



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

May 03, 2022

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

County Manager Tobar delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Baldwin High School Naval JROTC Cadets presented Colors and led the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting and April 19, 2022 Executive Sessions. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Commissioner Davis made a motion to amend the Agenda to delete the Executive Session item. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Animal Control Adoption and Rescue Services

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported the request for proposals for Animal Control Adoption and Rescue Services was advertised, and one proposal was received. He stated the Friends of Baldwin County Animal Services submitted a response to provide Animal Control Adoption and Rescue Services in Baldwin County.

Chairman Craig stated that a number of citizens signed up to address this Agenda item, and he would allow their comments prior to Board action.

The following people address the Board in support of the Friends of Baldwin County Animal Services:

Debra Campbell, Allene Veazy, Laura Morris, Kasey Karen, and Dana Mostak

County Manager Tobar stated the recommendation is to authorize the County Attorney to prepare a contract between Friends of Baldwin County Animal Services and Baldwin County for this service.

Chairman Craig stated there were two other citizens who signed up to address the Board regarding Animal Control, and he requested that they be allowed to speak at this time.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to move the Public Comment period to allow the Board to hear comments from other speakers. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following citizens provided comments:

Ali Duckworth addressed the Board regarding fostering animals. She stated the County said on March 15th that they would no longer foster animals. She presented an open records request to Mr. Tobar for information regarding two animals in foster care and their rescue status.

Pam Peacock expressed her concern with the fostering. She stated the County should have better operational procedures. Ms. Peacock presented an open records request to Mr. Tobar about the form for fostering animals and information on the groups that foster animals. form. What is the group that Fostered animals.

Commissioner Hall expressed concerned about accusations related to fostering. County Manager Tobar responded that once animals leave the shelter and go to a rescue group they are not under Baldwin County control. These groups foster for licensed animal rescue groups with the goal of connecting the animals to foster homes. Mr. Tobar stated Friends of Baldwin County Animal Services do not take control of these animals. They only put animals in contact with licensed rescue groups.

Chairman Craig stated he has received many comments about improved conditions with the Animal Control Department, and he thinks the County should move forward with the contract.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the proposal from the Friends of Baldwin County Animal Services for Rescue and Adoption Services. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hall expressed appreciation for all the volunteers and efforts by everyone to rescue animals. He stated he has worked with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) which is a group of volunteers who advocate for children. He stated CASA needs volunteers as well, and he would appreciate if you would look at furthering you volunteer efforts for this group as well.

Airport Runway Resurfacing

County Manager Tobar presented a bid tabulation report for the Airport Runway Rehabilitation project. He stated two bids were received with Reeves Construction being the low bidder.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to award the bid to Reeves Construction in the amount of \$1,777,740. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Road Reconstruction Annual Labor Contract

County Manager Tobar reported three bids were received; and based on the Engineer's review and analysis, he recommends awarding the contract to Roberts Land Management.

Vice Chairman Westmoreland made a motion to award the contract to Roberts Land Management. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis stated she continues to receive complaints about problems with the trash service.

Vice Chairman Westmoreland said he still receives complaints as well about the trash service. He stated the customer service aspect of the company is terrible. When customers call about the service, they are not speaking with someone locally; this presents a problem.

Chairman Craig stated waiting for an unnamed local manager is not acceptable. He asked County Manager Tobar to set up a meeting with the company within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Butts stated Richards Street needs to be cleaned up. He asked how the County can stop with the dumping? He said it is not fair for the County to have to clean up from those dumping their trash.

County Manager Tobar reported he is working on the Ogden Inert Landfill situation. He stated he will try to get it done within three months. He stated grass cutting throughout the County has begun.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Craig recognized Commissioner Davis for receiving certification in the Community Engagement Specialty Track of ACCG's Lifelong Learning Academy.

Vice Chairman Westmoreland reported Highway 212 is being resurfacing. Mr. Tobar stated it will not be finished until June.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar reported the Request for Proposals for the Teen Program will be advertised this week; the contractor applied triple surface treatment to roads that were on last year's LMIG list; the splash pad was repaired this week and the Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant was funded.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cindy Humphrey thanked Commissioners and Mr. Tobar for getting the ditch dug out and the pipe replaced on Simpson Proctor Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk