

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 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: David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham
Carlos Tobar

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Introduction of County Manager

Chair Hall introduced County Manager Carlos Tobar and welcomed him to Baldwin County.

2018 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson reported the County is authorized by law to make temporary loans each year to pay for operating expenses. She stated quotes were solicited for the 2018 TAN, and two banks responded. Century Bank and Trust submitted an interest rate of 1.84% per annum, and Exchange Bank submitted a rate of 2.59%. Ms. Hudson stated the note will be for an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 and will be drawn as needed.

Ms. Hudson presented a Resolution authorizing the execution of documents to borrow from Century Bank and Trust money to pay current year's operating expenses from time to time during the year, the aggregate amount of which is not to exceed \$7,500,000, to bear interest not to exceed 1.84% per annum. Interest shall be paid only on that portion of the total sum which is utilized and only for the period of time it is used. The entire amount plus interest shall be repaid on or before December 31 of the current year.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated that, as always, his goal is to reduce the TAN amount the County must borrow. He stated the County should strive to borrow as little money as possible.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute necessary loan documents. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Agreement for Acquisition of Aerial Photography

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented an agreement between Baldwin County and the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for aerial photography. She stated project costs total \$20,560.69 which is included in the 2018 Budget.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Agreement for Aerial Photography in the amount of \$20,560.69 as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute Agreement documents. Commissioner John Westmoreland 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 _____.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Sammy Hall opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis nominated Tommy French for Chair. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to elect Tommy French to serve as Chair. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated that during last year's election he made the recommendation that for future elections the Commissioner serving as Vice Chair would become Chair for the next year, and he would like to again make this recommendation.

Chair Sammy Hall opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis nominated John Westmoreland as Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion that John Westmoreland be elected to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry Craig expressed his appreciation to Chair Hall for his service to the Board, employees and the community during his terms as Chair. He also thanked Commissioner Hall and commended him on his great work while he served as temporary County Manager with no compensation.

Old Business

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion that the Board vote to officially table action on the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). County Attorney stated this item is not on the Agenda, and the County is still reviewing IPMC. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion for discussion.

After discussion, Chair Hall called for a vote to officially table the IPMC. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Henry Craig asked that each Commissioner be prepared to make recommendations for representatives to serve on the Aquatics Facility Committee. He recommended the Committee consist of one Chair and two representatives from each district.

New Business

Chair Hall reported that Fire Chief Troy Reynolds resigned his position to pursue other opportunities. He stated that Mr. Steve Somers has been appointed to be the County Fire Chief.

Chair Hall stated Mr. Wade Williams has been hired as the County's Chief Appraiser.

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Cindy Humphries asked if materials were left at a job site are the materials still County property? County Attorney McRee stated it would have to be determined by the County Department Head whether the material will be used there or at another site or if the material is being abandoned.

Ms. Humphries stated she felt the County should be trying to help people with maintenance issues rather than imposing more regulations on citizens.

Mr. Gerald Medicis, 193 Pebble Hill Road, stated he has addressed the Commissioners previously and is opposed to the IPMC and more regulations imposed on citizens.

Ms. Bethany Mill stated vague terminology is used in IPMC, and she asked that more specific terms be used rather than leaving it to individuals' interpretation.

Executive Session

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk
