



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2022

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 230

6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily Davis
Sammy Hall

ALSO PRESENT

Carlos Tobar
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Craig called July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

County Manager Carlos Tobar delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Emily Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to add discussion of Public Safety Initiative. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS

Update on Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Joe Black of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission presented an update on the Comprehensive Plan. He stated the current plan was adopted in February 2018 and must be updated every five (5) years. The updated plan must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for their review and approval by February 2023. Mr. Black discussed the importance of having a strong comprehensive planning effort in order to maintain the County's Qualified Local Government status and remain eligible for funding. He discussed the purpose of comprehensive planning, a vision, and the timeline to meet the submission deadline. He reported there are three major topics to address – broadband, transportation and land use. Mr. Black urged

Commissioners and staff to begin identifying potential stakeholders, establishing schedules for stakeholders meetings to include the kickoff and public hearings and encourage public participation in the planning process.

Highway 22 / 24 Roundabout Support Letter

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated County support for the Highway 22 / 24 Roundabout had been discussed at a previous meeting. He presented for the Board's consideration an Indication of Roundabout Support form authorizing the County's participation with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the entire cost of the lighting system installation and continued operation and maintenance costs thereafter. County Manager Tobar discussed the importance of County partnership with GDOT in such projects.

After discussion, Chairman Craig called for a motion of approval of the County's support for the 22 / 24 Roundabout. There was no motion made.

Board of Health Reappointment

Chairman Craig reported the County received a letter from the Chair of the Board of Health that David Glover's term on the Board of Health will expire on 12/31/22. This position is a consumer or an advocate for consumers of Health Services. Mr. Glover has agreed to continue to serve in this position.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reappoint David Glover to serve another term on the Board of Health with the six year term to begin at the expiration of his current term. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Health Report

Chairman Craig presented information prepared by the North Central Health District (NCHD). He discussed an assessment by the NCHD of all counties in the district and how Baldwin County ranks with other NCHD counties and the State. He presented information on various statistics including, racial breakdown, graduation rate, median income, unemployment rate, poverty level, single parent households, nutrition assistance, physical activity, obesity, hospital stays, chronic diseases and other health behaviors.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Butts requested an update on the Ogden Landfill cleanup. County Manager Tobar responded that work continues at the property; however, the recent work is being done on the backside which is not visible from street.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar presented updates on the following projects: zoning documents are complete and the map will be ready soon; Fire and Rescue 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan Update is ready for review; quote requested from aquatic center engineer for design of pool; transit grant has been executed; and additional requirements for the Broadband grant are now complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Shanerira Johnson, 105 Harrisburg Road, addressed the Board regarding master meter installation at mobile home parks.

Ms. Cindy Humphrey, Simpson Proctor Lane, addressed the Board regarding an anonymous phone call she received regarding a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk