

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 15, 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
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair John Westmoreland called the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Westmoreland stated he would yield to Vice Chair Henry Craig to conduct the meeting due to the fact that he had eye surgery.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the item for Banking Services. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation to Commemorate the 140th Anniversary of Georgia Military College

Oh behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Vice Chair Craig presented a Proclamation to GMC to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of Georgia Military College.

Presentation on Youth Services Program

Dr. Ulrica Jones, President, Eventual Success, LLC. presented information about the youth services program offered for those aged 16 to 24. Discussion was held about whether the County would be a work site. Dr. Jones was asked whether she works with the Board of Education in the provision of youth programs. She stated the Board of Education offers different educational programs; they do provide an opportunity for students to students to work during those specific hours. Vice Chair Craig asked how interested private businesses could become involved in the program. Dr. Jones replied interested businesses should contact the Consortium, the agency that handles WIOA.

Appointment to Oconee Community Service Board

Chair Westmoreland has received a letter from Mr. Tyrone Evans, Director, Oconee Center / Secretary, Oconee Community Service Board requesting the reappointment of Commissioner Emily Davis to serve as a Baldwin County representative on the Oconee Community Service Board.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Davis to serve on the Oconee Community Service Board. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Banking Services

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported the County solicited proposals for banking services for a fixed interest rate and zero (0) fees for services. Proposals for banking services were received from Century Bank and Trust, Exchange Bank and Suntrust; however, Century Bank was only institution that presented a proposal offering no fees and a fixed interest rate which is a minimum interest rate of one percent (1%). Their proposal was for a three (3) year contract with an option to renew in three (3) years. Ms. Hudson recommended the County accept the proposal from Century Bank and Trust for the banking services.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to accept the proposal from Century Bank and Trust for banking services as presented. Commissioner Emily C. Davis 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 discussed the preliminary plans for a round-about at Kings and Stembridge Roads. He presented an update on County SPLOST projects including the Animal Shelter, aquatics facility, administrative building, HVAC at jail, Health Department building and Senior Center. He stated a pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow (October 16th) on the water meter replacement project.

Public Comment Period

The following people addressed the Board:

Shawanda Devereaux Rhodes – Presented information about the Annual Community Christmas GiveAway to be held December 22, 2019.

Pam Peacock – Presented an update on the October 3rd mobile SAFE unit. She stated there was good response to the program which provided spay / neuter procedures for 26 animals. Paws for Change paid to have the mobile unit in Baldwin County and hope to have it come here again in the future.

Pam Beer – Presented a list of questions and concerns about the Smith – Sibley mega site.

Executive Session

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing 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 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Westmoreland
Chair

Dawn Hudson
Assistant County Manager