

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 7, 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
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the July 7, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding for Highway 49 Widening

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the County contacted the Department of Transportation requesting State Aid in the cost of relocating County utilities along the Highway 49 widening project. In April, the State approved funds for utility relocation; however, the County will be responsible for some aspects of the project to include preliminary engineering, preparation of plans and estimated costs for relocation with approval by DOT prior to advertising for bids.

Mr. McMullen presented a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the specific responsibilities and policies / standards for this project.

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Highway 49 widening as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Recreation SPLOST Projects

Chair Hall stated this matter was discussed at the previous Work Session and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to table the issue until a future meeting.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Craig, Westmoreland, Hall

Nay: French, Davis

Resolution for Regional Transportation Sales Tax

Chair Hall stated this matter was also discussed at the previous Work Session.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt the Resolution stating the desire of the Baldwin County Commissioners to initiate the process for a regional one cent sales tax for transportation improvements. 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 _____.

Landfill Engineer

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented information regarding engineering services for the County Landfill. He reported ARCADIS has been providing engineering services for many years for the landfill construction phases and monitoring associated with the landfill. He stated he felt it beneficial to get comparison costs from engineering firms prior to beginning the actual closure process at the landfill. He reported ARCADIS continues to provide services for required monitoring at the site.

Mr. McMullen discussed proposals from ARCADIS and OASIS for engineering services associated with the closure of the Baldwin County Landfill. He recommended OASIS be hired as the firm to perform closure engineering services. He stated post closure monitoring is included in the ARCADIS proposal; however, this item will be addressed at a later date. The OASIS proposal in the amount of \$429,800 is the lower of the two proposals.

Commissioner Henry Craig asked for clarification that these proposals are only for engineering services related to management of the project, and other services for the actual closure will also be bid. County Manager McMullen responded that is correct.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award landfill closure engineering services to OASIS as recommended. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

Mr. McMullen had no further information to report to the Board.

Old Business

Commissioner Craig asked for an update on the Veterans sidewalk project. Mr. McMullen stated the plans are at the Department of Transportation for their review. Commissioner Craig asked Mr. McMullen to contact DOT for a completion date for their review of the plans.

Commissioner Westmoreland requested an update on the removal of silt fence on Highway 212. Mr. McMullen stated the silt fence will be removed after DOT and the project engineer approve an adequate stand of grassing.

Commissioner Westmoreland requested that Recreation SPLOST Projects be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Iva Griffin addressed the Board regarding separate 911 systems. She asked that the Board place this matter on a Work Session agenda in the immediate future. She also commented on an article in the local newspaper as to the reason the County water rates are increasing.

Mr. Jim Haskins expressed his appreciation to the Board for the property demolition as a step in the right direction of cleaning up blighted areas in the County. He also stated the boxes at convenience centers are being emptied more frequently. Mr. Haskins discussed the status of knockoff property to be auctioned. He expressed his concern on the length of time this is taking.

County Attorney David McRee responded with an update on the status of properties.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk