

Baldwin County Commissioners
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance and the Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 16, 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
Emily C. Davis
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order of Public Hearing

Chair Tommy French called the October 2, 2018 Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance to order at 6:00 p.m.

County Manager Carlos Tobar discussed proposed revisions to the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance. He stated the as per the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (GESA), Local Issuing Authorities (LIA) must amend their ES&PC ordinances within 12 months of any amendments to GESA. He stated continuing certification of a LIA is conditioned upon implementation of an ordinance that meets or exceeds the provision of GESA. The State has provided recommended amendments for definitions to meet requirements of the GESA; specifically, the definition for final stabilization which is not defined in GESA.

Chair French asked if there were comments from the public on the proposed changes. There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order

Chair French called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

911 Resolutions

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson stated HB 751 was passed during the 2018 legislative session which created the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA). This legislation implements a new centralized process by which all 9-1-1 fees are to be collected and remitted to local governments by the Department of Revenue (DOR). In order for DOR to collect landline, wireless service and prepaid 9-1-1 fees beginning January 1, 2019, the County must submit to the DOR by September 30th previously passed resolution(s) imposing the 9-1-1 fees. In order to be certain the County complies fully with the new 911 requirements and language, ACCG is recommending that counties adopt new resolutions and submit them to DOR by November 1, 2018. This is done because there is an additional code section that requires 911 fee resolutions be in place 120 days prior to their effective date.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt 911 Resolutions updating and authorizing 911 charges on telephone services, wireless enhanced 911 charges and prepaid wireless services as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated the revised Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance was presented and discussed at the Public Hearing held at the beginning of this meeting. Mr. Tobar presented the Ordinance for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

Grant Awards

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented the following grant awards:

Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia for the District Attorney's Office - FY 2019 VOCA Allocation for October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$243,341 and Comp Advocate funds in the amount of \$58,000; and Solicitor General's Office - FY 2019 VOCA Allocation for October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$108,178. She stated there are no County funds required for matching these grants.

Ms. Hudson presented a grant award from the Office of Justice Programs for funding under the FY 18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program – Local Solicitation award in the amount of \$20,055 for the Sheriff's Office for purchasing tasers.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the three grant awards as presented for the FY 2019 VOCA Allocation for the DA and Solicitor and the JAG program award for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Vice Chair John Westmoreland expressed his appreciation to all County Departments and staff for their work during Hurricane Michael.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented an update on his activities to include making presentations to various organizations on T-SPLOST; training on GDOT Title VI; Title VI and Purchasing Policy agreements; CHIP application; and submission of LAP certification within the coming weeks.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Mark Simpson stated many people do not attend Commissioners' meetings and he hoped the Chambers in the new Annex would be equipped with equipment to broadcast the meetings.

Mr. Ray Woodall addressed the Board stating there should be more transparency in the government. He cited the demolition of the old prison and payments to the hospital.

Mr. Clarence Woodall addressed the Board asking why the County would need a special tax for the payment to Navicent Health when he thought it was included in the budget last year.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the October 16, 2018, Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk
