

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 17, 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
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

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 October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Amendment

Chair Hall stated an amendment to the Agenda is necessary to bring an update on the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) program to the Board.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to amend the Agenda to discuss the LMIG Program. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on LMIG Program

County Engineer Brian Wood presented the 2017 LMIG Cost Update. He stated the total 2017 LMIG bid received by the County totaled \$705,322.13. Mr. Wood requested that three roads on the current LMIG list be done in 2018 due to time constraints in getting them completed before paving seasons ends. The cost of the three roads - Commodore Drive, Summit Drive / Road and Shalimar Cove—totals \$215,271.09. Once this amount is deducted and rock and patching overages are considered there is a balance of \$175,271.09 left over for use on other roads. Mr. Wood recommended using the balance to resurface Sinclair Marina Road. He stated this amount would only resurface a portion of Sinclair Marina Road; however, if the Board wishes to complete the entire road an additional \$69,000.00 would be needed.

Finance Director Dawn Hudson stated the additional funds are available if it is the Board's desire to resurface the entire length of Sinclair Marina Road.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to pave only the portion of Sinclair Marina Road that the LMIG balance of \$175,271.09 will cover. Mr. Tommy French seconded the motion.

After discussion, Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to amend the original motion and to fund the additional \$69,000.00 to pave Sinclair Marina Road in its entirety. Commissioner Davis declined to accept the amendment to her original motion.

Chair Hall called for a vote on the original motion to pave only a portion of Sinclair Marina Road using the balance of \$175,271.09 in 2017 LMIG funds. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Davis, French

Nay: Craig, Westmoreland, Hall

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to appropriate the additional \$69,000.00 to pave the entire length of Sinclair Marina Road. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: Craig, French, Westmoreland, And Hall Nay: Davis

Update on County Extension Activities

County Extension Coordinator Robbie Jones presented an activity report for the period March–September 2017. He discussed 4-H participation and events and other extension activities.

He introduced Ms. Shea'leisha Lundy who was selected to serve on the 2017 Southern Regional Teen Leadership Conference Planning Committee. Ms. Lundy was one of only four youth selected from Georgia to serve in this capacity. Ms. Mya Milner, Farilyn Hurt, Chyna Moore and Shea'leisha Lundy qualified for the 2017 State 4-H Congress, and all four youth placed at State 4-H Congress. Baldwin County 4-H was also recognized in 2017 for the following in the Northeast District: largest number of winners at State 4-H Congress, largest increase in delegation, Junior/Senior DPA highest percentage of winners, Junior / Senior DPA largest increase in participation, largest increase in Junior Project Achievement Competitors, largest percentage increase in Junior Project Achievement Competitors.

Mr. Jones proudly announced that Mr. Grady Torrance was selected as Outstanding Master 4-H Club Member of the Year, and Ms. P.J. Herren was selected for the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Outstanding Extension Secretary Award.

Mr. Jones discussed upcoming events.

Update on Development Authority Activities

Development Authority Executive Director Matt Poyner presented an update on Development Authority activities to include reports on existing industry, industrial park projects, Sibley-Smith site, Fall Line Regional Development Authority and potential business/industry projects of which six of fourteen project remain active.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Poyner about a possible career academy with local industry. She asked Mr. Poyner to provide additional information on this topic to the Board as soon as possible.

Appointment to Oconee Community Service Board

Chair Sammy Hall presented a letter from Oconee Center Director Tyrone Evans regarding a vacancy on the Oconee Community Service Board. Ms. Mary Dixon's

resume and application were submitted to Commissioners for consideration of her appointment to serve on the Community Service Board.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to appoint Ms. Mary Dixon to serve on the Oconee Community Service Board. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Water Rate Study

Chair Sammy Hall reported that at a previous meeting engineers from Carter & Sloope Engineering provided an in-depth study on water / sewer rates to detail the current rates and proposed rates for Commissioners consideration. Chair Hall presented the proposed rate structure for discussion.

Commissioner Craig stated the cost to the County has continued to increase each year; however the cost is not being passed on to the consumer. He reiterated the fact that the County must look at proposed rate increases to cover the costs. Since the Water Department operates as an enterprise fund no tax dollars are used to support the Department.

After discussion of proposed options, Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt option 14%-B with a residential base charge of \$16.00 with zero gallons of water included in the base rate. The industrial base charge would be \$31.00. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the rate structure is available in the Commissioners' office.

Update on Budget Process

Finance Director Dawn Hudson discussed the budget calendar. She reported the Budget Hearing is scheduled for November 21st with adoption in December. Commissioners will meet with Elected / Appointed Officials and Department Heads as soon as possible to discuss their budget requests.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Lois Callender addressed the Board to inquire if any steps have been taken to begin discussions on the aquatic center.

Executive Session

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and property acquisition. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Hall stated Mr. Eric Mosley has withdrawn his name from consideration for the position of County Manager.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk