



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

**January 04, 2022
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Sammy Hall
Kendrick Butts – Virtual by Phone
Emily Davis - Virtual by Phone

ALSO PRESENT

David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Jill Adams
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting and December 21, 2021 Executive Session as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC) Grant Award through Georgia State University

Finance Director Jill Adams reported the Family Drug Treatment Court has received a grant award through Georgia State University in the total amount of \$104,400 for a four (4) year period. She reported any required match will be provided through the circuit. Judge Kelli Rutherford reported this circuit was one of three areas selected to participate in this special project which addresses Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Families. Commissioner Sammy Hall asked Judge Rutherford to provide the Board with statistics showing the success of the program, rate of recidivism, etc.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the grant award as presented. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously,

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant Awards

Finance Director Jill Adams presented the following two Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) Grant Awards for workforce training activities: Adult Program for the period January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000. Dislocated Work Program for the period January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000. Ms. Adams reported the County will serve as grant administrator for both grants.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to accept the grant awards as presented. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Contract for ARPA Grant –

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented information on a Georgia Department of Transportation Contract for \$59,000 through the ARPA funds which will be used for generators at the Airport. He stated the generators are needed in case of an emergency such as a natural disaster, tornado, ice storm, etc. which would cause power outages.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign documents. Vice Chairman Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Quentin T. Howell addressed the Board regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022. He expressed his concern that Commissioner Emily Davis has not been given the opportunity to serve as Chair during her numerous terms on the Board. He stated a large part of the community also has that concern.

Chairman Henry Craig opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Sammy Hall stated that due to the pandemic and other issues in the County such as litigation, it would be in the County's best interest to ask Mr. Craig to serve another year as Chairman. Commissioner Hall made a motion to nominate Commissioner Craig as Chairman. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts nominated Commissioner Emily Davis as Chairman. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, the Chair called for a vote on the first motion to elect Commissioner Henry Craig as Chairman. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Hall, Westmoreland, Craig Nay: Butts, Davis

Chairman Craig opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Hall made a motion to elect Commissioner John Westmoreland to serve as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Hall, Butts, Westmoreland, Craig Nay: Davis

Commissioner Butts asked for an explanation as to why Commissioner Davis was not given the opportunity to serve as Chairman. Chairman Craig stated this was a personnel issue and is not an appropriate discussion for a public meeting. He and Commissioner Hall stated they would be happy to discuss this further with Mr. Butts at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar presented the following update: Concrete forms at the roundabout will be poured Monday, January 10th weather permitting; survey of Ogden property will be complete soon; Grady EMS has moved into their new offices at the former Health Department Building; 4-H offices will also move into that facility as soon as painting is finished; County crews continue to remove trees that are down on rights-of-way as well as potential trees that could be hazardous to citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Craig reported COVID numbers are 50% higher in Baldwin County now than they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. He stated he has spoken to the North Central Health District and Atrium Navicent Baldwin regarding sites for testing and vaccinations. A list of sites will be published on the County website and Facebook page in the coming days.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk