

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

Members Present: Sammy Hall
Tommy French
Henry Craig
John Westmoreland

Members Absent: Emily C. Davis

Also Present: Ralph McMullen
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order of Regular Meeting

Chair Hall called the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 Public Hearing and July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Contract to Conduct Municipal Election

County Attorney David McRee presented a contract between the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County Commissioners and Probate Judge and Election Superintendent Todd Blackwell to conduct the municipal election(s). He stated Elections Superintendent Blackwell and Chief Registrar Elizabeth Rodgers have also reviewed the Contract. Mr. McRee stated the contract is for the November 2017 general municipal election for the offices of Mayor and six (6) Aldermen and any possible runoffs; and possibly a special election for a countywide referendum on the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST).

County Attorney McRee reported the City shall pay for expenses for conducting municipal elections; however, if the TSPLOST referendum or any other County special election is held on the same day as the City's municipal elections, the City shall only pay a proportional share of the fixed costs and expenses of the combined election with the share to be set by the Elections Superintendent.

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

A copy of the Contract to Conduct Municipal Election is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Update on Workforce Development Programs

Ms. Carolyn Roberson and Ms. Amy Varnum reported on an update on various Workforce Development Programs, funding sources and recent changes related to program operations.

Fire Prevention Presentation

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds introduced Sparky the Fire Dog, the County's new educational mascot for fire prevention education. Chief Reynolds stated the County received grant funds to purchase Sparky.

Old Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland stated he felt the County should proceed with scheduling a public hearing on International Property Maintenance Codes (IPMC). Commissioner Craig said he felt the Commissioners should have more discussion on the matter prior to a public hearing. After discussion, Commissioners agreed to hold a Special Work Session inviting someone with expertise on the IPMC to address the Board and answer questions.

New Business

Chair Hall reported presented an update on T-SPLOST. He stated revenue projections are lower than previously expected, and a vote by the Roundtable will be held August 18th on which projects will be priority for the proposed T-SPLOST.

Commissioner Henry Craig, Chair of the ACCG Revenue and Finance Policy Committee, encouraged all to attend the Policy Committee meeting on August 8th at GMC.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen reminded everyone of the Dedication of Recreation Pavilions on August 16th at 11:00 a.m.

He reported Baldwin County received an award from the American Public Works Association (AMPA) for the landfill capping procedure. He stated Vice Chair French accepted the First Place Award for innovative projects at the APWA conference.

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Jarrell Lester addressed the Board regarding the County moving forward with the adoption of a property maintenance code to benefit Baldwin County's blight.

Ms. Cheryl Hale addressed the Board regarding the deplorable condition of a house located next to her property on Sinclair Marina Road.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk
