

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 6, 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 called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Airport Consultant

Administrative Analyst Doug Hawkins reported a RFP was published for an Airport Consultant; top firms were researched, references checked and interviews held. Mr. Hawkins stated the top three firms are: 1-D.A. Jones; 2-Croy Engineering; 3- Robert and Company.

Mr. Hawkins requested approval from the Board to authorize the County Manager to negotiate a contract with the number one choice, D.A. Jones; and if not successful, to proceed to number two and then two firm number three. He also requested authorization for the Chair to execute the contract once negotiated.

Mr. Hawkins also requested approval for the Chair to execute Task Order Number One for the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) with the successful applicant as long as it is consistent with the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Georgia DOT cost approval.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to authorize the County Manager to negotiate the contract for the Airport Consultant, to authorize the Chair to execute the contract and to execute Task Order Number One for the Airport Layout Plan. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Program (LMIG)

County Engineer Brian Wood presented a list of roads for submission to the Department of Transportation for funding under the 2017 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Program. He stated the following roads are being submitted for resurfacing. This is a

total of approximately 5.6 miles in length-Commodore Drive, Shalimar Cove, Couch Road, Waters Edge S/D, Summit Drive/Road, First Street, Thomas Cooper Road and Island Creek/Brenda. Mr. Wood stated the DOT LMIG formula amount for 2017 is \$490,566.36 with a 30% County match of \$147,169.91 for a total of \$637,736.27.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to authorize the submission of these roads to DOT for funding under the 2017 LMIG Program. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Preserve at Meriwether

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented background information on the roads in The Preserve. He stated that in 2013 a letter was mailed to all property owners outlining options for the maintenance of roads in the subdivision. He stated since that time the roads have continued to deteriorate and the County receives a great deal of complaints regarding the condition of these roads.

Mr. Robert Bollinger and Mr. Kevin Pope addressed the Board regarding issues caused by the condition of the roads in their neighborhood to include problems with banks allowing refinancing property in the subdivision, school buses, public safety vehicles, i.e. fire and ambulance services as well as getting to and from homes by people living there. On behalf of the residents of The Preserve, Mr. Pope asked for the County's consideration in maintaining the roads.

Mr. McMullen stated that when this matter came before the Board in 2013, he recommended accepted the roads into the County road system for maintenance and repair. He would also make the recommendation at this time. If accepted by the Board, these roads would be evaluated as other County roads for funding for repairs and maintenance.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept roads in The Preserve into the County road system for maintenance. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner French requested an amendment to the motion to have County staff research costs associated with the maintenance of the roads and to prohibit any new construction in the undeveloped areas of the subdivision until such time as those roads are constructed to County standards.

Vice Chair Davis and Commissioner Westmoreland accepted the amendment to the motion to include researching costs of maintenance and also of placing a moratorium on future construction in areas of the subdivision until roads are constructed to County standards.

Chair Hall called for the vote and it passed unanimously.

Section 5311 Transit Program FY 18 Grant Application

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration for the renewal application of the Section 5311 Rural Transportation program that has been operating in Baldwin County for the last 20 years. She stated the objective is to provide cost effective mobility and meet public transportation needs to all citizens who want to use the service. The program is managed through the County Fire Department and the cost per ride is \$2.00. The hours of operation are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. She presented the proposed budget for the year beginning July 2017 with the total operating budget proposed for 12 months of \$151,147 which will be offset by fare revenue expected to be about 10% or \$15,115. The remaining costs will be shared 50 / 50 between DOT and the County with the County's share of the budget being \$68,016. She reported this amount is included in this year's budget. Ms. Hudson reported the advertising requirement has been met and no public comments have been received.

She requested Board approval of the Resolution as well as authorization for the Chair to sign all required documents and agreements.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute documents and agreements for the Section 5311 FY 18 Transit Program. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: Davis, Craig, French, Westmoreland

Nay: Hall

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

Supplemental Grant Award for Family Treatment Court

Finance Director Hudson presented a CJCC supplemental grant award in the amount of \$14,040 for the Family Dependency Court. She stated there is no matching requirement for the supplemental funds.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the supplemental grant award in the amount of \$14,040 as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application / Beer & Wine

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an alcoholic beverage license application for G & G Shortstop located at 2979 North Columbia Street. He stated the applicant has met legal requirements.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jones County Request for Water Connection

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported he has received a letter from Jones County requesting a connection to the Baldwin County water system for emergency purposes. He reported details of this request have not been determined at this time. There are considerations to determine who would pay associated costs of the connection. No Memorandum of Understanding has prepared.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to examine details for further negotiations and agreements with Jones County for a water connection for emergency purposes. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Attorney David McRee stated any proposed agreement would come back to the Board for approval.

SPLOST Continuation Update

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a timeline for the proposed continuation of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. He presented a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners calling for a meeting to be held with the Mayor and Council of the City of Milledgeville to discuss possible projects for inclusion in a referendum for the re-imposition or non-reimposition of the one cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The Resolution authorizes notice of the meeting to be delivered or mailed to the City for

said meeting and appoints Commissioner Sammy Hall, County Manager Ralph McMullen and Attorney A. J. Welch, Jr. as the County's negotiation team.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Commissioner Tommy French 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 _____.

Closing Documents for DOT Parcels 76 & 81

County Attorney David McRee stated the Board voted at an earlier meeting to accept DOT's offer for the purchase of right-of-way on parcels 76 & 81 for the widening project on Highway 49. County Attorney McRee presented formal closing documents for the conveyance of said right-of-way.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve closing documents for Parcels 76 & 81 as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Vice Chair Davis asked for an update on plaques for the Sheriff's Department and the Collins P. Lee Center. County Manager McMullen stated he is working on finalizing details for the one at the Collins P. Lee Center, and the dedication at the Sheriff's Department will be held next week.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen made a final reminder of the date for the Employee Appreciation Day which will be held December 9th at Central Georgia Tech at noon.

He presented an update on the Landfill Closure. He said the project remains on schedule, and all artificial turn has been put down.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Michelle Johnson, 163 Stuart Circle, addressed the Board requesting the amendment / revision to the County ordinances related to requirements for keeping horses in residential areas. She stated her neighbor has .41 acres and has horses, goats, in addition to dogs, cats and chickens. She stated she felt the ordinances should reflect requirements for a larger area in order to have animals such as horses.

Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reopen Regular Meeting

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chair Hall reported there was no action to be taken.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk