

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 1, 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: David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair John Westmoreland called the October 1, 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 September 17, 2019 Work Session, September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting and September 25, 2019 Called Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Commissioners presented Solicitor General Skye Gess and staff a Proclamation proclaiming October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Baldwin County.

Bids for Construction of Baldwin County Health Department

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported sealed bids were solicited and a bid opening was held on September 5, 2019 for construction of the Baldwin County Health Department. Ms. Hudson stated thirteen (13) bids were received; however, the low apparent bidder withdrew their bid due to incorrect calculations. She stated Architects Carter / Watkins Associates have reviewed each bid and checked references. The next low bidder is ICB Construction from Macon in the amount of \$2,414,314. Ms. Hudson requested the bid be awarded to ICB Construction for \$2,414,314 as presented.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to award the contract for construction of the Baldwin County Health Department to ICB Construction, in the amount of \$2,414,314. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agreements with Weyerhaeuser Regarding Communication Tower

County Attorney David McRee reported Weyerhaeuser deeded property to the County in 2012 for the installation of a communication tower. In that deed, there was a right of reverter of title back to Weyerhaeuser if at any time the property ceased to be used for a public purpose only. He stated Verizon has approached the County requesting to install equipment on the County's tower; therefore, it is necessary to amend the original warranty deed in order to lease a portion of the tower to Verizon.

County Attorney McRee presented an amendment to the Limited Warranty Deed outlining provisions that the County and Weyerhaeuser enter into a Side Letter Agreement with terms applicable to the lease of a portion of the communication tower and adjacent ground space to Verizon only and the use will not trigger the Reverter in the Deed. Mr. McRee also presented the Side Letter Agreement between Weyerhaeuser and Baldwin County for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to approve the Amendment to Limited Warranty Deed and Side Letter Agreement between Weyerhaeuser and Baldwin County as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Georgia Department of Transportation Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented the GDOT Title VI Assurances and Nondiscrimination Agreement for 2019. She stated the Board of Commissioners must assure that the County, as a condition of receiving US DOT funds, will follow Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Also, the Board assures that it will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, and handicap/disability under any program or activity whether funded by the federal government or not. She reported the airport multipurpose path is currently the County's only federally funded GDOT project, and all procurements were followed.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to approve the GDOT Title VI Assurances and Nondiscrimination Agreement for 2019. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Title VI Assurances and Nondiscrimination Agreement for 2019 is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Grant Awards

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented a WIOA Dislocated Worker grant award in the amount of \$345,272 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the Dislocated Worker grant award in the amount of \$345,272. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Hudson presented a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant award for the FY 2019 bulletproof vest partnership in the amount of \$8,375. She stated this is a 50 / 50 award with a required County match of \$4,187.50. She reported this amount is in the budget.

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to accept the grant award for bulletproof vests as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 Tobar was not in attendance due to a death in his family.

Public Comment Period

The following people addressed the Board:

Pam Beer – expressed her appreciation for being able to come before the Board to speak on matters of concern. She presented a list of questions about the cost of the SDS brochure and who it was mailed to.

Crawford Finley – expressed his appreciation to the County Manager and Board in all their efforts for the aquatic center.

Executive Session

There was no issue to be taken up in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Westmoreland
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk