

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 6, 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
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Tommy French called the November 6, 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 October 16, 2018 Called Meeting, October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting and October 17, 2018 Called Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda

Chair French stated the presentation of the Proclamation to the GRPA State Basketball Champs 12 & Under was being postponed until a later date.

FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented an Emergency Management Performance grant award in the amount of \$21,781.00 to be used for emergency management services. This grant requires a 50% match in the amount of \$21,781.00 for a total project cost of \$43,562.00.

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to accept the grant award for emergency management services in the amount of \$21,781.00 as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute grant documents. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Georgia's Porch Grant Award

Ms. Hudson presented a grant award for Georgia's Porch Victims' programs in the amount of \$189,880.00. She stated the required match of \$47,470.00 will be paid by donations and in-kind services.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept Georgia's Porch grant award in the amount of \$189,880.00 as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute grant documents. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Grant Award

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Grant Award in the amount of \$75,948.00. She stated there are no matching funds required

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept Task Force grant award in the amount of \$75,948.00 as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute grant documents. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Water / Sewer Rate Study

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported discussions have been held regarding the equity of water - sewer rates charged by the City of Milledgeville to County residents. Commissioner Henry Craig stated a significant portion of District 1 in the airport area is served by the City of Milledgeville. He stated the residents in that area pay approximately 60% higher than those in the City receiving the same water and sewer service. He stated he felt it is time for a professional to evaluate whether the rates are appropriate.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to authorize County Manager Tobar to engage an engineering firm to perform a water and sewer rate study for County customers being billed by the City. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Road Map

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported on the preparation of a new County Road Map.

Approval of Personnel Hearing Officer

County Manager Tobar reported an employee has appealed a termination, and he has denied Appeals 1 and 2. The third step in the process requires a hearing before a personnel hearing officer. County Manager Tobar recommended the Board approve hiring Attorney Ryan Frier as the County's Personnel Hearing Officer.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve hiring Attorney Ryan Frier as the County's Personnel Hearing Officer. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 Carlos Tobar reported he made a T-SPLOST presentation to the Democratic Women of Baldwin County, and he continues to prepare the LAP

Certification application for submission to GDOT. He asked if the Board wanted to select representatives to serve on the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Board or whether they preferred to wait until a Chair was elected in January. Commissioners stated they preferred to wait until January when the Chair for 2019 was selected.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Crawford Finley addressed the Board regarding a letter written some time ago by his students. He stated at that time his students expressed their desire for the County to build a pool for the community. He stated he wants the Commissioners to do what they said they would do.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the November 6, 2018, Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French
Chair

Carlos Tobar
County Manager
