

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, March 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 Emily Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017, Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Code Enforcement

Mr. Steve Owens of Safebuilt presented an update on code enforcement activities for business / alcohol licenses, building permits, building codes, inspections and training. He reported there are currently 800 occupation tax registrations (business licenses) on books. In 2014, there were 100 new business licenses; 89 in 2015; and 119 in 2016. Mr. Owens stated this is the period for business license renewals; 100% of alcohol licenses have been renewed, and 85% of other licenses have been renewed to date. He also reported that of the County's business licenses, approximately 60% are for home occupations. Mr. Owens reported the Environmental Compliance Officer assists with identifying businesses that have not purchased a license or have closed.

Mr. Owens stated new home construction is down for 2017; however, additions / remodels are up. Building permits must be posted at each site, and new construction requires 4 permits – building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing. Each new construction and addition/remodels requires 12-16 inspections each.

Mr. Owens stated that training is provided for area contractors at no cost to the County. This training keeps contractors abreast of changes in codes and also meets mandated continuing education hours.

Update on Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Brittany Bullock and Mr. Marsellas Williams of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission presented an overview of the comprehensive plan process and timeline.

They discussed required and optional elements of the plan, pre-planning activities, and the establishment of a steering committee. The first public hearing on the plan is tentatively scheduled in April with the plan adoption in January 2018.

Appointments to Board of Health

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the reappointments of Dr. Janet Harrison and Mr. Fielding Whipple to the Board of Health. Dr. Harrison will serve the remainder of the term for Post 2 which will expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Whipple's appointment is for Position 3 for a six year term. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointments to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the reappointments of Ms. Laura Thompson and Mr. Willie Lamar to serve on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority Board. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Citizens' Prescription Drug Program

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented information regarding the Coast2Coast Rx Card County Participation Agreement. She stated the County had previously participated in a similar discount prescription program through the National Association of Counties. This program should provide better benefits and services to citizens and is endorsed by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. The program is provided at no cost to Baldwin County and residents, and it will pay a rebate for each prescription filled that results in a paid claim. Coast2Coast will provide all material, distribution and promotion. She reported notification has been submitted of termination to the previous company.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve Coast2Coast Rx card County Participation Agreement as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Bids for Fire Department Tanker Truck

Finance Director Hudson discussed bids for the purchase of a tanker truck. Ms. Hudson reported 3 bids were received, and Chief Reynolds is recommending the bid be awarded to Fire Line in the amount of \$264,988. The lowest bid received was \$262,949 from Rosenbauer/Southern Emergency Products and the highest bid was \$276,178 from KME/NAFECO.

Chief Troy Reynolds stated that after review of all bids he feels the E-One truck from Fire Line would best serve the needs of the Fire Department. He stated this is a full body truck verses a wet side tank, and the equipment storage area is significantly more than the other bids. He reported the funding will come from the current SPLOST.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid for a tanker truck to Fire Line in the amount of \$264, 988 as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lease Resolution for Public Works Motor Grader

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a lease agreement for a motor grader for the public works department. She stated the current equipment will be turned back in for a trade-in value of \$80,000. The new lease is for 48 months at 2.34% interest. The equipment cost is \$213,680 has a guaranteed buy back of \$90,000 for a net cost of \$123,680. The funds are budgeted in the current SPLOST.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the lease agreement as presented for a motor grader. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Chair Hall asked Commissioners Craig and Westmoreland to consult County Attorney McRee in reviewing the County's Noise Ordinance. He asked them to bring information and/or recommendations to the Board on this Ordinance.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen had no report. Commissioner Westmoreland asked County Manager McMullen to express appreciation to the Public Works Department employees for their work during the road closure on Meriwether Road.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Cheryl Wingate addressed the Board regarding her cable service, and the fact that she is not able to connect to high speed internet at her residence on O'Conner Drive.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk