

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2024

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Milton Harris, Vice Chairman Tameka Harris, Commissioner Robert Peacock, Commissioner Randy Nelson, Commissioner Cicero Latimore, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Milton Harris, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Commissioner Cicero Latimore gave the invocation. Commissioner Peacock led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Nelson led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

The agenda was approved as distributed without changes, on motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting; June 13, 10 a.m. Budget Hearing; June 13, 6 p.m. Budget Hearing; June 20, Special Called Meeting were all approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris, and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Anthony Gerke – Mr. Gerke addressed the Board about concerns he had regarding his well, water level, and the Fall Line Club water and sewage. Mr. Bert Guy was in attendance to represent Fall Line Club. Mr. Gerke stated that he moved to his home in Mauk in 2017, had a 170' well dug, however during the drought his water level was below his pump. Commissioner Nelson stated that in communities all over in farming, irrigation is always used, water tables always refill. Mr. Guy stated that the amount of research that went into the planning, the water table studies, the land area, they received their water permits from the state. The golf course monitors the water table and gives data that the water levels recover in 2 hours. Mr. Guy addressed the community concerns over the sewage. It is a treatment plant that is a drip release, not a sprayed system. It will drip through 170 feet of pure sand that will purify it above the aquifers. He assured Mr. Gerke that they will be good neighbors and they left the room to discuss further the concerns further as this is a neighborly issue between land-owners and not a county issue.

Reports:

Amber Swann, Planning and Zoning – Ms. Swann brought 2 conditional use applications before the board, the first one was deferred by the Planning and zoning board, which is located at 223 JW Miller Rd. The second was Purdue farms mobile chicken farms. Steven Jones, lawyer representing Purdue, spoke with the Board regarding the mobile chicken houses, what it entails, how it affects the land, the one currently located on Ed Davis Rd is very successful, the operator was available to answer any questions that the Commissioners had. The lawyer addressed the concerns about the land buffer from chicken houses and surrounding homes. Which they are purchasing the closest home so it will not be a factor. See the attached presentation for further details. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to approve the conditional use application for Purdue farms for the mobile chicken houses on William Woodall Rd in Mauk. Seconded by Commissioner T. Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of June there were 147 calls with 84 transports. The new Ambulance is completed and in use, Mr. Preston had brought it to the meeting for the Commissioners and community could view it. Mr. Preston stated that research with Mr. Davis covering the requirements for the EMT body cams and we are ready to move forward with this. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion for the EMS department to get body cams, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 7 calls for the month of June. The fuel cost for the month was \$1023.48. Mr. Byrd stated that the event “America’s Night out Against Crime” will be August 3, Saturday at 10:30am – 12:30pm in Reynolds.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely shared with the Board 4 things. First, approving the bids for LMIG, Robinson Paving was the only company that bid, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the Robinson Paving bid, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. The second item is utilizing an online mapping system – GIS in partnership with RVRC this will be placed on our website and will be able to pinpoint issues better. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to approve the GIS software fee of \$2500, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. The Third item is setting up an auction for some equipment at Roads and Bridges that need to be disposed of, these are working items, just no longer have a need to keep them. Commissioner Nelson asked if there will be a set reserve just in case we don’t get good bids on an item. Mr. Bosely stated yes, this will be a silent auction and all items will

have a set reserve price. The auction will happen late August and will be placed on the website, and will take place at the Roads and Bridges department.

The fourth item, we have received a proposal from Perry Brothers for our gas provider and will be a contract, currently what we are doing is ordering when low, but this contract will include tank monitoring, they will provide equipment and maintenance, guaranteed supply, we just need to sign a contract. The commissioners asked about the length of the contract and initial pricing. Mr. Bosely will get the information and report back on the requested information.

River Valley Regional Commission – No Report.

Unfinished business:

NEXTERA Solar – Nicole Acree with the Development Authority stated that the MOU has been sent to Eddie Davis. Mr. Davis stated that everything looks okay.

Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the 50% tax abatement MOU for Nextera Solar Goat Rock Solar location, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Approve Architect for Gymnasium Project – River Valley is doing this project and there are two options, G2Arts Group and Carter & Sloup. Ms. Queen stated that G2Arts Group was the cheaper option. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to approve the architect G2Arts Group, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

New business:

Appoint Board Member to Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare – Ms. Mattie Davis's term is expiring and wishes to serve again. This is a 3-year term. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to appoint Ms. Mattie Davis to the Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare Board, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor and none opposed.

The following was not on the agenda but brought up by County Manager Ms. Queen.

Appoint Member to the DFACS Board – Ms. Queen stated that Joy Albritton is up for re-appointment. The DFACS Board is a 5-year term. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to re-appoint Joy Albritton to the DFACS Board, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:32pm by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

A worksession followed the regular meeting.
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