

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 19, 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
Emily C. Davis
Henry Craig
John Westmoreland

Also Present: Ralph McMullen
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting, the September 7, 2017 Work Session and the September 14, 2017 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

LMIG Bids

County Engineer Brian Wood presented bid information for the DOT LMIG resurfacing program. He stated two bids were received—C & H Paving in the amount of \$803,997.33 and Georgia Asphalt in the amount of \$705,322.13. He stated 5.638 miles of roads will be resurfaced under this year's LMIG program. Mr. Wood recommended the bid be awarded to low bidder Georgia Asphalt in the amount of \$705,322.13.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid for LMIG resurfacing to Georgia Asphalt for \$705,322.13 as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointment of Interim County Manager

Chair Hall stated the search for a County Manager is underway; however, the Board does not anticipate the hiring of a County Manager before County Manager McMullen's retirement date.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to appoint Chair Sammy Hall as Interim County Manager until such time that a new County Manager is hired. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion.

County Attorney David McRee stated this is a viable motion as long as Chair Hall serves on a volunteer basis with no compensation. He would communicate with other Commissioners on all matters, sign documents and be available to officials, agencies and employees regarding County activity.

Chair Hall stated he would abstain from voting on the motion. He called for a vote on the motion to appoint the Chair to serve as Interim County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Craig, Davis, French, Westmoreland

Abstention: Hall

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 McMullen had no report to the Board. Chair Hall, on behalf of the Board, thanked County Manager McMullen for his years of service to Baldwin County and its citizens and wished him well in his retirement. Mr. McMullen thanked the Board for the working relationship with them during his service to Baldwin County.

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Clarence Woodall addressed the Board regarding the date an individual's property value may be frozen when the property value is in appeal.

Ms. Stephanie McClure, Ms. Diane Lucette, Mr. Floyd Griffin and Mr. Crawford Finley addressed the Board stating the importance of having a swimming pool in the County and the anticipated date to let a contract for the facility. Chair Hall stated the SPLOST collections do not begin until 2018; therefore, there would not be a contract until after that date. Mr. Griffin stated he will personally lead a cause to defeat the proposed TSPLOST, which will be placed on the ballot in 2018, if a contract has not been let for construction of a pool.

Mr. Griffin requested that the Board reconsider appointing Chair Hall as Interim County Manager. He stated he felt this was unconstitutional. County McRee responded he has discussed the matter with legal counsel at the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the appointment of Chair Hall serving as Interim County Manager is legal since the Interim Manager will receive no compensation.

Mr. Jerry Lester addressed the Board requesting an update on the status of the Property Maintenance Code the Board has been discussing for many months. He also stated Sinclair Marina Road is in dire need of repaving since it is now a safety factor to those traveling the road. Chair Hall stated these type road conditions are the reason everyone should support the TSPLOST when it comes up for a vote next year. The TSPLOST would provide the County with additional funds for transportation projects to improve roads.

Mr. Hall stated at this time there are no additional meetings scheduled on Property Maintenance; however, the Board continues to discuss the issue.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk
