The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 5, 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  
Cindy Cunningham  
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the January 5, 2016, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Sammy Hall stated the first item of business is the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion that current Chair Hall and current Vice Chair Davis be re-elected. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to elect Commissioner John Westmoreland as Chair. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Hall called for a vote on the motion to elect Commissioner Sammy Hall as Chair and Commissioner Emily C. Davis as Vice Chair. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: French, Davis, Hall   Nay: Craig, Westmoreland

Work Authorizations for Airport Project

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented Work Authorizations from W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc. for the Airport terminal apron expansion and the aviation fuel farm. Work Authorization # 1 is for the design phase services, as required by Georgia DOT, for the terminal apron expansion project. Costs are segregated for each element of basic services and special services for the project. Authorization # 2 includes the design, bid and construction phase services for the installation of a self serve aviation fuel farm. Costs are outlined for each element of basic and special services of this project.
County Attorney David McRee stated he has reviewed Work Authorizations # 1 and # 2 and finds no issues with either.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve Work Authorizations # 1 and # 2 with W. D. Dickson & Co., for the airport projects. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of Work Authorization # 1 and # 2 are herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Equipment and Vehicle Leases

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a list of vehicles and equipment to be purchased through a municipal lease and repaid with SPLOST funds. All of this equipment is 10+ years old and because of maintenance costs and safety issues have been determined that it is more cost effective to replace it now rather than to continue to pay maintenance on it. She stated the cost of the equipment is $990,000. She presented information on maintenance costs for three years on the vehicles to be replaced and the amount in cost savings of $132,584 that would be realized from the lease/purchase. Ms. Hudson stated lease proposals have been received from SunTrust at 2.04% for 36 months and First Capital Equip Leasing Corp. at 2.16% for 36 months.

Finance Director Hudson requested approval of the Resolution authorizing the lease agreement with SunTrust as presented as well as authorization for Chair Hall to sign the documents once they are received.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the lease with SunTrust and to authorize the Chair to execute required documents. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland requested County staff check requirements for lights that are placed on water tanks and radio towers. County Manager McMullen stated he would provide information on this matter.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked when discussions would begin on the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). County Manager McMullen stated the process would begin with management staff and appropriate consultants to gather pertinent information and outline schedules and processes.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on the new gym floor. Mr. McMullen responded that SPLOST projects are currently “on hold” until further revenue is collected.

Commissioner Westmoreland requested a replacement street sign for Old Plantation Trail.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked if the County provided funding to the Boys & Girls Club. County Manager McMullen and County Attorney McRee responded that the prohibits the County from making “contributions” to this type agency.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on Oconee Regional Medical Center. Chair Hall stated he and Commissioner Craig met with the new CEO and Chairs of both Boards and were assured the lines of communication would be open and the County would be kept informed. However, no further information has been provided.
County Manager’s Report

County Manager McMullen thanked Commissioners and volunteers for making the Employee Appreciation Day a huge success. Volunteers were recognized and presented with a gift card.

He announced that the County will be providing cleanup equipment to the Young Professionals / KMBB to assist with stocking a community shed. Items such as rakes, shovels, gloves, etc. will be presented to the group on Wednesday, January 6th at 4:30 p.m. He encouraged Commissioners to attend the presentation.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig 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