

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the April 5, 2016, 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 March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Comprehensive Planning Requirements and Schedules

Mr. Cam Yearty, Government Services Specialist, of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission presented information on the comprehensive planning process. He stated the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan precedes the Service Delivery Strategy planning process, and the Regional Commission will assist with the updates of these documents should the Board desire. Both updates are required to maintain Qualified Local Government status.

Mr. Yearty discussed aspects of the Comprehensive Plan which must be updated every five years. He stated this plan requires extensive public participation and will assess conditions, future projections and strategies to achieve community goals. Required elements of the Plan include land use, economic development, community goals, community work program and needs and opportunities; optional elements include housing, transportation and capital improvements. He presented a general timeline for pre-planning activities prior to the first public hearing which is tentatively scheduled for January 2017, with the second public hearing in October 2017 and plan adoption in late January 2018.

He reported the Service Delivery Strategy also requires pre-planning activities to survey local government services, to identify services, which entity provides the services and how services are funded. Maps of existing service areas will be prepared and areas of

potential conflict will be identified. Mr. Yearty stated these pre-planning activities normally take two- three months.

Mr. Yearty stated the Comprehensive Plan can be an individual or joint plan between the City and County. Both the updated Milledgeville/Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy must be certified by February 28, 2018.

Chair Hall recommended the technical assistance letter be submitted to the Regional Commission for these planning documents. Commissioner Craig asked that Chair Hall and County Manager McMullen work on setting timelines and report back to the Board. Chair Hall stated he would strive to have the documents approved for submission by December 2017.

Bids for Veterans Sidewalk

County Engineer Brian Wood reported a bid opening was held March 14th for the veteran's sidewalk project. He stated four (4) bids were received with Sellers Contracting Services submitting the low bid in the amount of \$75,269.00. Mr. Wood recommended the bid be awarded to Sellers Contracting Services for \$75,269.00.

Mr. Wood presented a cost analysis stating the total project cost is \$98,659.74 with DOT funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 awarded for the project. The County has paid \$20,264.24 in expenses related to the project thus far; therefore, the balance to be paid is \$8,395.50.

Commissioner Craig thanked County staff members for their work on this project. He stated he would like to have a ribbon cutting at the site, possibly on Memorial Day.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid to Sellers Contracting Services in the amount of \$75,269.00. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Airport Projects

Airport Advisory Chair Jim Wolfgang presented the following four (4) items for the Board's consideration:

- (1) GDOT Grant Agreement for the Airport Apron Expansion project in the amount of \$407,189.00;
- (2) Award of Airport Apron Expansion construction contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$285,628.75 (low bid less change order #1) subject to DOT issuing notice to proceed;
- (3) Award of Work Authorization #3, Airport Apron Expansion, Bid & Construction Phases engineering to W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc. subject to DOT issuing notice to proceed;
- (4) Award of Airport Fuel Farm construction contract to L & T, Inc. in the amount of \$325,000.00 (low bid less change order # 1).

Mr. Wolfgang discussed total project costs, federal and state funding levels as well as local matching requirements.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the GDOT agreement, construction contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc., work authorization # 3 for WK Dickson and fuel farm construction contract to L & T, Inc. as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute related grant and contract documents. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation for National Donate Life Month

Chair Sammy Hall presented a proclamation declaring April as National Donate Life Month to honor all those who give the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation and to encourage everyone to sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner Craig reported that he and Commissioner Westmoreland participated in the ACCG sponsored Water Tour of South Georgia, and it was very informative. The following topics were on the itinerary during the course of the trip: overview of Clean Water Act and how the drought led to regional water planning; information on agribusiness; science and technology involved in agriculture and water conservation techniques used to maximize production efforts.

Commissioner Westmoreland commended County Departments, especially Public Works and Water/Sewer departments as well as law enforcement for their hard work during and after the storms.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported a Public Hearing on Rules and Regulations for Body Art will be held at the May 17th meeting, and State laws for Portable Sanitation and associated fees will be discussed at the Regular Meeting on that date.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

EMS Director of Operations Jason Brady reported Oconee Regional Medical Center has notified the EMS Division of the Medical Center Navicent Health that ORMC is providing the required 180 day advance notice of termination on April 1, 2016, to be effective November 1, 2106. He further reported that the notice states it does not mean that ORMC has made a final decision to change EMS providers; however, notice is being provided in the event they should decide to make a change at a later date.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

