

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

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

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan for Milledgeville-Baldwin County

Mr. Johnny Grant, Director of Community Engagement and Economic Development, Georgia College & State University, addressed the Board regarding the strategic planning initiative for the community. He discussed the process used in formulating the strategic plan and stated the Committee for this effort feels this plan will move Milledgeville-Baldwin County forward. Mr. Grant discussed the goals of the four strategies to help Milledgeville-Baldwin County become a vibrant and growing community exemplified by engaged and informed citizens, a diversified economy, educational excellence and a welcoming place.

Mr. Grant requested the Commissioners' approval and endorsement by a letter of support for the Strategic Plan.

Discussion was held regarding a letter of support. Commissioner Henry Craig recommended the Board endorse the plan and provide a letter of support as requested. Commissioner Tommy French recommended the matter be tabled until the Board and the County Attorney have had an opportunity to review a letter of support.

Mr. Johnny Grant stated he would defer his request for a letter of support until a later date.

Chair Hall asked Mr. Grant to contact County Attorney McRee regarding a proposed letter of support.

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

County Engineer Brian Wood presented bid results for the 2014 LMIG resurfacing project. He stated bids were received from the following contractors: Pittman Construction \$756,160.35; Southern Asphalt, LLC - \$761,036.75; Georgia Asphalt,

Inc. - \$859,833.08 and Reeves Construction Company - \$882,769.70. Mr. Wood stated DOT LMIG funding equals \$397,928.70 based on DOT's formula of funding for the program with Baldwin County's 30% match in the amount of \$119,378.00.

Mr. Wood reported that after evaluation of bids specific items were excluded from the project scope of work in all bids. Pittman Construction remained low bidder with a total bid of \$687,038.25. Mr. Wood recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Pittman Construction, in the amount of \$687,038.25.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid for the LMIG project to Pittman Construction in the amount of \$687,038.25 as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Funding Request from Development Authority

County Manager McMullen presented a request from the Development Authority for additional funding in the amount of \$9,585.00 per year for industrial park and right of way mowing and maintenance. He stated the Development Authority Board approved an annual contract in the amount of \$29,995.00 with Harris Landscaping for this service. The Authority would provide an equal amount and would also request this amount from the City.

Mr. McMullen reported these additional funds are not included in the County budget.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated since there is not an appropriation in the budget he recommended this request be denied. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen stated notification has been received from the Governor's office of a \$500,000.00 Community Development Block Grant award for sewer improvements in the Youngblood Road target area.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Richard Bolden and Mr. Harley Hansen addressed the Board requesting a sidewalk from the Veterans building to McDade's grocery in order for veterans to have a safe way to travel along the busy road.

County Manager McMullen reported County, City and Department of Transportation representatives have met to discuss this matter, and there are a number of issues such as an engineering plan, easements along the road right of way and cost of relocating utilities.

Chair Hall stated part of this area is in the City and part in the County. However, the County does not have the money at this time to fund utility relocations and construction of a sidewalk.

Commissioner Craig stated he supports this project and feels the County should work with our engineer to develop a concept and work with veterans to come up with a solution. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis stated this should be done in a timely manner.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk