

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 5, 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
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the May 5, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation on Georgia Military College

Brigadier General Curt Rauhut presented information on Georgia Military College (GMC). He discussed the history and mission of GMC, statistics on the prep school and college, the other twelve (12) campuses located throughout the state, enrollment, tuition, student success rates, and strategic planning.

Bids for Roads - DOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

County Engineer Brian Wood presented information for the LMIG Road resurfacing project. He reported three bids were received for the 2015 road resurfacing with Georgia Asphalt being the low bidder in an amount of \$460,559.05. He stated DOT funds and the required County match total approximately \$514,000.00. Mr. Wood stated \$23,000 of this total will be used by the annual road contractor for road reconstruction which must be done prior to resurfacing. He recommended that the County continue resurfacing roads, based on the road rating list, if there are any remaining 2015 State and County funds.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to accept the bid from Georgia Asphalt in the amount of \$460,559.05 as presented for the 2015 LMIG Resurfacing program. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The County Engineer also presented information for crack seal bids and chip seal bids. He stated three bids were received for the crack seal, and one bid was received for chip seal. Remac, Inc. was the low bidder for crack seal in the amount of \$57,460.79; Middle Georgia Paving was low bidder for chip seal in the amount of \$102,998.50. Mr.

Wood recommended awarding the bid to Remac, Inc. for crack seal and Middle Georgia Paving for the chip seal.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the low bids as presented for crack and chip seal. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Request for Road Name Change

Administrative Analyst Doug Hawkins presented a request to change the name of a County road from North Shillelagh Circle, NE to Cherokee Road, NE. This name change will minimize the confusion with another road in the same area known as Shillelagh Circle, NE.

Mr. Hawkins stated notification letters were sent out in March, 2015 notifying property owners of a road name change effective June 1, 2015. He stated if the Board approves the request for a name change, this information will be submitted to Georgia Department of Transportation and road signs will be changed.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the name change from North Shillelagh Circle, NE to Cherokee Road, NE. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Airport Advisory Committee Recommendation of Members

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented recommendations from the Airport Committee to appoint the following: David Wells is recommended to fill vacated position due to resignation of Alan Maxwell. Per the revision to the Airport Advisory Committee By-Laws, two new positions were created. Frank Baugh and Chip Williams are recommended to serve in these new positions.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept recommendation for appointment of Mr. David Wells, Mr. Frank Baugh, and Mr. Chip Williams to serve on the Airport Advisory Committee. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Invoice for Fishing Creek Community Trail Concept

Chair Hall reported Board discussed an invoice for the Fishing Creek Community Trail Concept plan at the April 7th meeting. He stated the County is being asked to participate in funding a concept plan for a Fishing Creek Community Trail. The invoice in the amount of \$2,500.00 is being presented for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve payment of \$2,500.00 for the concept plan as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Craig appealed to the Board to approve this worthwhile investment and to realize the importance of such projects. Commissioner Tommy French asked if these funds were to be taken from contingency, and Finance Director Hudson confirmed that funds would be appropriated from contingency. Commissioner French expressed his concern regarding this appropriation from contingency.

Chair Hall called for a vote to approve the payment from contingency of \$2,500.00 for the Fishing Creek Community Trail Concept and it passed unanimously.

Update on Citations of Safe Property Management Standards

Mr. Steve Owens presented a status report on various properties where property owners have been notified of violations of the Safe Property Management Standards.

Discussion was held regarding the Safe Property Management Standards ordinance, process for issuing citations and the appeals process. Further discussion must be held to determine how to address compliance with the ordinance in the future.

First Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a budget summary for the period January – March. She asked Commissioners to contact her if anyone has any specific questions.

Ms. Hudson discussed the upcoming budget calendar noting anticipated budget adoption at the second Regular Meeting in November.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented information about the dislocated worker program due to further closures at Central State Hospital. He reported the Rapid Response Team has spoken to the Human Resource Manager at CSH to coordinate services.

Commissioner Craig asked if this program would be available to dislocated workers due to closure of CARBO in Wilkinson County. County Manager McMullen responded that it would be available to them.

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 Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Betty Smith of 138 Simpson – Proctor Lane requested information regarding four (4) additional property owners that are on the road according to the County. She reported that current property owners must widen the road and will begin the road improvements as soon as possible. She the improvements will impact the location of the water meters on the road and requested the County remove the line.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

