

Lanier County Board of Commissioners
Scheduled Meeting - Open Session Minutes
February 10, 2020 9:00 A.M.
Annex Building, 162 W. Thigpen Avenue, Lakeland, GA 31635

Commissioners Present

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Hank Smith

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

The agenda was presented to the Board, Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to amend the Agenda with the addition of Item IIIA Public Hearing for Zoning. Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to accept the agenda with the noted amendment, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded, all were in favor.

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

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

Old Business:

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board he has found acceptable speed bumps that range from \$150.00 - \$200.00 each and he will proceed with the order.
- Intergovernmental Agreement between Lanier County Board of Commissioners and the Development Authority to levy and collect Ad-Valorem taxes. This will be tabled.

New Business:

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board the Development Authority recommends the appointment of Brian Sirmans and Dana Fender to the Development Authority. Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to appoint Brian Sirmans and Dana Fender to the Development Authority Board, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board in order to proceed with the 2020 CDBG Grant the board must identify any "Conflict of Interest". Chairman Alex Lee declared there is no known Conflict of Interest and asked for a motion to continue with the application. Commissioner Dennis Fender made a motion to proceed with the CDBG application, Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.
- **Administrative Report**
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board he attended Okefenokee Occasion in Atlanta, Georgia January 15, 2020.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board he had received an annual report from A&D Probation Services and there is a copy of the report in their packets.

- County Administrator Neil Ginty recognized Chairman Alex Lee for being nominated as Flatlander of the year.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty recognized Sheriff Nick Norton for his appointment to the Community Supervision Board.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised he met with Wendy Moore and Bob Jones last week they are planning Centennial Celebrations for Lanier County.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty recognized the K & E Club members for a great dinner and expressing their gratitude for the Board's assistance with improvements to the building.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board Chairman Alex Lee and County Clerk Patti Bass have been selected to attend the Georgia Academy for Economic Development.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised himself, Chairman Alex Lee and Commissioner Dennis Fender attended the Georgia State Rail Car meeting.
- Elections Supervisor Josh Black spoke to the board concerning new improvements with Elections to include the server and preparing testing on the machines. County Administrator Neil Ginty advised Mayor Bill Darsey has volunteered to pave the parking area for the Elections office.
- 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, March 09, 2020 at 5:30p.m.

At this time the board meeting was closed and the Public Hearing was opened. After consideration, there was no action taken to close Nass Henley Road due to public objection.

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Financial Report

- County Clerk Patti Bass reported revenue remains under budget and expenses are at 71%.

Department Reports

- **EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain** – 174 dispatch calls, 126 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 thirty-three calls; twenty-three for the county, county salaries were \$3,850.00.
- **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. Mr. Kennedy mentioned the need for barricades.
- **Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson** –absent

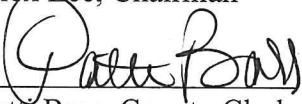
Citizen Comments –

Mr. JC Riley inquired about millings for Foreman Cemetery, this will be addressed.

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