

Lanier County Board of Commissioners
Called Meeting - Open Session Minutes
August 16, 2018 at 5:30PM
Annex Building, 162 W. Thigpen Avenue, Lakeland, GA 31635

Commissioners Present

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

Others Present: County Administrator Neil Ginty, County Clerk Tina Register, EMA Director Randy Patten, Fire Chief Gary Yeomans, Chuck Jones, Tony Giddens, Lewis Chester, Benny Kennedy – Valdosta Fire Department, Lanier McCurdy, Kellie McCrae and Lanier County News Reporter Carol Moore.

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Fender gave the invocation and Chairman Lee led in the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda was presented before the Board. Commissioner Brockington made a motion to accept the agenda; Commissioner Bowling seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Task Force

- ISO Rating

County Administrator Neil Ginty led discussion regarding the formation of a Task Force to assist with the ISO rating issue. Tony Giddens, City Councilman, reported on behalf of the City of Lakeland regarding the formation of the Task Force. Councilman Giddens indicated that the City would like to form the Task Force in conjunction with the Lanier County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Alex Lee gave his support of the Task Force. Much discussion ensued regarding details of the Task Force inclusive of comments from Fire Chief Gary Yeomans, Valdosta Fire Department Fire Fighter Benny Kennedy, and Lanier McCurdy of Farm Bureau Insurance. The Task Force would consist of four to six members, community business leaders; with the City and County having equal membership. Upon formation of the Task Force, a reporting mechanism needs to be established to report the results of the Task Force to both the City and the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brockington to join the City of Lakeland to form the above mentioned Task Force; Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

With no further business in Open Session, Chairman Lee adjourned the meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Brockington to adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters; Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Alex Lee, Chairman



Tina Register, County Clerk