



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2022

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily C. Davis
Sammy Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT

Henry Craig

ALSO PRESENT

Carlos Tobar
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland called the August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

County Manager Carlos Tobar delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Antonio Reeves, member of the GMC JC Football Team, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Manchester, GMC Athletics Director and JC Football Coach, gave an update on the upcoming football season and invited everyone to attend the Meet the Bulldogs event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Work Session and the August 2, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program Bids

County Manager Tobar reported bids were solicited for the 2022 LMIG road paving. Two bids were received – Pittman Construction Company in the amount of \$947,545.38 and Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$1,128,967.75. Mr. Tobar presented an overview of the 2022 LMIG Program. He stated the total cost will be \$1.35 million which includes rebuilding the base of Old Plantation Trail, paving Montego Court, Lowe Road and Old Plantation Trail and placing triple surface treatment on Stiles Road, Hough Johnson Road, Meriwether Lane and Pounds Road. Mr. Tobar reported the County will receive \$610,724.41 in funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the County will use \$740,000 of SPLOST funds to provide matching funds and complete the LMIG road projects.

Mr. Tobar stated the recommendation is to award the contract to low bidder, Pittman Construction in the amount of \$947,545.38.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to award the contract in the amount of \$947,545.38 to Pittman Construction for the 2022 LMIG road paving. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis reported the gym at the Recreation Center will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the future. She stated she and Commissioner Butts are each volunteering their services to open the gym one Saturday a month; a Recreation Department employee will open it the other two Saturdays of the month. A part-time employee will be hired, hopefully in the near future, to relieve Commissioners Butts and Davis from opening the gym on Saturdays.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar presented the following update:

Community meetings for CHIP grant applicants will be September 13 at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. A GICH team meeting will be held Monday, August 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Government Building to help with marketing to the community and completing pre-applications; waiting for the fire hydrant to be installed on Pounds Dr SW; EPA notified all cities and counties that all galvanized water lines need to be replaced by 2024. Since we are a GICH community, we will be able to apply for CDBG each year. We are preparing a grant application for the areas eligible for CDBG funding. Will need the new SPLOST, if it passes, to pay for the other water lines; Waste Management has two new staff members here in Baldwin County. Hopefully residents are noticing an improvement in customer service. All the new trucks that have the overhead covers have been delivered. Waste Management has placed some in service. Waste Management is waiting for inspections to get the remaining trucks on the road; Union Hill Church Road Center will receive its new office on Monday. Staff will insulate the building and use a "newer" wall air conditioning unit; 14 out of 20 security cameras have been installed as of today; staff is looking at a different type of security camera to catch illegal dumpers. They will be placed in strategic locations soon. We will involve the Sheriff's Office if and when the time comes; Georgia College students have volunteered to help clean up a citizen's property on September 3rd; Coopers community meeting will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. where a concept plan will be presented for improvement to the Coopers Community Park; and Senator Jon Ossoff requested a \$1.2 million earmark for the Collins P Lee Center Memorial Library. It has made it out of the appropriations committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sammy Hal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Westmoreland
Vice Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk