

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 3, 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
Tommy French
Sammy Hall

Members Absent: Emily C. Davis

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair John Westmoreland called the September 3, 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 August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation to Lifesaver Awards

Fire Chief Steve Somers stated he was honored to recommend Firefighter Michael Dyer for a Valor Award for heroism in the rescue and extrication of a citizen; to recommend Firefighter Candler O'Neil for Meritorious Commendation for his role as a member of Attack Team One; and to recommend Lt. Bradley Towe for a Meritorious Commendation for the lifesaving measures for the burned citizen while waiting for emergency medical services.

Chief Steve Somers introduced B Shift Station Two Supervisor Webster Marshall who described the August 23, 2019 response to a smoke investigation at Michele Terrace apartments. He discussed the events surrounding the rescue of an unconscious adult victim.

Chief Somers presented the awards to Firefighter Dyer, Firefighter O'Neil and Lt. Bradley Towe.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Grant Award

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented a Youth Program grant award in the amount of \$250,000 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Baldwin

County serves as fiscal agent for the program and acceptance of the award is requested.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to accept the WIOA Youth Program grant award in the amount of \$250,000 as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Victim Assistance Grant of Additional Funds

Assistant County Manager Hudson reported the District Attorney's Office has been approved for additional funding from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia's 2019 VOCA Competitive Application program. This allocation is \$27,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for their program. Match in the amount of \$6,750 is being provided by the DA Victims' Fine program.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept additional funding in the amount of \$27,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for the DA Victims' program. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bids for Fire Station Generators

Assistant County Manager Hudson reported GEMA funds have been approved for the purchase of generators for the County Fire Stations. Sealed bids were received for the project and have been evaluated by Carter & Sloope Consulting Engineers. Their recommendation is to award the bid to low bidder Signal Point Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$277,317 with a required match of \$110,893. Ms. Hudson stated the engineering firm and staff will review options to reduce the County's match.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to award the bid to Signal Point Systems in the amount of \$277,317 and to have the project reviewed in order to reduce the County's match. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Vice Chair Craig requested an update on the request to the City for the installation of additional fire hydrants in Waters Edge. County Manager Tobar responded he had not heard from the City regarding this matter.

County Extension Agent Robbie Jones stated he submitted his resignation from the County effective September 15th. He stated he has taken a position with East Georgia State College. He introduced Brennan Jackson who will serve as interim agent during the transition period.

New Business

EMA Director Wayne Johnson provided an update on Hurricane Dorian stating there should be no direct impact here in Baldwin County.

County Manager's Report

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented the County Manager's Report discussing the following: UGA Extension Agent Robbie Jones has resigned and is relocating to Swainsboro; 50 houses have been demolished in Baldwin County since 10/01/2018; Airport Standard Operating Procedures are complete and will be presented for approval at a later date; West Apron Project mobilization to begin Monday, September 9th; SPLOST Project Updates – framing continues on annex, 17 HVAC units have been

replaced at the new jail with 9 remaining, Senior Center renovations complete, a ribbon cutting ceremony to be announced at a later date, purchase orders issued for doors, UV sanitation lighting, HVAC, plumbing and paint, consultant continues work on aquatic facility conceptual plan.

Other Business

Vice Chair Henry Craig asked that everyone remember the anniversary of 9/11 and the lives lost. He reminded everyone that this was a day of all people fighting together for our country, and it should not stop with 9/11. We must continue to stand together as one.

Public Comment Period

The following people addressed the Board:

Judy Veal urged Commissioners to get the SDS resolved. She stated she cannot apply for grant funds because an approved SDS is a requirement.

Pam Peacock stated the County desperately needs to work on a required spay/neuter program.

Executive Session

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and litigation. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to amend the Agenda to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Property Acquisition

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of a tract of land in the amount of \$510,000 from the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority for economic development purposes. Vice Chair Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Westmoreland
Chair



Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk