Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Suite 319, Baldwin County Courthouse, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Henry Craig presiding.

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

Also Present: Carlos Tobar
David McRee
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Henry Craig called the July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Craig called for a motion to approve minutes of the June 16, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Accountability Courts

Superior Court Judge Brenda Trammell presented an update on the Ocmulgee Circuit Adult Treatment Court Collaborative Program (ATCC). She stated the Ocmulgee Circuit ATCC is a voluntary, intensive outpatient program that serves criminal participants who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental health illness. Judge Trammell reported the program is an 18 to 24 month program, with 18 months being the minimum length of time in the program and provides weekly supervision and monitoring of each participants treatment. Judge Trammell stated there are 8 counties in the Ocmulgee Circuit, and there are currently 170 participants in the program with 50% being from Baldwin County. There are 45 people on the waiting list to get into the program.

Judge Trammell introduced 4 participants who are in the program or have completed the program with 2 providing testaments as to how the program has changed their lives. Judge Trammell urged Commissioners to visit their new office space on Heritage Road and to attend graduation ceremonies. Judge Trammell stated the ATCC is an advocate for participants to become productive citizens.

Commissioners commended Judge Trammell and all those associated with the program on their hard work and continued efforts to ensure the success of the program. Judges Petty and Burleson expressed their appreciation to Commissioners for the support provided to the treatment courts.

Appointment to Twin Lakes Library System Board of Directors

Chair Henry Craig stated Twin Lakes Library System Board of Trustees has an open County Board position recently vacated by Mrs. Dorothy Brown. Steven Houser, Library Director,

reported the Board respectfully requests that Mr. Cameron Williams be appointed to fill this open board seat.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to appoint Cameron Williams to fill the vacant County Board position on the Twin Lakes Library System Board of Trustees. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Modification Documents for GEFA Loans

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported Governor Kemp has announced that the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) is providing its current borrowers a payment deferral period of six months to help local governments impacted by COVID-19. The County currently has four (4) GEFA loans for water / sewer projects, and payments may be deferred on these loans for six (6) months with no penalty or interest.

County Manager Tobar presented a Resolution for each GEFA Loan to authorize the execution of Modification of Promissory Note documents as follows:

Loan Agreement No. DW2017013	$2,500,000.00
Loan Agreement No. 2005L07WQ	$1,814,052.00
Loan Agreement No. 2001L85WS	$2,000,000.00
Loan Agreement No. DW09039	$5,266,563.00

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Resolutions for each GEFA Loan as presented. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Old Business

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on the culverts on Nelson and Bonner Roads. County Manager Tobar reported funding in the amount of $150,000.00 has been awarded for a concrete culvert on Nelson Road. He reported the project would go out for bid this month with construction anticipated to begin in September. Mr. Tobar reported funding was also requested for Bonner Road; however, funding was not awarded. He stated the County will continue to look for other funding sources for culvert replacement on Bonner.

Commissioner Hall reported the Parham Kitchen project is up and running.

Commissioner Hall also requested further review of the Land Use Code to allow the replacement of a home with the same type home located on a property, i.e. singlewide, doublewide, manufactured home. He also stated he felt the Board should revisit the section of the code that addresses the placement of a mobile home within sight of a stick-built home.

Chair Craig asked Commissioner Hall and Vice Chair French to work with County Manager Tobar on these issues.

Commissioner Davis asked how long County forces will be working on Marshall Road. Mr. Tobar responded the road will remain as a gravel road for a couple of months until the paving contractor comes in to begin paving.

Commissioner Westmoreland requested an update on the Census Count. County Manager Tobar replied the County remains below the State average by approximately 17%. He stated the County has been asked to provide office space for census takers who will be in the County in a couple of weeks to begin the door to door campaign. Mr. Tobar recommended an office at the Recreation Department be used. Commissioner Davis requested that County Manager Tobar bring a report back to the Board from Steven Houser on Census Count Committee activities.

Vice Chair French commended the Water / Sewer Department employees on their work at South Main Street / Allen Memorial Drive. He stated the storm drain and water pipe repairs were done with no disruption to the community.

New Business

Chair Craig stated there are 582 cases of COVID-19 in Baldwin County, and the County is in the top 24% of the State in cases. He recommended the County and City join together in public relations efforts to educate citizens and encourage voluntary compliance of COVID-19 safety measures. He requested the County allocate $5,000.00 for this purpose which can be reimbursed by CARES and/or FEMA. Commissioner Davis stated since the County has not offered hazardous pay to employees, she will support allocating funds only if the County can be reimbursed by CARES or FEMA.

Chair Craig reported the Governor has launched The Georgia Safety Promise for the commitment of citizens to Keep Georgia Safe; Keep Georgia Open; and to Wear A Mask. Chair Craig requested Baldwin County's participation in the Safety Program. He recommended that everyone who enters any County building MUST wear a face covering. Chair Craig recommended the County assign someone to work with the City on this endeavor. He also requested County information regarding COVID-19 be placed on the County Website and Face Book Page.

County Manager Tobar was instructed to develop an appropriate policy for face covering guidance.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to require a facial covering / mask in all County facilities and to authorize a maximum of $5,000.00 for COVID-19 education / publicity efforts. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Tobar presented updates on the following projects: framing is complete at Health Department building and roofing material to be installed very soon; sewer system repaired at the Collins P Lee Center; GIS Department has developed a map that shows single family detached homes and mobile homes in order to provide more rapid response to questions from mobile home dealers, realtors and the general public; Airport Trail Public Information Open House material sent to DOT for approval prior to release to public; E911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to go live Wednesday, July 8th with a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held Thursday, July 9th at 10:00 a.m.

County Manager Tobar read a letter from Senator Jody Hice congratulating Baldwin County on recognition from the National Association of Counties for the Animal Adoption and Rescue Program and Blight Reduction Project.

Commissioner Craig reported he had asked Assistant County Manager Hudson to gather cost information to make all fire stations "hot spots" to enable students to log on to the internet. Commissioner Davis recommended the use of the Recreation Department if the School Board would provide computers.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments to come before the Board.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: **BALDWIN COUNTY**
Loan Number: **2005L07WQ**

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "**Borrower**") held on the 7 day of July 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed **$1,814,052.00** from the **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL LOAN ACQUISITION CORPORATION** (the "**Lender**") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. **2005L07WQ** (the "**Loan Agreement**"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. **2005L07WQ** (the "**Note**"), of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note (the "**Modification**") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Tony Rhodes — Chairman
(Name of Person to Execute Documents) — (Title)

Cynthia K Cunningham — County Clerk
(Name of Person to Attest Documents) — (Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: July 7, 2020.

Cynthia K Cunningham
Secretary/Clerk

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: **BALDWIN COUNTY**
Loan Number: **2001L85WS**

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "**Borrower**") held on the 7 day of July 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed **$2,000,000.00** from the **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL LOAN ACQUISITION CORPORATION** (the "**Lender**") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. **2001L85WS** (the "**Loan Agreement**"); between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. **2001L85WS** (the "**Note**"), of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note (the "**Modification**") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

(Name of Person to Execute Documents) — Chairman (Title)

(Name of Person to Attest Documents) — County Clerk (Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: July 7, 2020.

(SEAL)

Secretary/Clerk

EXHIBIT A

EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: **BALDWIN COUNTY**
Loan Number: **DW2017013**

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "**Borrower**") held on the 7 day of July 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed **$2,500,000.00** from the **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "**Lender**") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. **DW2017013** (the "**Loan Agreement**"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. **DW2017013** (the "**Note**"), of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note (the "**Modification**") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

(Name of Person to Execute Documents) — **Chairman** (Title)

(Name of Person to Attest Documents) — **County Clerk** (Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: July 7, 2020.

(SEAL)

Secretary/Clerk

EXHIBIT A

EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: **BALDWIN COUNTY**
Loan Number: **DW09039**

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "**Borrower**") held on the 7 day of July 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed **$5,266,563.00** from the **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "**Lender**") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. **DW09039** (the "**Loan Agreement**"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. **DW09039** (the "**Note**"), of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note (the "**Modification**") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

(Name of Person to Execute Documents) — **Chairman** (Title)

(Name of Person to Attest Documents) — **County Clerk** (Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: July 7, 2020.

(SEAL)

Secretary/Clerk