy Patten advised the board of upcoming education opportunities for elected officials. Director Patten had recently attended search and rescue training and he would like to bring that class to Lanier County. Director Randy Patten advised he would like to form a collaborative for road projects down the road utilizing resources from GEMA.

### **Parks Recreation – Director Will Watson**

- Park & Recreation Director Will Watson advised the park board is to meet on January thirty-first. Park Director Watson informed shared that the Lanier County softball field was awarded 2018 Softball field of the year.

- **Family Connections – Amy Sanders - absent**

## **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.

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Alex Lee, Chairman

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Patti Bass, County Clerk