

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Ronnie Gaskins, called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Commissioners John Nugent, Pixie Harrod and Jimmy Parker. Commissioner Robert Griner was absent due to Hurricane Debby

Invocation: Commissioner Jimmy Parker

Pledge: Commissioner Pixie Harrod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the July 2, 2024 Regular Session Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: - Special Exception – Wedding Venue – Williard & Catherine Bowen – Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to move into Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Bowen addressed the board and presented her plans to develop a wedding venue at 614 Blue Sow Branch Ln. Nashville, GA 31639. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the special exception. Commissioner Harrod told Ms. Bowen that it is a private lane and that the county does not maintain it. She said she is well aware of that. The Chairman asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak against it. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to move out of public hearing and back into regular session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

INVITED GUEST:

- Andy Owens – Stat Ambulance of GA – Mr. Owens and Mr. Greg Myers asked the board for their blessings in bringing Stat Ambulance of GA to Berrien County. They will be stationed out of Alapaha. Mr. Myers made it clear that they were not here to compete with Berrien County EMS and that they are a service that will be offering transports and available for mutual aid assistance. They also offered to provide an ambulance for ball games at no charge.
- Tami Owens – Aulie Gaskins Rd. – Ms. Owens did not come to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SPECIAL EXCEPTION – WEDDING VENUE – BOWEN – Administration received a request for a special exception for a wedding venue located at 614 Blue Sow Branch Ln. Nashville, GA. The Planning Commission is recommending approval. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ROAD SUPPLIES – ROAD DEPT. – Administration received a request to purchase traffic barrels. The purchase is through a safety grant with no match. There is one quote from Red Bud Supply in the amount of \$1,818.00. This is a 100% grant through ACCG. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

C. FBO PROJECT – PHASE II – AIRPORT – Administration received a request from the Airport Authority to request funding for Phase II of the FBO Project. They are requesting \$21,750.00 which will complete the project. Quotes were received as follows:

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| Larry Robinson (Mechanical Building) | \$6,000.00 |
| • Replace Shingle Roof on building, replace two sheets of rotten decking, replace rotten fascia board, pressure wash and paint building | |
| Larry Robinson - Paint light tower (sand and paint) | \$2,100.00 |
| 12X24 carport structure (curtesy car) | \$3,850.00 |
| Signage | \$ 800.00 |
| Landscaping | \$1,000.00 |
| Design & Supervise Fee for Clinton Ray | \$8,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$21,750.00 |

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve Phase II of the FBO Project using TSPLOST 25% Discretionary Funds, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

Ben Warren, Public Works Director, stated that someone needs to look at the runway. Its in terrible shape. County Administrator said that the Airport Engineers were contacted and are scheduled to come look at it.

D. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AGREEMENT – SGRC – Administration is requesting board approve an Agreement with South GA Regional Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Update. This is a required update. The Agreement is for the mapping of the Land Use Section. It is the County’s responsibility to see this plan is completed but it includes all municipalities. In the past we invoiced the municipalities requesting they pay a portion. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

E. PIPE ORDER – ROAD DEPT. – Administration received a request from Ben Warren to purchase pipe. Three quotes were provided. They are requesting to purchase from Shawn Stafford in the amount of \$19,561.00. Commissioner Harrod asked why we were not purchasing from Winsupply as they always get us what we need. Ben stated there is a \$400.00 difference but yes WinSupply always does us well. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the order from Winsupply in the amount of \$19,949.00, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

F. RATIFICATION ITEMS – Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

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| Trane (Admin A/C Repair) | \$7,588.72 |
| Advantage GMC (Sheriff) | \$1,106.51 |
| Nashville Ford (Ambulance) | \$3,746.47 |
| This was approved months ago but had no cost at the time) | |
| Red Bud (Road) | \$1,299.20 |
| Reynolds-Warren Equip. (Road) | \$6,314.26 |
| National Livery Sales | \$69,350.00 |
| (Transit Van – ARPA Funds) | |

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to ratify the items as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS: None

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

Pixie Harrod –

- Would like to make a motion to appoint Parrish Aikens to the Planning Commission as a Ray City appointment and Mike Hand as an at large appointment, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

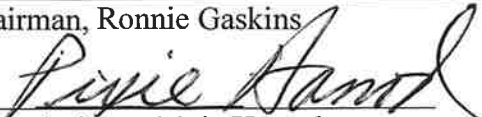
Brenda Ferrell –


- The Board indicated sometime back that they would be in agreement to donating the old historic jail to the City of Nashville. If the board is still in agreement, I would like to ask the board to make a motion to have legal counsel prepare documents and give the chairman authority to execute and move forward. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to move forward with the project and give the Chairman authority to execute documents provided by legal counsel, but the property is to remain in the City of County name, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.
- Requesting the board approve to purchase a patrol car to replace the one that was involved in an accident using ARPA Funds. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to purchase a new patrol vehicle and equipment using ARPA Funds, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.
- Requested the board approve the Imaging and Indexing of Deeds as a project using ARPA Funds. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

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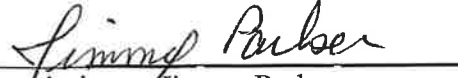
With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Jimmy Parker made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m..



Chairman, Ronnie Gaskins


Commissioner, Pixie Harrod


Commissioner, John Nugent

ABSENT
Commissioner, Robert Griner


Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

ATTEST: 
County Clerk