

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2018
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Tommy French presiding.

Members Present: Tommy French
John Westmoreland
Emily C. Davis
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig

Also Present: David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham
Carlos Tobar

Call to Order

Chair Tommy French called the May 15, 2018 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 April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Annex and Bid for Courthouse Roofing and Expansion Project

Mr. Ben Carter of Carter & Watkins Architects presented bids for the Courthouse roofing project. He stated only one bid was received which was from Skyline Construction Services in Eatonton. The base bid amount was \$691,670.00; alternate # 1 is a deduct of \$159,700.00 for the removal and storage of cupola and alternate # 2 is a deduct of \$172,460.00 for putting a new roof on tower area only. He stated the Board could accept the total bid amount of \$691,670.00 and make the determination on deducts at a later date.

After discussion, Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept the bid from Skyline Construction in the amount of \$691,670.00 with the two deducts for alternate # 1 and alternate # 2 in the amounts of \$159,700.00 and \$172,460.00 respectively. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Carter presented an update on the County Annex. He presented the site plan for the Board's consideration. He stated the next step is to advertise for bids for the grading and site work which will be around the end of May. He also discussed a proposed project schedule with anticipated completion of the facility in September 2019.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the site plan as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Baldwin County Health Department

Mr. Morris Hutcheson, North Central Health District, made a presentation to the Board on the Baldwin County Health Department. Mr. Hutcheson discussed conditions of the facility the Health Department currently occupies, demographics and statistics on number of clients served and types of services provided at the Health Department. He

presented a comparison of Baldwin County with other counties in the North Central Health District. He provided information regarding the costs to renovate the current facility as well as costs to build a new facility.

Mr. Hutcheson requested help for the Health Department to acquire land and requested approval to move forward with securing design and building a new health department facility.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the concept of the Health Department looking for potential property and moving forward with the design of a new facility utilizing the \$200,000 SPLOST fund allocation. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation of Proclamation to Madeline Oliff

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a proclamation to Ms. Madeline Oliff, founder and president of Georgia College and State University (GCSU) Shelter Buddies Club. The Board recognized Ms. Oliff for her dedication, time and achievements to serve the Baldwin County Animal Shelter.

LMIG Bids

County Engineer Brian Wood presented bids for resurfacing County roads under the 2018 LMIG program. Mr. Wood reported four bids were received, and Georgia Asphalt, Inc. of Macon was the low bidder in the amount of \$717,334.64. He recommended awarding the bid to low bidder Georgia Asphalt for \$717,334.64.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid for 2018 LMIG resurfacing to Georgia Asphalt in the amount of \$717,334.64. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointment to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Chair Tommy French stated that Baldwin County has a vacant position on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority Board due to the resignation of Ms. Cheryl Crumbley. Mr. French stated the County has gone through the process of soliciting nominations for the position, and Mr. Robert Lee Slade has agreed to serve on the Authority Board.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Slade to serve on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority Board. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointment to Board of Department of Family and Children Services

Chair French stated he received a letter notifying the County that the DFCS Board term of Mr. Willie Lester will expire effective July 1, 2018. The Board of the Department of Family and Children Services has requested the reappointment of Mr. Lester to continue to serve on this Board.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lester to the Board of Department of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Juvenile Court Indigent Costs

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a letter from Superior Court Judge William Prior regarding juvenile court costs. In his letter, he stated that attorneys' fees in juvenile court have increased at an alarming rate. In 2017, \$400,000.00 was expended in the circuit for juvenile dependency attorneys' fees. Judge Prior presented, through his correspondence, a proposal to lower attorneys' fees

by contracting with four attorneys to be parent attorneys and also contract with a circuit wide guardian ad litem. The cost of funding the five positions would be \$180,000.00. He is requesting a commitment of \$200,000.00 from the circuit for attorneys' costs for providing representation to indigent litigants in juvenile dependency cases. Ms. Hudson stated Baldwin County's portion would be approximately \$56,000.00 per year which is a substantial savings from the 2017 costs of \$110,095.00.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to support the proposal as presented for reduction of attorneys' fees for juvenile court indigent costs. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with Board of Education

Ms. Hudson stated the Board of Education has requested that the County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with them for the use of Walter B. Williams Gymnasium as a relocation site in the event of an emergency evacuation of students and staff. The MOU outlined the responsibilities of the County and those of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Old Business

Chairman Tommy French recognized Commissioners Craig, Davis and Westmoreland for completing Specialty Track Training Courses through ACCG. Commissioners stated that Chair French has also completed a number of Specialty Tracts also.

New Business

Vice Chair John Westmoreland stated he felt the Board should have a Strategic Planning Session to set goals and objectives for the coming year.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented the following report:

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items

The following citizens addressed the Board: pump house at the golf course is complete; gym renovations will be complete this week, and rededication ceremony will be held June 22nd; basketball courts at Harrisburg should be completed by June 22nd; liner for irrigation pond to be installed for soccer fields by end of June; Recreation Department has a proposed summer program; coordinated with City to prepare TSPLOST presentation; made presentations on TSPLOST; EDA grant – looking at Phase 3 for the Hopewell tank and emergency backup line across the river.

County Manager stated a public hearing on the Baldwin County Property Maintenance Code (BCPMC) will be held June 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk
