

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2007
6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairman Dale Epps presiding.

Members Present: Bobby Blizzard
Geneva Davis
Dale Epps, Sr.
Bubba Williams

Members Absent: Collins P. Lee

Also Present: David Waddell
Cindy Cunningham
Ralph McMullen
Linda Zarkowsky
Smokey Veal
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Epps called the July 17, 2007 regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion that the minutes of the June 19, 2007, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Bids for Resurfacing Apron at Airport

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky discussed a bid summary for Phase 2 of the Apron Rehabilitation project at the Airport. She reported two bids were received: Reeves Construction submitted a bid of \$325,772.41 and Middle Georgia Paving submitted a bid of \$337,085.66. She stated both bids are higher than the engineer's estimate of a year ago for \$280,000. She reported the engineer does not recommend re-bidding the project since he feels it would not result in lower bids.

Ms. Zarkowsky presented the recommendation from Project Engineer Dexter Jones to accept the low bid from Reeves Construction for 325,722.41, contingent upon final award documents for new funding from the FAA. She reported the County has been allocated \$150,000 per year; and with the 2005 and 2006 remaining allocations, there will be adequate funding (\$360,806.00) whenever the final notice is received from FAA.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to accept the engineer's recommendation to award the contract for the apron rehabilitation to Reeves Construction in the amount of \$325,722.41. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Bids for Intersection Improvements and Traffic Light Installation on 441 North at Meriweather and Corral Roads

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented a bid summary and recommendation from Project Engineer Tim Ingram for intersection improvements and traffic light installation at Meriweather and Corral Roads.

She reported that advertising began on this project in May; and two contractors picked up plans with one bid being submitted on July 9th. The engineer has explained in the letter of recommendation that there is a shortage of available road contractors, and his recommendation is to accept the bid from Reeves Construction in the amount of \$637,084.93.

Ms. Zarkowsky stated the County has a limited participation contract from DOT for \$150,000.00 for the road work; and in addition, the DOT will provide all of the traffic light equipment. She reported the County's share will be \$437,084.93 which will be funded from SPLOST.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to accept the engineer's recommendation to award the contract for the traffic light installation and intersection improvements to Reeves Construction in the amount of \$637,084.93. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan

County Manager Joan Minton stated DCA Commissioner Mike Beatty sent a letter congratulating the County on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan which extends Baldwin County's status as a Qualified Local Government through February 28, 2013 continuing the County's eligibility for State grants and permits.

Ms. Minton reported community meetings with extensive community participation were conducted for the development of the plan. She stated the joint City / County Comprehensive Plan provides a framework for making sound decisions regarding the long-term growth and development of the City and County.

Communications Systems Upgrade for First Responders

Fire Chief Smoke Veal presented information on the Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program (LETPP) which is funded through GEMA. Baldwin County has been selected to receive funding for a communication systems upgrade which will provide equipment to enable all agencies to be patched together. Chief Veal stated Baldwin County is very fortunate to receive funding for this communications systems upgrade which will be a great benefit to the community.

Presentation of Lodestone Drive for Acceptance into the County Road System

Assistant County Manager presented an inspection report from Public Works and a plat of Lodestone Drive, located in Greystone Arbor, for acceptance into the County road system. He stated all requirements as set forth in the County's Land Use Code have been met by the Developer for the road's acceptance.

Commissioner Bubba Williams a motion to accept Lodestone Drive into the County road system. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Justice Assistance Grant

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported the Sheriff's Department is eligible for funding of \$10,225.00 from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, and an application has been prepared for submission online for the grant. She reported the funds will be available for purchasing equipment to be used in narcotics investigations by the Sheriff's Department, and the County is not required to provide any matching funds.

Commissioner Bubba Williams a motion to approve the application to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$10,225.00 for the Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable List Dated July 17, 2007

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to approve the accounts payable list dated July 17, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Epps, Sr.
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk