

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 4, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis  
Tommy French  
Sammy Hall  
Henry Craig  
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016, Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution for Employment Incentive Program Application for Development Authority

Mr. Sam Perrin of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration to submit an Employment Incentive Program application to the Department of Community Affairs for the Development Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County for Project Sparta. If awarded, the funds will be used by the industry to purchase equipment. Mr. Perrin reported the application will be submitted for the maximum amount allowable under the EIP program. He stated the County will be the official applicant and will subgrant the funds to the Development Authority which will loan the money to the company. The program will establish a revolving loan fund with money being paid back to the Development Authority.

Chair Hall asked for clarification regarding the County's obligation for the grant funds. Mr. Perrin responded the County, as official applicant, will not be responsible for administrative functions which will be responsibility of the Regional Commission. He stated intergovernmental agreements will be entered into between the County and the Development Authority and the Regional Commission to address all these issues.

Vice Chair Davis asked if the County would be responsible for repayment of the money if the company defaults on the loan. Mr. Perrin responded that the County has no obligation for repayment of grant funds.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to submit the EIP application. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOJ Family Treatment Court Expansion Grant Award

Ms. Amy Michaud reported the County has received a grant award from the Office of Justice Programs under the FY 16 Family Drug Court Implementation and Enhancement Program in the amount of \$399,999. She stated this will allow the expansion of the Family Treatment Court to all counties in the Ocmulgee region. She reported this is the first of this type grant award received in the State. Ms. Michaud stated the matching requirements are covered by services provided by Judges, Department of Family & Children Services, and other personnel. There is no cost to the County for the program.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the award from the Family Drug Court Implementation and Enhancement Program in the amount of \$399,999 as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Airport Consultant

Mr. Jim Wolfgang, Chair of the Airport Advisory Committee, reported Committee members and County staff members are recommending that notification be sent to airport consulting firm W.K. Dickson that the County's contract with them will terminate on December 16, 2016 at which time existing task orders are expected to be completed. The letter will also state that per FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5100-14E Architectural, Engineering and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects, Baldwin County intends to initiate the Airport Consultant Selection process within the next few weeks. A Request for Qualifications will be advertised in the Union Recorder as well as sent directly to known, potentially qualified consultants, including W.K. Dickson & Co. Inc. At that time W.K. Dickson will have the opportunity to submit qualifications for the consulting services for the Baldwin County Airport.

Mr. Wolfgang also presented an update on the fuel farm and the apron expansion projects as well as other improvements including new signage.

Chair Hall, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to Mr. Wolfgang for his hard work and dedication to the Airport.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to proceed with process of requesting proposals for another Airport consulting firm. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Attorney McRee stated a pre-termination letter should be sent to the firm outlining the termination and the intent for soliciting proposals.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to send a letter to W.K. Dickson, Inc. notifying the firm of the County's intent to terminate the contract and publish request for proposals for the Airport Consulting Firm. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Hazard Mitigation Grant Award

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds reported notification has been received from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency of the approval of funds for six (6) fixed generators to ensure continuity of critical water and sewer services. He stated the total approved cost is \$365,582 with a federal share of \$274,187, state share of \$36,558 and a local share of \$54,837.

Finance Director Hudson stated the purchase of generators is a part of the five year plan, and required match can be funded through SPLOST allocated to water / sewer services.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the grant Hazard Mitigation Grant Award. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### FY 17 Budget Update

Finance Director Dawn Hudson stated Commissioners have been given a summary of new budget requests and anticipated revenue sources. She asked Commissioners to review the information and provide comments to assist her with finalizing the budget. She reported the final budget will be available October 21<sup>st</sup>. Copies will be distributed to Commissioners and will be available in the Commissioners' office and library.

Chair Hall reiterated the fact that Commissioners should review the document and provide Finance Director Hudson with their comments.

### Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig reported that he, Commissioner French and Commissioner Westmoreland attended the ACCG Legislative Conference, and Commissioner Tommy French was presented Certifications for two specialty training tracks – Citizen Engagement and Leadership. He commended Commissioner French for his hard work in the continuing education program.

Chair Hall reported Grady EMS took over the ambulance service October 1<sup>st</sup>. He discussed aspects of the transition to include hiring former staff, pay rates, new equipment, remodeled operation center, and response times.

### New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented an update on surplus property sales and the landfill closure. He encouraged all Commissioners to go to landfill to see the process taking place.

Chair Hall asked County Attorney McRee when the remainder of the properties would be advertised for sale. He stated legal requirements are being addressed for advertisement and sale of the other properties.

Vice Chair Emily Davis asked for an update on placing a bronze plaque or cornerstone at the Collins P. Lee Center and the Sheriff's Department. County Clerk Cindy Cunningham responded she has spoken to Major LaRocque and Bill McNair about this, and they will be back in contact with her with further details.

### Public Comment Period

Mr. John Granich addressed the Board about his company which provides drone services.

Mr. Byron Farmer addressed the Board requesting that an additional person be authorized to approve plats when County Manager McMullen is out of the office.

Mr. McMullen responded that County GIS Specialist Ernie Smith is currently reviewing all plats prior to his approval. Mr. Smith will take over the approval process in the near future once he becomes more versed in all the code requirements.

Mr. Edwin Atkins asked for the County's support in promoting the Coloring Book By Friends of Central State Hospital which is used as a fund raising project.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m.  
Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk