

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 2, 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
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the June 2, 2015, 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 May 19, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Oconee Regional Medical Center

Chair Sammy Hall read a press release regarding the financial status and management of Oconee Regional Medical Center. Chair Hall stated the Board of Commissioners has instructed the County Attorney, County staff and other experts associated with the County to review the situation for the management of Oconee RMC and to report back to the Board.

CJCC Adult Treatment Court Collaborative

Program Director Amy Michaud stated the Baldwin County Adult Treatment Court Collaborative (ATCC) is requesting approval to accept grant funding for FY '15 in the amount of \$110,771. Ms. Michaud reported Baldwin County will serve as the fiscal agent; no County funding is being requested; and the 10% cash match has been secured through the existing DATE funds account held by the 8th Judicial Administrative District.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to authorize acceptance of grant funding for the ATCC in the amount of \$110,771 as presented and to authorize the Chair to sign related documents. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CJCC Family Treatment Court

Program Director Michaud stated Baldwin County Family Treatment Court (FTC) is requesting approval to accept grant funding in the amount of \$125,349. She reported

Baldwin County will serve as fiscal agent; no county funding is being requested; and the match waiver was granted.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to authorize acceptance of grant funding for the FTC in the amount of \$125,349 as presented and to authorize the Chair to sign grant related documents. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Debt Issuance and Management Policies

Finance Director Dawn Hudson stated Section III - Debt Issuance and Management Policies were presented at the May 19th Work Session. These policies were also sent to the Board for review. No additional comments or recommendations have been received since the May 19th meeting. She presented Section III – Debt Issuance and Management Policies for the Board’s consideration.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt Section III – Debt Issuance and Management Policies as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Section III – Debt Issuance and Management Policies are on file in the Finance Department of the Board of Commissioners office.

Update on Water Projects

County Manager Ralph McMullen and Water / Sewer Superintendent Jason Kidd presented an update on County water projects. Baldwin County is conducting a pilot project for a meter reading system where meters can be read either by hand or drive by. The new meters are much more accurate than old meters that are currently in place; employee time to read meters will be reduced; thereby, freeing up employees to provide maintenance throughout the system. Results of the pilot study will be available in time for the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Kidd gave the following status report on projects: Gerald Harris pump station is on line; Highway 212 project has been extended for thirty-one days due to weather delays; portions of silt fence on Highway 212 remain pending permanent stand of grass; bid process for Kenan Drive line complete and construction to begin soon; 12” water line on 441 South is complete to within a short distance of Fall Line Freeway; line to Scottsboro tank is nearing completion to provide sufficient water volume; gravity sewer line will be installed on 441 North to Five Star Automotive; County awaiting EPD and DOT approval of line; Jones County has approached Baldwin County about the installation of an 8” water line to the Jones County line for water in emergency situations. He discussed a proposed agreement with Jones County and stated a final agreement will be presented to the Board for their consideration at a later date.

Memorandum of Understanding / Bike Fleet Program

Recreation Director Bill McNair presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Baldwin County, the Bicycling Club of Milledgeville and Baldwin County Family Connection for collaboration in using and maintaining a bike fleet. The MOU outlines the responsibilities of each party for the implementation of a bicycle safety program. Baldwin County will provide a minimum of two Recreation Department staff members to be trained in the safe biking curriculum that will utilize the bike fleet; provide indoor meeting space to conduct bike fleet trainings as needed; collaborate with the Bicycling Club of Milledgeville and Family Connection to enable delivery of training services and evaluation; ensure basic care and periodic inspection of equipment; provide secure storage of equipment and assist in providing transportation to move fleet program equipment and materials as needed.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Bike Fleet Program as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Sewer Agreement with City of Milledgeville

Chair Sammy Hall stated the County has been working with the City in the development of a sewer agreement for wastewater collection and treatment. A copy of the proposed agreement has been review by the Board, County Attorney and County staff members.

Chair Hall presented an Agreement between Baldwin County and the City of Milledgeville to establish a pricing method for providing wastewater collection and treatment and the pricing method of providing potable water to the County. The agreement also outlines payment by the County to the City for the difference between payments made by County to City based upon the agreed \$3.90 per thousand gallons for those services provided July 1, 2013 through April, 2015. The total sum of \$203,963.84 with an interest rate of 5% per annum on the unpaid balance to be paid in 60 equal monthly payments beginning July 10, 2015 and continuing on the 10th day of each month until paid in full.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Sewer Agreement as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henry Craig proposed that the County Manager and Finance Director be authorized to pay the total amount immediately. The County Manager and Finance Director will examine this matter and report to the Board at a future date.

Chair Hall called for a vote to approve the Sewer Agreement as presented and it passed unanimously.

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

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented a list of property consisting of collection boxes that are no longer being used. He asked the Board to review the list and provide comments regarding the equipment to be declared surplus. He stated this list will be presented at the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

Vice Chair Davis asked for a status report on the pool at CSH. Mr. McMullen stated a date is being scheduled for a walk through with Mike Couch and the State Properties Commission.

Old Business

Commissioner Craig requested an update on the surveying and engineering report for the veterans' sidewalk project. County Manager McMullen responded the plans should be received by the County within the next few days, and they will then be forwarded to the State.

Vice Chair Davis asked County Manager McMullen to review the County's grievance policies and procedures with Department Heads and employees to ensure all fully understand the process should someone want to file a compliant.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on a 911 emergency notification system. Mr. McMullen responded grants are being researched to assist with a notification system.

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 the condition of Deepstep Road.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk