

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 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
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the January 6, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Milledgeville/Baldwin County Development Authority

Authority Director Matt Poyner presented a quarterly update on Development Authority activities. He discussed meetings and various activities in support of existing industries and businesses. Mr. Poyner also discussed visits with economic development partners, prospective projects for 2015, industrial park improvements and cleanup of park at spec building. Mr. Poyner stated the Authority received a \$200,000 grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to help pay for a new access road leading into the industrial park; additional funds of \$64,000 to complete the access road project will come from the Authority's restricted funds allocated for industrial park improvements. He discussed the Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) study which will assist in marketing efforts. He reported the Fall Line Regional Development Authority closed on state property at the end of December, and the FLRDA has hired an engineering firm to assist with the Fall Line property plans and marketing.

Mr. Poyner thanked the Board for their reappointment of Mr. Ed Walker to the Authority Board. He stated Mr. Walker's knowledge and experience is of great value to the Authority and community.

He reported the Authority will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Milledgeville for a new city staff person whose duties will be 2/3 MainStreet and 1/3 Development Authority.

Airport Project

Mr. Doug Hawkins stated he made a presentation at the Work Session regarding the Airport Project and was asking for the Board's consideration on three items. He stated we are at the next step of the airport clearing project and Board approval is needed for the Chair to execute three documents once the grant application is received from GDOT.

He presented a letter from D.A. Jones Engineering recommending the contract award to Big Boy Toys for clearing trees in the amount of \$140,461.61. Mr. Hawkins stated the contract award is contingent upon the execution of the FAA and GDOT Aviation Grant. He stated approval is requested to tentatively award the construction contract to Big Boy Toys in the amount of \$140,461.61 based on getting grant approval from FAA/GDOT.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the contract for the airport tree clearing project to Big Boy Toys in the amount of \$140,461.61 contingent upon the award of the aviation grant and to authorize the Chair to execute related documents. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hawkins also presented Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$21,300.00 to D.A. Jones, LLC for construction assistance of the actual clearing. Mr. Hawkins stated this approval is also contingent upon the getting grant approval and notice to proceed. This amount is included in the proposed grant application and the County participation amount of \$7,933.00.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$21,300.00 contingent upon the award of the aviation grant and authorized Chair to sign the Amendment. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hawkins stated the FAA report on June 5, 2015, showed there are federal funds in the amount of \$249,372.00 and another \$150,000.00 should have been added in July, 2014. Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to authorize Chair Hall to execute the grant application not to exceed the original amount. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointments to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority (CGJDA)

The following names were proposed to serve on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority: Hudman Evans, Willie Lamar, Cheryl Crumbly and Jim Haskins.

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

Chair Hall stated the Resolution for the CGJDA states specific terms of either two years or four years for each post. The Chair requested each individual be contacted regarding this matter and that the Resolution be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Ethics Ordinance

County Attorney McRee stated the Ethics Ordinance was discussed at the Work Session and further revisions were recommended. County Attorney McRee stated he will make revisions to the ordinance, as discussed, and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

Drug Task Force Grant Award

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force. He stated the award is in the amount of \$151,896 with matching requirements met by the participating jurisdictions. Baldwin County provides their portion of the match through in-kind services.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the grant award as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COD Compliance Ratio Study Appear

Chair Hall stated this item has been addressed by the County Attorney and Chief Appraiser; therefore, it would be removed from the agenda for this meeting.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented an update on the veterans' sidewalk project. He stated the survey has been done and plans and cost estimates are being prepared. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting..

County Manager McMullen stated Safebuilt will prepare a proposal for environmental compliance duties, and it will be presented at a future meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig reported the Safe Property Standards Ordinance already shows signs of success. One unsightly, dilapidated building on 441 North has already been removed. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis stated she did not want any citizens harassed about property standard issues, especially the elderly.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Ruth Roach of 109 Camellia Circle addressed the Board regarding animals at her neighbor's house. She stated the dogs fight, are neglected, and there are seven large dogs confined in a 70 x 70 yard. She stated the barking and odor is very annoying. She asked whether the County could regulate the number of animals based on size of property.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk