

**Lanier County Board of Commissioners
Scheduled Meeting - Open Session Minutes**

June 8, 2020 5:30 P.M.

Annex Building, 162 W. Thigpen Avenue, Lakeland, GA 31635

Commissioners Present: 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: Chairman Alex Lee

Commissioner Paul Brockington called the meeting to order.

The agenda was presented to the Board, Commissioner Brockington asked for a motion to accept the Agenda. Commissioner Dennis Fender made a motion to accept the agenda, 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.

Commissioner Dennis Fender gave the invocation and Commissioner Paul Brockington led in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- County Attorney Suzanne Mathis presented a resolution for Tax Commissioner Rebecca Rampey. The Resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-146 will permit the Tax Commissioner to receive checks for payment of taxes and license fees. Commissioner Dennis Fender made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hank Smith seconded, all were in favor.
- Tax Assessor Jessica Holbrook presented a Freeport Exemption application to be placed on the 2021 Ballot. Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to accept the application, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded, all were in favor.
- Tax Assessor Jessica Holbrook asked for reappointment of Ryan Yancey to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to approve reinstatement, Commissioner Hank Smith seconded, all were in favor.
- **Administrative Report - County Administrator Neil Ginty**
 - Elections Supervisor Josh Black gave an update on Voting, and invited all to visit the Polls.
 - County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the work on the Banks Lake Trail is 95% complete.
 - County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the next Budget Workshop is June 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
 - County Administrator Neil Ginty asked to plan a called meeting in hopes to adopt the 2021 Budget. The meeting is scheduled for Friday June 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the next board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and Regional Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th at 8:30a.m. This will be the Kickoff for the Comprehensive Plan.

Financial Report

- County Clerk Patti Bass reported income is at 101.8% and expenses are at 109.8%.

Department Reports

- **EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain** – absent.
- **Fire Department Report – Chief Gary Yeomans**
Fire Chief Gary Yeomans reported twenty-eight calls; eighteen for the county, county salaries were \$3,575.00.
- **Road Department Report –Superintendent Bob Moore** –Superintendent Bob Moore reported the roads are 95% situated; foresee more issues to come with the rain.
- **EMA – Acting EMA Director Bennie Kennedy** –Mr. Bennie Kennedy gave an update on grants.
- **Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson** –absent

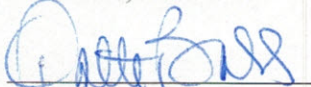
Citizen Comments:

Mr. Chad Williford addressed the board with a request to approve operation of ATV's on County Roads. Multiple citizens expressed their interest in this matter, the Board will look further into this matter.

With no further business, Commissioner Paul Brockington 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