



**BALDWIN COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING**
June 18, 2024
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 240
5:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Henry Craig
Emily Davis
Sammy Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Palmer
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Westmoreland called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS

Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP)

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported the Urban Redevelopment Plan has been online and available to the public; sent to the housing team and Commissioners for their review and comment.

He stated the reason the plan has been developed is because the County is a Georgia Initiative Community Housing (GICH) community which means we are eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds every year. He stated this is a very competitive process, and we want to pursue every advantage possible to secure funding. Having an Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) and Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS) makes the County eligible for scoring an additional twenty points on future applications which could potentially mean an extra million dollars coming into the County to replace aging infrastructure.

Mr. Tobar reported the URP focuses on the areas of Oconee Heights, Ogden, Hardwick, Harrisburg and Youngblood. The Revitalization Area Strategy is a three-year plan and focuses on a smaller area which will be Oconee Heights.

Mr. Tobar discussed comments received on the Plan and changes that will be made to the Plan. He stated there is a typographical error on page 9 that will be corrected. The Plan shows 157 acres however, the correct amount is 57 acres. He also included the statement in the Plan that Baldwin County has a Land Use Code and is in the process of updating the Code. He reported he has included the flock camera data, and the \$80 million dollar investment at Central State Hospital. Mr. Tobar reported the edits will be made, and the amended version will be posted on the website.

Mr. Tobar stated this matter will be placed on the July 2nd Agenda for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Sammy Hall stated that the County must wait on the funding before projects can be done. These things will not happen right away.

Chairman John Westmoreland requested an update on the current CHIP grant and the RAISE grant. He requested that citizens be kept informed on the status and progress of the projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. Vice Chairman Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Westmoreland
Chairman



Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk