

**Lanier County Board of Commissioners**  
**Scheduled Meeting - Open Session Minutes**  
**May 11, 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, Commissioner Dennis Fender and Commissioner Hank Smith.

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

Absent: Commissioner Paul Brockington

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

The agenda was presented to the Board, Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to accept the Agenda.

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

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

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

**Old Business:**

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised he is still looking at the Smith Dairy Road paving request and advised a road workshop will be planned.

**New Business:**

- Ms. Sarah Clarity and Mr. Michael Lusk from U.S. Fish and Wildlife gave an update on renovations to Banks Lake.
- Mr. Zach Hallam addressed the board with a Wildfire Proposal.
  
- **Administrative Report - County Administrator Neil Ginty**
  - Elections Supervisor Josh Black gave an update on Early Voting.
  - County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the board of two vacancies on the Development Authority Board. Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to appoint Mike Lee and Karil Brockington to the board. Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.
  - County Administrator Neil Ginty shared approval from Representative James Burchett to move forward with a Local Urban Development Authority.
  - County Administrator Neil Ginty advised he would like to plan a Budget Workshop. The Workshop was planned for June 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
  - County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the next board meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

## Financial Report

- County Clerk Patti Bass reported income is at 61.6% and expenses are at 92.1%.

## Department Reports

- **EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain** – absent.
- **Fire Department Report – Chief Gary Yeomans**  
Fire Chief Gary Yeomans reported twenty-four calls; sixteen for the county, county salaries were \$2,925.00 for March. Chief Yeomans reported fourteen for April; eight in the county, county salaries was \$4,125.00.
- **Road Department Report – Superintendent Bob Moore** -absent
- **EMA – Acting EMA Director Bennie Kennedy** –Mr. Bennie Kennedy advised of siren quotes and possible grants.
- **Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson** –discussed spring sports and cancellations due to the current COVID 19.

## Citizen Comments

Ms. Eileen Jenkins thanked the Fire Department for their service. Ms. Jenkins inquired about the current waste disposal contract and issues she has encountered with the current vendor.

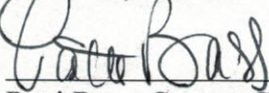
Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion to return to regular session, Commissioner Susan Bowling seconded, all were in favor.

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