

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 18, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair John Westmoreland presiding.

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

Also Present: Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair John Westmoreland called the June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Work Session, May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting and June 17, 2019 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentations

Commissioner Emily C. Davis presented a Certificate of Recognition to Milton Adams for his athletic accomplishments.

Refunding Revenue Bonds for Sinclair Water Authority

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported the Sinclair Water Authority voted at their meeting held May 20<sup>th</sup> to proceed with refunding the existing 2008 debt which will generate a substantial level of savings for Baldwin and Putnam Counties by lower debt payments. She discussed projected debt payments as provided by Bill Camp with Raymond James.

Ms. Hudson stated each county has been asked to provide updated data for the Preliminary Official State and to officially consent to the refunding. She presented a Resolution Authorizing, among other things, the issuance of the Sinclair Water Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 Bonds.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sinclair Water Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds as presented. Commissioner 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Update on Swim Baldwin

Mr. Harry Keim, Mr. Crawford Finley, and Ms. Judith Keim presented an update on Swim Baldwin. They reported there are approximately 40 students in this session for swimming lessons. Vice Chair Craig stated the program is made possible by the coordinated efforts of the Board of Education, Baldwin County Commissioners, Georgia College & State University and the work provided by these citizens who took the initiative to make it happen. He expressed his sincere appreciation to these individuals for their efforts.

Vice Chair Craig encouraged everyone to visit the GCSU pool when the swimming lessons are in session to observe the excitement of the group and how much improvement is being made.

### Transit Drug Policy Update

Fire Chief Steve Somers reported the Georgia Department of Transportation has requested that the County review and revise the current Drug and Alcohol Policy to reflect FTA regulatory changes as follows: the addition of four semi-synthetic opioids to the drug testing panel; removal of the word "opiates" and replacement with the word "opioids"; increase the minimum rate of drug testing from 25% to 50% of covered employees subject to FTA drug and alcohol regulation; and the number of randomly selected employees for testing during the calendar year shall not be less than the percentage rates set each year by the FTA Administration.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Transit Drug Policy update as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Drug and Alcohol Policy is on file in the Human Resource Office.

### Lease / Purchase Agreement

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson a Lease / Purchase Agreement for thirty (30) sets of Turnout Gear for the Fire Department. She stated the interest rate for the agreement is 3.98%.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Lease/Purchase Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### HB 381 Abandoned Mobile Home Act

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated HB 381, which became effective May 1, 2019, relates to abandoned mobile homes and provides for the classification of abandoned mobile homes as derelict or intact for purposes of disposal and provides for procedures for creation of a lien, provides for a hearing to confirm classification; provides for court authority to order disposal and for other purposes. The act also provides local government authorities with the authority to appoint an agent to determine the condition of mobile homes in order for landowners to remove or restore abandoned mobile homes left on the property.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to appoint the Code Enforcement Officer as the Baldwin County agent. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Appointment to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to appoint Gregory Barnes to serve on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Appointment to Board of Health

Chair Westmoreland stated one name was submitted for consideration.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to table action on the appointment in order to allow other names to be presented for consideration. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Public Defender's Office FY 2020 Budget

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the budget for the Public Defender's Office for FY 2020. She stated there is no increase from the previous year's budget. The amount remains at \$199,994.22 for FY 2020.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget for the Public Defender's Office as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Grant Awards

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the following grant awards:

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| WIOA Dislocated Worker Program | \$ 481,173 |
| WIOA Youth Program             | \$ 50,000  |
| CJCC Family Drug Court         | \$ 191,540 |
| CJCC Adult Felony Drug Courts  | \$ 300,486 |
| CJCC Mental Health Court       | \$ 293,756 |

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept all grants presented. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Vice Chair Henry Craig stated the fire hydrant situation in Waters Edge must be addressed. County Manager Tobar stated he has not had any response from the City regarding this issue. Vice Chair Craig asked for this item to be discussed again at the second meeting in July.

Commissioner Sammy Hall stated these are city water lines, and the County could not put fire hydrants in the subdivision without opening the County up to liability for water leaks, quality of water due to installation. He stated the County cannot provide hydrants without approval from the City.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis stated there is grass growing up around fire hydrants. Fire Chief Somers responded the hydrants are currently being painted, and the Water Department will be placing bands on hydrants for visibility. GPS also identifies locations of hydrants.

Chair Westmoreland requested an update on the Recreation Schedule. County Manager Tobar reported that no one had signed up for swim lessons. He stated that Free Play at the gym has been scheduled for a period every day of the week, and he has not received the final calendar from the Board of Education as to when they will use the gym.

### New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented an update on County activities to include: a joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss ESPLOST/TSPLOST, aquatic center, 2020 Census and 4-H transportation; meeting with GDOT to discuss improvements on Highway 49, Blandy Road and 441 By-Pass at West Campus Drive; tours have been scheduled to visit animal control facilities; met with Interim City Manager to ensure he had all documents previously sent to City Manager.

### Public Comment Period

The following citizens addressed the Board: Pam Peacock addressed the Board regarding the proposed new Animal Shelter; Cindy Humphrey addressed the Board regarding Executive Sessions and the Open Meetings Law; Alyse Bradley addressed the Board regarding the timeline for completing the Animal Shelter; and Wayne Brooks addressed the Board encouraging them to build the Animal Shelter.

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### Executive Session

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Regular Meeting

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Westmoreland  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk