

**Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 16, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 16, 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

Members Absent: John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the June 16, 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 June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Surplus Property

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a list of landfill equipment that is no longer used by the County. He requested the property be declared surplus in order for the County to sell this equipment.

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to declare the landfill equipment surplus and to authorize the sell of the property. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Grant Applications

Finance Director Dawn Hudson reported the County has an opportunity to apply for FY 2015 OneGeorgia Equity Funds and FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

She stated the County has received two proposals from Allen-Smith Consulting to provide grant writing services for these grant applications. The fee for grant writing services is \$8,000 for the CDBG application. As part of the agreement, Allen-Smith Consulting will help the County determine the most competitive project for submission for grant funds. The proposal also states that, if funded, Allen-Smith will provide grant administration services for the grant at a fee of 6% of the grant award.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Grant Writing Agreement for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the FY 2016 CDBG Grant Writing Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ms. Hudson presented the Grant Writing Agreement for the OneGeorgia Equity Fund application which, if funded, will be used to assist with the County's long term strategy to meet Federal Aviation Association requirements at the Airport. The proposed project will aid in the replacement of the outdated fueling system by moving the AVGAS fueling station to a safer location, expand the apron area to allow fueling multiple aircraft safely, allow clients to fuel up after hours and further economic development opportunities in the County. She stated the grant writing fee for this grant is also \$8,000 with a grant administration fee of \$12,000 if grant is funded.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to approve the Grant Writing Agreement for a OneGeorgia application as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the FY 2015 OneGeorgia Grant Writing Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Bids for 2014 CDBG Sewer Improvement Project

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported a bid opening was held June 5, 2015 for sanitary sewer improvements in a target area on Youngblood Road. He presented a bid tabulation outlining bids from IPR Southeast and Underground Pipeline Rehabilitation. Mr. McMullen also presented a letter from Engineer Tim Ingram recommending the award to low bidder, IPR Southeast, LLC in the amount of \$446,625.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid to IPR Southeast, LLC in the amount of \$446,625 as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Professional Services

Airport - County Manager Ralph McMullen discussed the agreement with airport consulting firm WK Dickson. He stated the County contracted WK Dickson after a lengthy solicitation and interview process. During the selection process for a consulting firm, the Board voted to hire WK Dickson and selected Croy Engineering as an alternate choice for airport consultant. If for any reason an agreement was not finalized with WK Dickson then the second firm, Croy Engineering, could be approached without going through another process of solicitation for qualifications.

Mr. McMullen stated WK Dickson has been charged with several tasks thus far including an update of the layout plan, preparation of zone ordinances, provision of information regarding a new fueling system and the accommodation of larger planes at the airport. The County has had no response from WK Dickson to any of the requested tasks. Mr. McMullen recommended sending a letter of termination to WK Dickson due to the firm not fulfilling the terms of the contract. He also recommended the County hire the alternate consulting firm Croy Engineering.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated he has talked to the president of WK Dickson regarding this issue, and he is scheduling a meeting to discuss this matter.

County Attorney David McRee stated the contract stipulates the County must notify the company and inform them of problems. In response to hiring Croy Engineering, he stated the County would have to solicit new proposals from consulting firms since an actual contract agreement was executed with WK Dickson.

Landfill – County Manager McMullen discussed the timeline for the closure of the landfill. He stated the Consent Order outlines the closure schedule and milestone closure activities for Phase 3 beginning on August 3, 2015 and ending the summer,

2017. He stated the County currently has an engineering firm, ARCADIS, that monitors methane gas, ground water, erosion issues. However, he feels it prudent to solicit prices from firms for the closure of the landfill. He stated this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Public Comment on Landfill – Mr. Jim Haskins addressed the Board regarding the schedule of emptying boxes at the convenience centers. He stated boxes are not emptied often enough to keep them open for citizens to dispose of their trash.

### County Manager's Report

Mr. McMullen had not additional information to bring before the Board. Vice Chair Davis asked for an update on the CSH pool. Mr. McMullen reported a complete walk through was done and an evaluation was made of the pool. He stated costs to open the pool will be presented once complete.

### 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. Jim Haskins addressed the Board regarding the status of knockoff property to be auctioned. He expressed his concern on the length of time this is taking.

Mrs. Iva Griffin addressed the Board regarding 911. She stated the City of Milledgeville should have a separate 911 system because information on her 911 call had to be repeated once she was transferred to the City dispatcher. She stated this slowed down response time to her call.

General Peter Boylan of the Oconee River Greenway Authority addressed the Board regarding the Authority's wish to construct a splash pad at the Greenway. He described the proposed facility location at the Greenway, the size and admission fee. He stated ORGA can get funding for the project construction; however, there are other costs associated with the upkeep and operation of the facility. General Boyland stated he would bring information to the Board at a later date to request assistance for the project.

### Executive Session

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk