



BALDWIN COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2024
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Davis
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Palmer
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Reverend Susan Balfour, First Presbyterian Church, delivered the Invocation.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Cadet Smith, Seaman Meeks, Seaman Avery and Seaman Pate of the Baldwin High School JROTC presented colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In honor of Women's History Month, Sheriff Deputy Tameka Waller, Deputy Fire Chief Sheri Kneip, Firefighter Heather Johnson and Firefighter Jessika Blount led the Pledge.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Vice Chairman Kendrick Butts made a motion to amend the Agenda to include a presentation from LaTonia Howell on Women's History Month. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

LaTonia Howell made a presentation on Women's History Month discussing women who paved the way in various professions for women who came after.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting and the February 20, 2024 Executive Session as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2024 CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented a Resolution in support of the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Application. She reported the multi-activity project is for sewer improvements and housing. She stated the total project cost is \$1,641,318.45, with a CDBG funding request of \$1 ~~250,000.00~~, and a County match of cash and in-kind services totaling \$389,318.45. She stated the County cash match will be funded through SPLOST.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Emily Davis 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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Emily Davis discussed the matter of trash along County roads. She stated trash continues to blow out of the Waste Management trucks; but, the big problem is that people continue to throw trash out all over the roads. Commissioner Sammy Hall agreed that it blows out of the trash trucks. Commissioner Henry Craig reiterated the fact that trash being thrown out of vehicles accounts for the majority of trash along the roads. Chairman John Westmoreland reported the Meriwether Convenience Center has reopened; however, the paving is still curing.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Henry Craig stated he will not seek re-election for Commissioner of District 5. He stated he will continue to work for all citizens of Baldwin County during the remainder of this year, will continue to work with those who are elected and will continue to be active in the community even though he will no longer be an elected official. Commissioners stated they had enjoyed working with Commissioner Craig during his years on the Board. They expressed their appreciation to Mr. Craig for his dedicated service to Baldwin County.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments to come before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss litigation. Vice Chairman Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted


John H. Westmoreland
Chairman


Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

BALDWIN COUNTY
FY2024 CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community has established a Community Development Block Grant program to assist cities and counties with improvements to public facilities, economic development, and housing in Georgia, and

WHEREAS, there exists in Baldwin County a need to provide sewer and housing improvements to the County's FY2024 CDBG Target Area,

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED by the Chair and Board of Commissioners that Baldwin County support the application for FY2024 CDBG funds and that the County will apply for these funds for sewer improvements and housing improvements in the County's FY2024 CDBG Target Area. Baldwin County commits to the required cash match for the project, \$1,000 cash for the required audits and all additional cash and/or in-kind services needed to complete the project over the grant amount

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized and directed to act as the official representative of Baldwin County, to act in connection with the application, to be responsible for compliance with the applicable state and federal requirements of the program, and to provide such additional information as may be required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chair is authorized to enter into agreements for engineering and grant administration services relating to the application and subsequent grant (if funded) and to execute the application and other required documents on behalf of the County including the grant award package (if funded);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Baldwin County commits to own, operate, and maintain all proposed sewer improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Baldwin County hereby adopts the Citizen Participation Plan of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to ensure public involvement in the CDBG process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3) and in accordance with the Georgia Department of Community Section 3 Compliance Plan will to the greatest extent feasible, comply with all Section 3 requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, Section of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Section 105(b)(3) of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA). The County hereby commits to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing to the greatest extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County hereby acknowledges that the proposed project is subject to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. The County hereby commits to comply all Section 504 requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed sewer improvements and housing improvements in conformance with Baldwin County's Comprehensive and are inconsistent with the County's Service Delivery Strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and dedicated commitment has been made to the project for successful completion of the above improvements for the citizens, especially the low-to-moderate income citizens;


BE IT RESOLVED this 5 day of March, 2024.

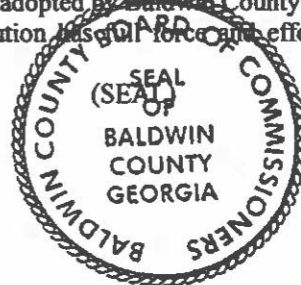

John H. Westmoreland, Chair

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by Baldwin County the date so stated in said Resolution. I further certify that I am the County Clerk and that said Resolution is in full force and effect the 5 day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:


Cindy Cunningham, County Clerk



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