

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 20, 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 September 20, 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 September 6, 2016, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Office Space for Accountability Courts

Judge Phil Spivey addressed Commissioners regarding the need for additional office space in the Courthouse for administrative personnel who work with three Accountability Courts. Judge Spivey stated there is an immediate need for space for a minimum of four staff and a maximum of six staff. He explained that the Court's Project Director and two coordinators are currently administering four grants for which Baldwin County serves as fiscal agent. He stated the treatment programs would be court-driven; therefore, it is important that staff be allowed to work in the Courthouse. Chair Sammy Hall reported that County Manager McMullen has been working on the issue and is trying to find space to make additional accommodations in the Courthouse. Chair Hall asked should suitable space be identified outside the Courthouse if that would be acceptable. Judge Spivey responded that the basis of their request is office space in the Courthouse.

Judge Spivey stated that River Edge previously provided services for the Accountability Courts; however, they are not able to provide adequate facilities for segregation of participants from their traditional outpatient treatment groups. River Edge couldn't do what the Judges wanted to meet program standards for the amount of money available.

Commissioner Craig stated he had toured the Courthouse to identify some potential space, and there are space restrictions. He stated all will have to compromise. He felt the County Manager is close to finding extra space that might work.

Judge Brenda Trammell stated this is not about being dissatisfied with anybody; but, grant funds are now available to hire the Court's own coordinators for Mental Health Court. She expressed her appreciation to Commissioners for their support in partnering with the courts to make these programs an even greater success.

County Manager McMullen reported he had surveyed the Courthouse and that there is some space in the building that has been renovated and unoccupied for approximately ten years that can be used. He stated he would be back in contact with the Judges regarding this matter.

Chair Hall stated space could be allocated, at least on a temporary basis, until such time as other arrangements are made. He asked County Manager McMullen to notify the occupant regarding use of the space.

JAG Award

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a 2016 JAG Award in the amount of \$17,567 to expand CAD mobile units in patrol cars. She stated there is no match required for the award.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the JAG Award in the amount of \$17,567 as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Appointment Policy

County Attorney David McRee stated Commissioners had requested that he finalize a policy formalizing the process of appointing representatives to boards of various commissions, agencies and authorities. He stated the initial policy, drafted by Commissioner Craig, had been reviewed by all Commissioners, and their comments have been incorporated into the policy being presented for the Board's consideration. Mr. McRee stated the policy sets guidelines on the County's appointment process; however, this policy cannot supersede legal requirements outlined in legislation or by-laws of agencies, if applicable.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Board Appointment Policy as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Memorandum of Understanding for Shelter Initiative

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency (GEMHSA) and Baldwin County for Emergency Evacuation Shelter Initiative (EESI) equipment in support of all-hazards management missions. He stated the MOU outlines the responsibilities of Baldwin County and GEMHSA.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Tommy French 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 _____.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Award

Chair Hall reported the Hazard Mitigation grant award documents have not been received at this time. This item will be placed on a future agenda for the Board's consideration.

Old Business

Vice Chair Emily Davis requested that the County Manager look into placing a bronze plaque at the Collins P. Lee Center and the Sheriff's Department if there is not one at these locations.

Commissioner John Westmoreland asked for update on pavilions at the Recreation Department. Mr. McMullen responded the first pavilion is almost complete, and work will begin soon on the second one.

New Business

Commissioner Tommy French reported on a potential grant award for a new technology center to be located at the Collins P. Lee Center. He reported the facility will cost approximately \$100,000, with \$50,000 being provided through grant funds, and \$25,000 through other sources leaving a balance of \$25,000 to complete the project.

Commissioner French made a motion that the County provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the technology center project. Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion.

Chair Hall suggested the funding come from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Craig recommended the motion be amended to state that funding in the amount of \$25,000 be allocated from the current SPLOST proceeds for Recreation, and this project would be moved to the top of the Recreation SPLOST project priority list. Commissioner French and Vice Chair Davis accepted the amendment to the motion.

Chair Hall called for a vote to approve \$25,000 in SPLOST funding from the current sales tax proceeds for Recreation for a technology center at the Collins P. Lee Center and to move this project to the top priority on the Recreation SPLOST project priority list. The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented an update on the landfill closure.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Lisa Batt, 265 Stewart Dr, NW addressed the Board asking for serious consideration in the adoption of a property standards policy requiring residents to clean up their property.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk