



**BALDWIN COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING**  
February 15, 2022  
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220  
6:00 PM

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**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Henry Craig  
John Westmoreland  
Kendrick Butts  
Emily Davis  
Sammy Hall

**ALSO PRESENT**

David McRee  
Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting and the February 1, 2022 Executive Session. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS**

**Board of Health Appointment**

Chairman Craig stated the current term of the Board of Health Position 4 will expire, and an appointment is required for a consumer to represent the needy, underprivileged or elderly. He stated information regarding submission of names for the position was sent to all Commissioners. Chairman Craig recommended the appointment of Ms. Sherrill Jones to serve in the Position 4 as a consumer representing the needy, underprivileged or elderly.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to appoint Ms. Sheriff Jones to serve in Position 4 on the Board of Health. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported that the County solicited proposals for the 2022 Tax Anticipation Note for a \$7,500,000 Line of Credit to be drawn as needed. The following three proposals were received: Century Bank & Trust - 1.25%; Exchange Bank – 1.49%; Magnolia State Bank – 1.36%. Ms. Hudson stated the recommendation is to secure the Line of Credit of \$7,500,000 with for Century Bank and Trust at the rate of 1.25%. Ms. Hudson presented a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute documents to borrow from Century Bank and Trust, the aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, at the interest not to exceed 1.25 %.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to secure the Line of Credit with Century Bank and Trust at the rate of 1.25% and to authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. Commissioner Kendrick Butts 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Animal Control Ordinance

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated a Public Hearing was held on amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance, and Solicitor General Skye Gess was present to provide information on the proposed amendments. As a result of comments from Commissioners at the hearing, Section 14.40 – Public Nuisance Animal was amended to include a paragraph regarding violations of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the amended Animal Control Ordinance as presented. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Emily Davis asked for an update on trash situation to include illegal dumping issues and convenience centers. County Manager responded surveillance cameras are being looked into for use as a deterrent to help with these issues and he is in contact with Waste Management to keep bins dumped at centers. She also asked about security the Recreation Department. Mr. Tobar stated the County has a policy in place regarding events held at night on weekends; and if it is a County sponsored game, Recreation Department staff are there.

Commissioner Butts asked for an update on use of pool at Georgia College and State University. Mr. Tobar stated he is hopeful the pool will be open if conditions regarding the COVID pandemic allow.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kendrick Butts stated Mrs. Geneva Davis is celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday today, and he would like to express his appreciation for her many years of service to the community. He stated Mrs. Geneva Davis is the first black female elected to serve on the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners. Commissioners presented a birthday cake to the members of the Davis family to give to Mrs. Geneva in celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Tobar presented project updates to include: completion of roundabout; completion of landscaping at Government Building; passage of redistricting legislation; demolition of property on Black Springs Road; Swint Avenue and a portion of an apartment complex on Garrett Way; final engineering by GDOT for bridge replacement on Highway 22 at Little Fishing Creek; finalization of date for faith-based teen organization to make presentation in Baldwin County; completion of new 4-H building this week; CDBG application meeting; Department of Agriculture training; and Oconee Heights community meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

The following citizens addressed Commissioners regarding the Animal Control Department:

Judy Veal - concerns about animal shelter not posting numbers and pictures; give each adoptable animal a number and post along with picture on website; advertise to public those available for adoption.

Christy Meeks Batchelor – inquired whether the County has a written contract with veterinarian for after-hours services and euthanizing animals; policy for euthanasia and who has authority to approve it.

Allie Duckworth – concerns about response to her previous Open Records Request regarding a private organization collecting adoption fees and County oversight.

Pam Peacock - questions about responses she received to her previous Open Records Request regarding contract for services; collection of money for adoptions.

Questions about issues related to the Animal Control Department were submitted in writing by citizens for response by County Manager.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig  
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk