

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 18, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 18, 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 December 18, 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 4, 2018 Regular Meeting and the December 11, 2018 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily C Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to amend the Agenda for the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jadae T. Hightower in recognition of her benevolence and giving, earning platinum sponsorship by donating \$500.00 to the Second Annual Community Christmas Giveaway.

Bids for Administration Building

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson introduced Architect Ben Carter who will answer any questions regarding the bids being presented for the Administration Building.

Ms. Hudson reported twelve (12) bids were received by the County for the construction of the new Administration Building. She explained required documents to be submitted by bidders. Ms. Hudson presented the following information:

She stated the apparent low bidder, R.E. Crawford Construction from Sarasota, Florida submitted a bid of \$8,995,000.00. However, this bid was disqualified based on numerous factors including pending law suits with subcontractors, lack of experience on government facilities, poor reviews on work and guilty pleas to fraud and false tax returns. Therefore, this bidder was classified as a non-responsible bidder.

The second low bidder, Pellicano Construction from Macon/Albany submitted a bid of \$9,279,000.00. This bidder failed to provide financial statements as required in bid instructions, project experience was mainly small retail projects and Secretary of State

shows the company has been dissolved. These facts classified them as a non-responsive bidder.

The third low bidder, Spratlin & Son Construction from Lincolnton, Georgia submitted a bid in the amount of \$9,440,000.00. This company has a great deal of courthouse and government experience. They built the Hancock, Pike and Barrow County Courthouses and are currently working for Cobb County. Their actual construction bid is \$8,995,000.00 with a 5% contingency for a total of \$9,440,000.00.

Ms Hudson stated that the recommendation from Carter Watkins Associates Architects is that Baldwin County reject the non-responsible and non-responsive bidders, R. E. Crawford and Pellicano Construction, and award the contract to Spratlin & Son who is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

Commissioner Emily C Davis made a motion to award the contract to Spratlin & Son in the amount of \$9,440,000.00 and to authorize the Chair to execute related documents. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the contract is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2019 Airport Advisory Committee Membership Recommendation

Airport Advisory Committee Chair Jim Wolfgang presented the following slate of members for the Airport Advisory Committee:

#### 2019 & 2020

- Jesse Annis – Reappointment
- Butch Harrell - New Member
- Ken Sharp - Reappointment
- Jim Wolfgang - Reappointment

#### 2019 (Continuation - 1 year remaining on term)

- Les Leech
- James Neal
- Tom Osborne

#### Non-Voting Members

- Baldwin County contracted Airport Manager
- Executive Director, Development Authority of the City of Milledgeville & Baldwin County
- City of Milledgeville Publics Works Director

#### Baldwin County Staff

- Baldwin County GIS & Airport Department – Alex Ferrand

#### Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

- Commissioner Henry Craig

Commissioner Henry Craig expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wolfgang for his service to the Baldwin County Advisory Committee and the Airport.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the recommended slate of members for the Airport Advisory Committee as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Pension Plan

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented information regarding a possible change in the County's Pension Plan. He stated the current plan is a defined benefit plan which is becoming unsustainable due to the tremendous expense to fund the plan. He stated the Board, along with the pension Plan Administrators, will be looking into a different type plan which will be a defined contribution plan for future hires. He stated all current

employees will remain under the current Defined Benefit Plan and there will be absolutely no change for current employees.

Mr. Tobar reported documents will be prepared and distributed to Commissioners, elected officials and department heads. The Plan Representative will have an informational meeting to explain the proposed plan and answer any questions.

#### ACCG 2018 Mental Health Report

Commissioner Henry Craig, who serves as Chair of the ACCG Standing Committee on Mental Health, presented information on mental health issues. He stated the Committee was created to improve Mental Health treatment access in Georgia, specifically targeting the mentally ill population currently housed in local county jails. He stated the lack of accessible mental health services and the growing opioid epidemic are having a severe impact on county governments and citizens. He stated the goal of the committee has been to work with other organizations in the development of recommendations for future legislative sessions, to raise awareness of the issues around mental health and county budgets, and provide tools to address these growing needs.

Commissioner Craig discussed meetings that have been held with various groups and organizations including the Mental Health Summit and the positive feedback it brought about this issue. He discussed the Standing Committee created by the Council of Superior Court Judges to address issues of Mentally Ill in Local Jails. He stated the goal is to have groups with statewide initiatives to join forces to lobby for needed changes and funding for services. The joint efforts of the Superior Court Judges, County Commissioners and Sheriffs to facilitate the collection of valid data regarding the mentally ill population in local jails is critical to making data driven decisions to address such issues. Also, a contract with the CVIOG will assist in finding ways to provide help for services for the mentally ill.

#### Resolution of Support for Interstate 14 Extension

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated a Resolution of Support for Interstate 14 Extension was presented to the Board at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Commissioner Hall requested additional information before taking action. Mr. Tobar stated the Georgia Department of Transportation will be responsible for the Interstate 14 Extension which could run along Georgia's Fall Line Freeway. He stressed that there will be no County responsibility from the County to fund the Extension.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Support for Interstate 14 Extension as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Acquisition of Property

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a Resolution for the County to accept the property consisting of 5.70 acres and the access easement of 0.12 acres known as the former Training Building located outside the fence line on the Milledgeville Youth Development Campus for use by the Baldwin County Health department to provide public health services in the community. He stated the cost to the County for the property will be \$0.00.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution to accept the property as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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 presented highlights of 2018 to include updating policies and procedures, facility upgrades, LAP, TAP, efforts to reduce blight, GIS, and improvement for employee performance.

### Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

The following citizens addressed the Board on the Animal Control Department and Budget: Ms. Pam Peacock and Ms. Judy Veal.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the December 18, 2018, Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk

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