

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners were held Tuesday, November 17, 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
Cindy Cunningham
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the November 17, 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 November 3, 2015, Public Hearing / Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Airport Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Airport Advisory Committee Chair Jim Wolfgang presented the updated Airport Capital Improvements Plan for discussion. He stated the CIP addresses the five year conceptual progression of projects for improvements at the Airport for years 2017-2021. The CIP must be submitted to the State and FAA in December of each year. Mr. Wolfgang presented project descriptions for each of the five years.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Airport Capital Improvements Plan as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Airport Capital Improvements Plan is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Bids for GEFA Project Water System Improvements on Kenan Drive and Corral Road

Engineer Tim Ingram reported a bid opening was held November 9, 2015 for two (2) divisions of the GEFA water system improvements project on Kenan Drive and Corral Road. Mr. Ingram stated five (5) competitive bids were received; the low bidder for Division 1 (water line work) was Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$514,229.25. He recommended the bid award to Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. for \$514,229.25.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to award the bid for Division 1 to Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$514,229.25. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Ingram reported two (2) bids were received for Division 2 (booster pump station); the low bidder was Allsouth Constructors, Inc. with a bid of \$640,443.00. He recommended the award to low bidder Allsouth Constructors for \$640,443.00.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to award the bid for Division 2 to Allsouth Constructors in the amount of \$640,443.00. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Hall asked when the GEFA project would be completed. Mr. Ingram responded these are the last two (2) phases of the project and anticipated completion date is February 2017.

FY 2016 Budget Resolution

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented the FY 2016 Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. She stated legal notifications for the budget were published as required, a public hearing was held and the budget document has been made available for public review. Ms. Hudson stated no comments were received from the public on the proposed FY 2016 Budget, and no changes to the document have been made since the presentation at the public hearing.

Ms. Hudson presented the Budget Resolution adopting a budget for the period January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 for each fund, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures, adopting items of anticipated funding sources, prohibiting expenditures to exceed appropriations and prohibiting expenditures from exceeding actual funding sources. The Resolution provides for leases for capital equipment and authorizes temporary tax anticipation notes.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adopt the Budget Resolution for FY 2016 as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig 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 _____.

Request from Board of Education to Revise Prioritized Dirt Road List

Commissioner John Westmoreland stated each year the County has issues with dirt roads throughout the County due to rainy weather conditions. At the previous meeting, Dr. Price, Superintendent of Schools, requested the County revisit the prioritization of dirt roads to address conditions that make it very difficult for school buses to travel dirt roads to pick up students. He stated the BOE requested that Stallings Road be moved to priority #1 due to the condition of the road and the number of students on the bus when it travels Stallings Road to pick up additional students.

Commissioner Westmoreland made a motion to amend the Dirt Road Priority List to move Stallings Road to priority #1 on list. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked citizens to report to the Sheriff's Department anyone on four wheelers and ATVs who are damaging the County dirt roads.

VOCA Grant Awards

Finance Director Hudson presented grant awards for additional VOCA funding for the Federal Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the expansion of services to crime victims. She stated the Solicitor General's office received additional funding of \$54,400 with matching funds of \$13,600 for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

The District Attorney's office also received additional funding in the amount of \$54,400 with required match of \$13,600 for this same period. Ms. Hudson stated the match will be provided by victim fines collected through Superior Court and State Court.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept VOCA grant awards in the amount of \$54,400 each for additional funding for the Solicitor General's office and the District Attorney's office. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the First Annual Employee Appreciation Day will be held December 18th at the Recreation Department. He stated certificates for years of service will be presented to employees. Commissioners and volunteers will cook and serve County employees and family members.

Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig requested an update on the Veterans' sidewalk project. County Manager McMullen stated staff members are finalizing details and signatures on easements required for the project.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Harry Keim, Board of Assessors, discussed the County's revaluation. He stated a plan must be submitted and approved by the Department of Revenue in order to receive an extension for the revaluation of the County to become compliant with state requirements. He discussed the costs for contracting this service or hiring additional staff to complete the revaluation.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reconvene Regular Session

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to reconvene the Regular Session at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Property Acquisition

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion that the County enter into a joint venture with the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority for acquisition of a tract of land subject to approval of final contractual documents. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: French, Davis, Hall, Westmoreland

Nay: Craig

Adjournment

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk