

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

June 01, 2021 1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Craig called June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Executive Session, May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 18, 2021 Executive Session as submitted. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agenda

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Administrative / Fiscal Matters

Grant Awards

Finance Director Jill Adams presented the following grant awards for the Board's consideration:

WIOA Youth Program award in the amount of \$119,800 for out-of-school youth programs through 6/30/21. There is no match required. CJCC Adult Felony Drug Courts award in the amount of \$298,608 with a required match of \$33,179 to be paid by the Ocmulgee Circuit. CJCC Mental Health Court award in the amount of \$259,845 with a required match of \$28,872 to be paid by the Ocmulgee Circuit. Ms. Adams stated both CJCC awards have a grant period beginning 7/1/21 and ending 6/30/22.

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to approve all three (3) grant awards as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointment to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Chair Henry Craig reported terms of two County representatives serving on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority (CGJDA) Board recently expired. Ms. Laura Thompson and Mr. Willie Lamar served on the Board as representatives for Baldwin County. Ms. Thompson has indicated she is willing to serve another term on the CGJDA; however, Mr. Lamar does not wish to be reappointed to the Board.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reappointment Laura Thompson to serve another four (4) year term on the CGJDA. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Craig asked Commissioners to present names and resumes of nominees to the County Clerk as soon as possible. He stated this appointment will be on a future agenda.

Chair / County Manager Presentation

Chair Craig reported he is proud to announce that Baldwin County has earned National Achievement Awards for the Adult Treatment Court Collaborative, Baldwin County Regional Airport and Baldwin County Transit Program. These programs have been recognized with Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties for innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for area residents. Awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide to build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America.

Chair Craig, on behalf of all the Commissioners, commended Mr. Tobar and all those involved for their hard work in making this happen.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner Hall stated he received a call from Marion Nelson who serves on the Greenway Authority Board, and he was very complementary of the County Manager and staff for their assistance in hauling material to the Greenway to assist with erosion.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Tobar reported on the following projects: Splash Pad equipment has arrived at Harrisburg Park; West Apron Phase II mobilization complete; Hangar construction on West Apron Phase I to start this week; Allen-Smith Consulting submitted 2021 CDBG application to DCA; current sewer project in Hardwick complete; clearing and grubbing continues at Aquatic Center site; Plan First application submitted; and if approved, would make the County eligible for CDBG funds each year; public hearings are scheduled for June 15th on the Broadband component to the Comprehensive Plan and RV Park ordinance.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Judge Amanda Petty thanked Commissioners, County Manager Tobar & staff for the nomination to NACo for the National Achievement Award and for their support of the Adult Treatment Court Collaborative.

Chair Craig encouraged citizens who have not had the vaccine to get vaccinated. He stated herd immunity will help greatly in ending the pandemic.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Vice Chair Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham County Clerk