

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Suite 220, Baldwin County Government Building, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Henry Craig presiding.

Members Present: Henry Craig
Emily C. Davis
Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Henry Craig called the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Work Session and the January 5, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution and Bids for Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented a Resolution for the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). She reported bids were solicited for the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) issue. She stated two bids were received for a line of credit of \$7,500,000: Exchange Bank with an interest rate of 1.49% and Century Bank for 1.59%. Ms. Hudson presented the Administrative / Financial Staff's recommendation to award the bid to Exchange Bank for 1.49% and to authorize the Chair to sign related documents.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented; to award the bid to Exchange Bank for the 2021 TAN and to authorize the Chair to execute related documents. Commissioner Emily C. 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 8 and 9.

Discussion of Manufactured Home Ordinance

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented information on amendments to the Manufactured Home Ordinance. He stated the updated language includes recommendations from the Land Use Committee. Discussion was held on proposed changes, i.e., Section 16.49 which addresses requirements for manufactured homes within one mile from the shore of Lake Sinclair; requirements for a roof pitch of 4:12 or greater and Section 16.74 Supplementary Regulations.

Commissioners requested maps be prepared by County staff indicating areas of various distances around the lake that currently have manufactured homes as well as possible sites for placement of manufactured homes. It was decided that further information and discussion would be needed prior to Board action.

Discussion of Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park Ordinance

County Manager Tobar reported the staff has requested additional time for further review in the development of an Ordinance for Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks. The Land Use Committee will be visiting existing RV parks to provide more information on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Tobar stated the RV Park Ordinance that is included in the packet outlines site development, permitted uses, design standards, occupancy requirements and current non-conforming RV use as permanent residences.

Mr. Tobar indicated that another draft of the ordinance will be presented to the Board in February for review prior to holding the required Public Hearing.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Vice Chair Westmoreland requested monthly reports on the number of building permits issue. He also requested an update on the water tower on Highway 212 that is to be relocated.

Chair Craig reminded everyone that the COVID situation continues to become worse and hospitals / medical resources are being consumed. He encouraged everyone to continue to follow safety measures of face coverings, hygiene, and social distancing. He reported there are only a certain number of vaccines are allocated to each State, and it will take months for everyone to be vaccinated.

Commissioner Davis asked about COVID leave for employees. Assistant County Manager Hudson stated the federal order for 80 hours COVID leave expired January 1st.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported on the following items: Nelson Road culvert construction continues; surveys being conducted in the Hardwick target area for 2021 CDBG application; construction of cured-in-place pipe will begin around the end of February for a sewer replacement project funded by the 2019 CDBG award; request sent to Representative Williams for an extension of the State lease of Walter B. Williams recreation property; and a State of the County address will be presented at the February 17th Eggs and Issues.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to add potential litigation to the Executive Session. Commissioner Kenrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and potential litigation. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davos made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry R. Craig
Chair



Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, *Article IX, 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 \$17,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the total anticipated income (revenue) of Baldwin County for the current year exceeds \$21,904,000; 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 \$13,125,000 which amount is seventy-five percent of \$17,500,000; and

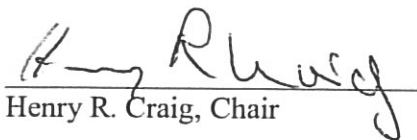
WHEREAS, said temporary loans are needed by Baldwin County to pay the current year's operating expenses; and

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 Exchange Bank 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 1.49 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 19 day of January, 2021


Henry R. Craig, Chair


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