

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners were held Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Suite 220, Baldwin County Government Building, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Henry Craig presiding.

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

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Jill Adams
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Henry Craig called the December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Internet Connectivity and Healthcare Services

Dr. Noris Price, Baldwin County Schools Superintendent, shared information about the district's broadband capabilities and steps that were necessary to reopen Baldwin County Schools. Dr. Price discussed the demographics of the district, the vision, mission and strategic plan of the school system. She presented statistics of CARES funding and how the money was utilized for PPE, digital devices, hot spots and other equipment necessary to allow students to connect to wi-fi just as if they are inside the building. This provides the opportunity for every child to have an equal chance for a successful education.

Dr. Price stated that this is a great opportunity to partner with the Board of Commissioners to put access throughout the County. Chair Craig commented that virtual meetings have been held to discuss how the BOE, City and County can work together to integrate resources available to provide greater broadband capability throughout the entire community.

Dr. Price introduced staff members to discuss healthcare provided through the Bee Well Health Clinic which is housed at the Early Learning Center. Baldwin County School District students, families and staff members have access to the clinic while they are at

school. Staff members stated a grant was received for telehealth services at every school. All equipment is in “real time”, and parents are able to participate on virtual visits with the clinic.

2021 LMIG

County Engineer Brian Wood presented the 2021 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program road list for submission to GDOT. He stated the DOT LMIG formula amount for this year is \$545,445.83 with a 30% required match of \$163,633.75 for a total of \$709,079.58. Mr. Wood reported this funding amount is \$approximately \$105,000 less than the previous year’s funding. He stated four roads - Horace Veal Road, Salem Church Avenue, Cabin Creek Drive and Black Springs Road are included on the 2021 LMIG list for submission to GDOT which is a total of 5.588 miles.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to approve the 2021 LMIG list as presented for submission to DOT. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2021 LMIG list is on file in the County Engineer’s Office.

Budget Resolution for FY 2021

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated the proposed budget was presented at a public hearing on December 1, 2020, and a Budget Resolution is being presented tonight for the adoption of the FY 2021 budget.

Ms. Hudson discussed the Resolution for adopting the budget for FY 2021 for the period January 1 – December 31, 2021 for each fund, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures, adopting items of anticipated funding sources, prohibiting expenditures to exceed appropriations, and prohibiting expenditures from exceeding actual funding sources. She stated the Resolution includes the Baldwin County Fee Schedule which is adopted as part of the Resolution.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adopt the Budget Resolution for FY 2021 as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall 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 _____.

Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA) Appointments

Chair Henry Craig presented two names for reappointment to the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority Board. He stated Dr. George Martinez and Dr. Nolan Stevens currently serve on the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority Board and were up for reappointment.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to reappoint Dr. George Martinez and Dr. Nolan Stevens to serve as representatives on the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority Board. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Board Appointment

Chair Craig stated there is a vacancy on the Board of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Mr. Tom Glover has been recommended by the CVB to serve in this position.

Chair Craig stated if anyone has other names to be considered for this appointment to please submit resumes to the County Clerk.

Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council Appointments

Chair Craig reported the current members serving on the MG-RC Council for Milledgeville / Baldwin County will be reappointed for 2021. The representatives are: John Westmoreland, Richard Mullins, Dereck Williams, Denese Shinholster and Robert Slade.

Resolution for Moratorium on RV Parks

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported an ordinance will be prepared addressing the construction of new recreational vehicle parks; however, until this is adopted he is recommending the adoption of a Resolution establishing moratorium on the construction of RV parks.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Old Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland requested an update on the Nelson Road project.

New Business

Commissioner Emily C. Davis asked that shields be installed at the Deputy stations at the Courthouse to provide adequate protection from the public.

County Manager Tobar reported non-emergency departments will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on December 23rd prior to Christmas Holidays of December 24th and 25. Non-emergency departments will also close at 3:00 p.m. on December 31st prior to New Year's Day Holiday.

Commissioner Davis stated the early closures would prohibit voters from having access to these hours for early voting.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Tobar reported early voting is going well with short wait times; working with FAA staff to obtain approval for the multi-purpose path to go around the east end of the runway; Certificate of Final Acceptance for West Apron Phase I project has been signed and submitted; Nelson Road culvert construction has begun; Certified Airport

CIP is now in GDOT's BlackCat software; CDBG Sewer Project bids will be opened December 16th at 11:00 a.m.; the Public Hearing for three ordinances will be held January 5, 2021.

Other Business

Commissioner Tommy French was recognized for his dedicated service to the Board of Commissioners and Baldwin County during the last eight years. Mr. French was a great asset to the Board and worked diligently for the betterment of the entire community.

Commissioner French expressed his appreciation to everyone for allowing him to serve and stated he was honored to serve and work with each and every one.

Commissioner-Elect Kendrick Butts of District 2 was introduced.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

NAACP President Cynthia Edwards addressed the Board regarding the County's policies and protocol for employee protection during the COVID pandemic.

Executive Session

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reopen Regular Meeting

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:40 20 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk