

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 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
Jill Adams

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily C. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Airport Projects

Administrative Analyst Doug Hawkins presented the following update on Airport Projects. He requested Board approval for changes previously presented and approved for the Chair to sign application documents. .

He stated a OneGA grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 was received for the fuel farm project requiring a local contribution of \$79,000.00 for an original approved budget of \$379,000.00. A budget amendment was approved in April 2016 to increase the budget to \$409,500.00 and an additional amendment to increase the budget amount to \$417,400.00 with the local match of \$117,000.00. This amendment for \$7,900.00 was to add another jet fuel line with half the cost being paid by a client. The actual cost of the project was \$416,594.90 leaving the project under budget by \$805.10 after approval of the above amendment and receipt of the check for one-half the installation of the additional fuel line.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve an amendment in the amount of \$7,900.00 for a new cost of \$417,400.00. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

He stated the Apron Grant which was done at the same time finished up under budget by \$19,103.07 so that assists in offsetting the fuel farm increase even though it's not the same grant. (One Georgia grant vs GDOT/FAA grant).

We are applying for a new GDOT grant; however, the costs were different than what I brought before the board previously. We are bringing it back to the board for an update.

Commissioner Henry Craig requested permission to address the Board. He recognized Finance Director Dawn Hudson and Assistant Finance Director Jill Adams for outstanding achievement in the field of government finance from the Government Finance Officers Association in Chicago, Illinois. Commissioner Craig read a press release awarding the certificate of excellence in financial reporting awarded to Baldwin County Board of Commissioners for its comprehensive annual financial report. Commissioners congratulated the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Directors for their accomplishments stating this achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

Oconee Area Radio System

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an update on its participation in the Oconee Area Radio System (OARS). He reported on what the organization does and Baldwin County's role in OARS. He stated Baldwin County has been a member for three years and has a Memorandum of Understanding with the group for the radio system. He reported the "switch" is located in Walton County, and other members need updates to their system. He explained that Baldwin County does not have to expend substantial funds to participate in the upgrade of the switch at this time. He stated faults in the current MOU have been addressed with no satisfactory resolution.

Mr. McMullen requested approval to terminate participation with the Oconee Area Radio System membership and to purchase our own switch.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to proceed with the steps to terminate association with OARS and to purchase a switch for Baldwin County. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Renewal of Operational Lease for Golf Course

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a lease renewal for equipment at the golf course. She stated the amount of the renewal is \$231,769.58, for 50 months at 3.4% interest.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease as presented. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented updates on the status of various County projects.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Curtis and Ms. Earnestine Reaves addressed the Board to express their concerns with the proposed increase in solid waste collection fees and other issues related to the curbside collection such as litter blowing from trucks.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk