

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

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

The agenda was presented to the Board, Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of personnel to Executive and Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded, all were in favor.

Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to accept the June 8, 2020 scheduled meeting minutes, Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion to accept the minutes, Commissioner Hank Smith seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Public Hearing:

Ms. Sherry Davidson from South Georgia Regional Commission opened the Land Use Request Hearing. Ms. Davidson presented the Land Change Request after much discussion the request was tabled for further review. The Hearing was rescheduled for July 24, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Ms. Robyn Keller shared concerns of dangerous dogs in her neighborhood.
- Ms. Stacy Jones with Animal Control requested an amendment to the current Ordinance to provide specific guidelines for dangerous dogs. County Attorney Suzanne Mathis will review O.C.G.A. regarding vicious dogs.

Administrative Report

- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised there are concerns regarding weight limits be imposed on County Roads. This will be looked at further.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty shared the draft Vision 2045 for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The draft will be published online.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty confirmed the city ISO rating is a 6 and counties ISO rating is a 6X under the new classification scale. The County was classified at a 9 under the former classification scale. County commissioner Hank Smith recommended we look at a County Fire Department.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty recommended we look at implementing additional rules for securing public facilities.

- County Administrator Neil Ginty shared the Annual Child Abuse and Child Fatality Reports. The number of investigations for Lanier County have risen.
- County Administrator Neil Ginty advised the speed bumps have been ordered for Banks Lake point.
- The next Commissioners meeting is August 10, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

Financial Report

- County Clerk Patti Bass reported expenses are at 110.6% and revenue is at 97.5%.

Department Reports

- **EMS Report – District Commander Scott Fountain** reported 131, 911 calls, 98 transported.
- **Fire Department Report – Chief Gary Yeomans**
Fire Chief Gary Yeomans reported 27 calls, 15 in the county. The county salaries for the month is \$2,875.00.
- **Road Department Report –Superintendent Bob Moore**
Superintendent Bob Moore advised they are mowing and maintaining roads.
- **EMA - EMA Director Randy Patten**
EMA Director Bennie Kennedy advised he is preparing a COVID 19 funds request.
- **Parks Recreation – Park Director Will Watson - absent**

Citizen Comments - none

Executive:

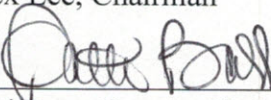
Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to go into Executive, Commissioner Hank Smith made a motion, Commissioner Dennis Fender seconded, all were in favor.

Chairman Alex Lee asked for a motion to exit Executive Session, Commissioner Susan Bowling made a motion, Commissioner Hank Smith seconded, all were in favor.

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



Alex Lee, Chairman



Patti Bass, County Clerk