



**BALDWIN COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING**
February 15, 2022
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily Davis
Sammy Hall

ALSO PRESENT

David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Craig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting and the February 1, 2022 Executive Session. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Board of Health Appointment

Chairman Craig stated the current term of the Board of Health Position 4 will expire, and an appointment is required for a consumer to represent the needy, underprivileged or elderly. He stated information regarding submission of names for the position was sent to all Commissioners. Chairman Craig recommended the appointment of Ms. Sherrill Jones to serve in the Position 4 as a consumer representing the needy, underprivileged or elderly.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to appoint Ms. Sheriff Jones to serve in Position 4 on the Board of Health. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported that the County solicited proposals for the 2022 Tax Anticipation Note for a \$7,500,000 Line of Credit to be drawn as needed. The following three proposals were received: Century Bank & Trust - 1.25%; Exchange Bank — 1.49%; Magnolia State Bank— 1.36%. Ms. Hudson stated the recommendation is to secure the Line of Credit of \$7,500,000 with for Century Bank and Trust at the rate of 1.25%. Ms. Hudson presented a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute documents to borrow from Century Bank and Trust, the aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, at the interest not to exceed 1.25%.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to secure the Line of Credit with Century Bank and Trust at the rate of 1.25% and to authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Animal Control Ordinance

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated a Public Hearing was held on amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance, and Solicitor General Skye Gess was present to provide information on the proposed amendments. As a result of comments from Commissioners at the hearing, Section 14.40 — Public Nuisance Animal was amended to include a paragraph regarding violations of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the amended Animal Control Ordinance as presented. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Emily Davis asked for an update on trash situation to include illegal dumping issues and convenience centers. County Manager responded surveillance cameras are being looked into for use as a deterrent to help with these issues and he is in contact with Waste Management to keep bins dumped at centers. She also asked about security the Recreation Department. Mr. Tobar stated the County has a policy in place regarding events held at night on weekends; and if it is a County sponsored game, Recreation Department staff are there.

Commissioner Butts asked for an update on use of pool at Georgia College and State University. Mr. Tobar stated he is hopeful the pool will be open if conditions regarding the COVID pandemic allow.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Kendrick Butts stated Mrs. Geneva Davis is celebrating her 95th Birthday today, and he would like to express his appreciation for her many years of service to the community. He stated Mrs. Geneva Davis is the first black female elected to serve on the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners. Commissioners presented a birthday cake to the members of the Davis family to give to Mrs. Geneva in celebration of her 95th birthday.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar presented project updates to include: completion of roundabout; completion of landscaping at Government Building; passage of redistricting legislation; demolition of property on Black Springs Road; Swint Avenue and a portion of an apartment complex on Garrett Way; final engineering by GDOT for bridge replacement on Highway 22 at Little Fishing Creek; finalization of date for faith-based teen organization to make presentation in Baldwin County; completion of new 4-H building this week; CDBG application meeting; Department of Agriculture training; and Oconee Heights community meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following citizens addressed Commissioners regarding the Animal Control Department:

Judy Veal - concerns about animal shelter not posting numbers and pictures; give each adoptable animal a number and post along with picture on website; advertise to public those available for adoption.

Christy Meeks Batchelor— inquired whether the County has a written contract with veterinarian for after-hours services and euthanizing animals; policy for euthanasia and who has authority to approve it.

Allie Duckworth — concerns about response to her previous Open Records Request regarding a private organization collecting adoption fees and County oversight.

Pam Peacock - questions about responses she received to her previous Open Records Request regarding contract for services; collection of money for adoptions.

Questions about issues related to the Animal Control Department were submitted in writing by citizens for response by County Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman


Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article [X, Section V, Paragraph V, each city, county, and political subdivision of the State authorized to levy taxes is given the authority to make temporary loans between January 1 and December 31 in each year to pay expenses for such year upon certain conditions, and

WHEREAS, such conditions have been fulfilled by Baldwin County as hereinafter appears; and

WHEREAS, said Baldwin County has now outstanding no such temporary loans or renewals thereof made in any prior year; and

WHEREAS, the total gross income of said Baldwin County from taxes in the last preceding calendar year was \$20,945,000; and

WHEREAS, the total anticipated income (revenue) of Baldwin County for the current year exceeds \$24,035,000; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be borrowed, \$7,500,000, plus all other temporary loans of Baldwin County for the current calendar year are less than the total anticipated revenue from all sources for such calendar year; and

WHEREAS, under the aforesaid authority, Baldwin County Board may make such temporary loans in the current year in a total amount not to exceed \$15,708,750 which amount is seventy-five percent of \$20,945,000; and

WHEREAS, said temporary loans are needed by Baldwin County to pay the current year's operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners constitutes the governing body of Baldwin County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners:

That the Chair of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute documents to borrow from the Century Bank & Trust money to pay current year's operating expenses from time to time during the year, the aggregate amount of which is not to exceed \$7,500,000, said sums to bear interest not to exceed 1.25 percent per annum, and the entire amount, together with interest, to be repaid on or before December 31 of the current year. The money may be drawn upon from time to time as authorized by the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners and interest shall be paid only on that portion of the total sum which is utilized and only for the period of time it is used. The loan(s) shall be evidenced by promissory note(s) executed in the name of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2022.


Henry R. Craig, Chair



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