

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Vice Chair Henry Craig presiding.

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

Members Absent: John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Vice Chair Henry Craig called the July 16, 2019 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 July 2, 2019 Work Session and July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda for Executive Session

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to adjourn into Executive Session for discussion regarding litigation. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Regular Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to reopen the July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda for Library Funding

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the item for Library Funding. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Library Funding

Vice Chair Henry Craig presented a Resolution adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation, Services, and Funding of Library Services. The Resolution states "in response to our citizens and in order to avert a funding crisis for

the Twin Lakes Library System, the Board of Commissioners desires to offer to the City Council and Library Board an agreement to fund the System in the same manner as had been done between the City and County prior to the expiration of the 2008 Service Delivery Strategy agreements and prior to the City filing suit against the County”.

Vice Chair Craig stated the proposed IGA outlines funding for the provision of services. The IGA states the County shall fully fund the Lake Sinclair Library and fund fifty-eight percent (58%) of the Mary Vinson Library as each is established in the Twin Lakes 2019 and 2020 budgets as approved by the Library Board of Trustees, and the City shall fund forty-two percent (42%) of said budgets; such funding being paid from the general funds of the County and City respectively. The Agreement commencement date is the day the last party to the Agreements approves the IGA and extends to December 31, 2020. He reported the offer will be valid for 30 days from the date of the Resolution; if the City and Twin Lakes Library System fail to execute the IGA, the County’s offer will expire and be automatically revoked.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution and proposed Intergovernmental Agreement in Exhibit “A” as presented. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Vice Chair Henry Craig read a statement regarding the proposed offer to the City and the Library Board stating the County requests that the City accept the proposal and be willing to negotiate other issues in the best interest of all citizens.

Refunding Revenue Bonds for Sinclair Water Authority

Commissioner Sammy Hall stated a Resolution was approved at the June 18, 2019 meeting authorizing the refunding of SWA Series 2019 Bonds. A proposed change to the Resolution has been recommended by Putnam County to include the establishment of a \$350,000 debt service reserve fund. He stated the change has now been incorporated into the Resolution.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to rescind the SWA Refunding Resolution adopted by the Board on June 18, 2019 and to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the SWA Revenue Refunding Bonds including the establishment of a \$350,000 debt service reserve fund. Commissioner Emily C. Davis 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 _____.

Engineering Services for Multi-Purposed Path

County Manager Carlos Tobar requested that this matter be removed from the Agenda and placed on a future agenda due to the fact that additional information is being prepared.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to remove the Engineering Services item until a later date. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adoption of Mediator’s Report

County Attorney David McRee reported the City and County have both received a copy of the final Mediator’s Report regarding SDS mediation. He state this Report must be brought to the Board for their acceptance and inclusion in the official minutes.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept the Mediator's Report for inclusion in the minutes. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

WIOA Youth Grant Award

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant Award in the amount of \$710,251 for Youth Programs.

Commissioner Emily C. David made a motion to accept the WIOA grant award of \$710,251 for Youth Programs as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fiscal Agent Agreement

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented an Agreement for the County to serve as Fiscal Agent for the Middle Georgia Workforce Development Programs. She stated there is no change to the contract from previous years. As outlined in the contract, the County may bill up to \$50,000 for services provided as Fiscal Agent.

Appointments to the Board of Department of Family and Children Services

Vice Chair Craig reported there are two vacancies on the Board of Family and Children Services due to the expiration of terms of Dr. John Sallstrom and Ms. Alice Noel, effective June 30, 2019. He stated both have expressed their desire to continue to serve on the Board for an additional five-year term.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reappoint Dr. Sallstrom and Ms. Noel to serve on the Department of Family and Children Services for a five year term expiring June 30, 2024. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner Davis stated the next Board of Health meeting is August 6th, and the County still has not appointed a member to serve in the vacant position on the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented an update on various County projects including the County's assistance to GCSU Gives Day; possible grant application for a tire amnesty program; mowing schedule; and budget calendar.

Public Comment Period

The following people addressed the Board regarding continued library funding: GMC Representative Steve Greer; Dick Mueller; Barbara Rowe; Diane Lucette; Gina Towner; Janet Davis; Kyle Rick; Judy Greer; and Jim Bohannon.

Pam Peacock expressed her appreciation for the new Animal Shelter; however, since the County does not support a spay-neuter program many animals are being abandoned. She also stated she felt it was wrong for tax payers' money to be wasted on the disagreement with the City over services.

Executive Session

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Westmoreland
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk