

**Lanier County Board of Commissioners
Scheduled Meeting - Open Session Minutes
January 13, 2020 9:00 A.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 Attorney Suzanne Mathis, County Clerk Patti Bass
Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

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

The agenda was presented to the Board, Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to amend the Agenda with the addition of Item IV.A Special-Exception – Public Hearing for Zoning. Commissioner Paul Brockington made a motion to accept the agenda with the noted amendment, Commissioner Hank Smith seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to accept the minutes , Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.

The meeting was closed for the Special Exception Public Hearing.

Sherry Davidson with South Georgia Regional Commission discussed changes involved with the adding of a cell tower on Withers Road. Chairman Lee asked for a show of hands in favor of the tower request, there was a show of hands, Chairman Lee asked for a show of hands if anyone was opposed, there were no show of hands.

Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to accept the Tower, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded the motion, all were in favor. The Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

Old Business:

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of pricing for speed bumps to be re-installed at Millpond Place. At this time, the speed bumps will be shopped out again.
- Intergovernmental Agreement between Lanier County Board of Commissioners and the Development Authority to levy and collect Ad-Valorem taxes. This will be tabled.
- Mr. James Bradford was present at the meeting; Mr. Bradford presented a petition to close a portion of Nass-Hendley Road.
- Mr. Dennis Hendley addressed the board with concerns of the Nass Hendley Road closure.
- A Public Hearing will be held Monday February 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- Mr. Lou Hockel addressed the board with concerns of dogs barking in his neighborhood.

New Business:

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of upcoming Elections Qualifying fees. Commissioner Paul Brockington made a motion to accept the fees, Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty introduced Mr. Jerome Wooten, Mr. Wooten will be volunteering out at Banks Lake.

- **Administrative Report**

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of the Okefenokee Occasion in Atlanta, Georgia January 15, 2020.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of the Chamber Banquet, January 23, 2020.
- Elections Supervisor Josh Black spoke to the board concerning new improvements with Elections.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of the Georgia State Rail Plan meeting in Macon, Georgia.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the next board meeting is Monday, February 10, 2020.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the Courthouse would be closed on Monday January 20, 2020 in observance of the Holiday.

Financial Report


- County Clerk Patti Bass reported revenue is at 24.48% and expenses are at 61.23%.

Department Reports

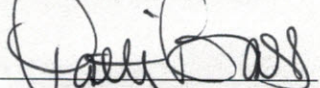
- **EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain** – 156 dispatch calls, 141 patients transported. Commander Fountain reported on a Farm Medic class he recently attended and how beneficial that training was.
- **Fire Department Report – Chief Gary Yeomans**
Fire Chief Gary Yeomans reported eleven calls; eight for the county, county salaries were \$1,575.00.
- **Road Department Report –Superintendent Bob Moore** -absent
- **EMA - EMA Director Randy Patten** –County Administrator Neil Ginty introduced Bennie Kennedy who is filling in for EMA.
- **Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson** – Recreation Basketball is underway and spring softball and baseball signup has begun.

Citizen Comments - none

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



Alex Lee, Chairman



Patti Bass, County Clerk