



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2023
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Davis
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig

OTHERS PRESENT

Bandon Palmer
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Davis called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

County Manager Carlos Tobar delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sammy Hall led the Pledge.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Ron Manchester, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director of Georgia Military College, invited Commissioners to attend the Communitywide Pep Rally August 24th. He stated the 2023 football teams from Baldwin High, John Milledge and Georgia Military College all have excellent programs of which the community should be proud. He encouraged everyone to come out and show support for these teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, Regular Meeting and August 1, 2023 Executive Session as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to add discussion of contracts for Root Design and Stantec for engineering and project design for the Government Building Park and Harrisburg Streetscape. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS

Update on Millage Rate

Assistant County Manager Dawn presented information on the 2023 millage rate. She discussed the PT 32 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes which shows the 2023 millage rate at 10.02. Ms. Hudson presented the 2023 Tax Digest and Five Year History. She stated this notice has been published in the legal organ announcing that the 2023 millage rate will be set at a meeting on August 22, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Bids for 2022 Community Development Block Grant Sewer Rehab Project

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported bids were solicited for the sewer rehab project, and three bids were received. RDJE, Inc. of Newnan was the low bidder in the amount of \$1,848,501. He explained that the budget for the project is \$1,041,107 which means the low bid is \$807,393 over budget. Mr. Tobar stated Engineer Matt Smith has discussed possible options for this project and has discussed proposed project changes with the contractor and Jason Kidd to reduce the construction cost to approximately \$1,341,000. The recommendation is that the bid be awarded to RDJE in the amount of \$1,341,000 with the County providing additional funds in the amount of \$300,000 over the available budget of \$1,041,107.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to award the bid to RDJE, Inc. in the amount of \$1,341,000. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Contract Award – Government Building Park

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported that at the last meeting the Board awarded the contract for engineering and design related services for the park at the Government Building to low bidder, Root Design, for \$165,000. County Attorney Palmer reported in order to comply with Georgia Law certain provisions must be included in contracts; therefore, his recommendation is to revise the contract accordingly. Mr. Tobar stated upon recommendation by the County Attorney, the contract has been revised to reflect the completion of the first portion of the project in the amount of \$100,000 be completed by December 31, 2023 with the remainder of the contract to be completed in 2024.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion that the contract be revised as recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Contract Award – Harrisburg Streetscape

County Manager Tobar reported the same recommendation was made to revise the contract for Stantec for the Harrisburg Streetscape. The contract will be revised to reflect the first portion of the contract for \$50,000 be completed in 2023, and the remainder in the amount of \$83,000 completed in 2024.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to amend the Stantec contract as recommended by the County Attorney. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

New Business

Vice Chair Westmoreland asked if Lakeshore Circle could be striped, and if we can contact the railroad company to cut trees that are growing up in the abandoned railroad tracks on Gumm Cemetery.

Mr. Allen Mock, 151 Rocky Creek Court, stated he addressed the Board at the last meeting regarding the condition of the road and requested the County's assistance in maintaining the road. He stated he has not been contacted by the County regarding this situation. Chair Davis asked County Manager Tobar to meet with Mr. Mock at his home the next day about this.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated there are no significant changes on capital projects. He provided an update on the scrap tire amnesty day.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Allie Duckworth, 114 Kings Road, addressed the Board regarding the number of cats being housed at the shelter and questioned why the list of cats to be euthanized had not been published sooner in an attempt adopt the cats.

Ms. Pam Peacock, 196 Montego Bay Road, addressed the Board regarding an animal control situation at 930 West Montgomery Street and her Open Records Requests for information on the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily C. Davis
Chair

Carlos Tobar
County Manager