

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 21 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 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
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the July 21, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Recognition of Stephan Saulsbury

Ms. Teresa Tripp, Youth Services Specialist with the Middle Georgia Consortium, presented background information on the Youth Services Program which is designed to prepare youth for post-secondary education and employment opportunities and allow participants to attain educational and occupational skills training by providing summer employment opportunities. She stated Steven was selected as a participant in the program and placed with the Baldwin County Commissioners Office in August, 2014.

Chair Hall discussed Stephan's various job duties with the Commissioners office as well as other County departments and court services. Mr. Hall stated Stephan has been accepted to Georgia southern University where he plans to study pre-law.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Chair Hall presented Stephan with a letter of appreciation and best wishes in his future endeavors.

Recognition of Water/Sewer Employees

Chair Hall recognized employees of the Water/Sewer Department for their performance and quick response time to a SCADA system failure due to a lightning strike to the main communication antenna at Hopewell elevated tank on Saturday, July 11th. Without these services being kept up manually, the citizens of Baldwin County would have experienced a loss in water system pressure as well as potential water shortages for fire protection.

Update on Airport Projects

Mr. David Peeler, President of W.K.Dickson, the County's airport consulting firm, presented an update on three projects outlined in the Capital Improvements Plan. He discussed the terminal apron expansion, the project calendar and federal, state and local funding sources. He stated December 2015 is the anticipated project completion date. He discussed the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) update which will include an area layout, approach and vicinity plans, forecasts and phasing of various projects. He stated the ALP is a planning document that covers a twenty (20) year period. Georgia DOT requires an update every ten (10) years in order to receive DOT funding. The third project discussed was the new aviation fuel farm which will replace the current underground fuel farm which has not only reached its useful life but needs to be brought up to today's more stringent environmental standards. The new system would provide 24/7 self-fueling. Mr. Peeler stated the planned expansion of the terminal apron would require relocation of the existing fueling system which is adjacent to the aircraft apron east of the terminal. He reported Baldwin County will submit an application through DCA's ONEGA program for the new fuel farm and will continue to pursue DOT funding for airport projects.

Airport Terminal Apron Expansion

Administrative Analyst Doug Hawkins reported the County has received a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation announcing a tentative allocation of federal funding assistance in the amount of \$389,645.00 and state funding participation of 50% of the eligible nonfederal share as match for the airport terminal apron expansion project. He stated the County must confirm, no later than July 31, 2015, by letter to the Commissioner of DOT, our intent to proceed with and fund the apron expansion project at an estimated cost of \$420,000.00, to provide matching funds estimated at \$21,647.00 and to request State funding of \$21,647.00 with a bid opening date of September 17, 2015, sponsor execution date of October 6, 2015, and contract date of November 2015.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to authorize Chair Hall to sign related documents as presented for submission to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis asked that the record reflect she felt the County must continue to look into funds to provide a pool for children since the County is funding other projects such as the airport improvements.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

County Manager Ralph McMullen stated Healthcare Georgia Foundation has asked Live Healthy Baldwin's 13 partners to approve a Memorandum of Understanding as part of an application for Year 3 funding. He stated a priority for Year 3 is to continue to look for grants for the construction of the Fishing Creek Community Trail - particularly the section that would link CGTC to the Industrial Park through the Recreation Department property. Georgia College Foundation feels this phase of the trail would make an excellent proposal for a DNR Recreational Trail Program grant. Live Healthy Baldwin would contribute \$10,000 to the local match for surveying/engineering costs and could complete the application on behalf of the County

Mr. McMullen reported the MOU includes a description of all 13 partner agencies and their roles and responsibilities which are similar to the language in previous MOUs submitted as part of Live Healthy Baldwin's Year 1 and 2 applications. Partner agencies include Georgia College Foundation, Georgia College/Live Healthy Baldwin, City of Milledgeville, Baldwin County Commission/Recreation Department, Baldwin County School District, Bicycling Club of Milledgeville, Baldwin County Family Connection, HealthMPowers, Development Authority of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County, Oconee Regional Medical Center, Oconee River Greenway Authority, Downtown Development Authority of the City of Milledgeville, and Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Update on Recreation Projects

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an update on SPLOST projects for recreation as a follow-up to discussion at the last meeting. He stated the addition of basketball courts in Harrisburg has been requested for inclusion in the SPLOST projects priority list. Mr. McMullen stated staff will be revisiting cost estimates for some of the projects. He reported further information must be gathered on the type of floor to be installed in the gym since this is a multi-use area, and the new floor must be able to withstand use from activities other than basketball. Estimates previously submitted for new hardwood flooring in the gym were more expensive than other types of flooring to be considered. McMullen stated once all SPLOST funds are collected there will be enough money to complete all projects on the list for recreation improvements. Mr. McMullen recommended reviewing costs of other projects to get a more accurate projected cost for utilizing the SPLOST funds.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to move the construction of basketball courts at Harrisburg Park from the overall SPLOST project list to the priority list of recreation projects. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion.

Commissioner Craig stated he is not opposed to basketball courts at the Harrisburg Park; however, other projects on the priority list have not been completed, and he feels the projects initially on the priority list should be completed before other projects are added.

Chair Hall called for a vote on the motion to place the Harrisburg basketball courts project on the SPLOST priority list. The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported Recreation Director McNair met with pool experts regarding the pool at Central State Hospital. He stated the preliminary estimate is \$165,000.00 for pool renovations; however, this figure does not include all renovations needed on pool buildings. He felt further discussion should take place with the Recreation Committee and other possible partners as to how the facility would be operated, funded, etc.

County Manager's Report

Mr. McMullen presented an update on the veterans' sidewalk project. He stated the Department of Transportation engineers found some additional issues during their plan review. These were addressed by the project engineer, and plans have been resubmitted to DOT.

Old Business

Commissioner Westmoreland stated he has received a large number of calls from citizens about the crack and seal process on County roads. He suggested a news article to explain the process, reasons for using this type treatment to preserve and extend the life of roads, and the roads will be restriped.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk