



## **BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING**

**March 01, 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.

#### **INVOCATION**

County Manager Carlos Tobar delivered the invocation.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Naval JROTC Color Guard Cadets of Baldwin High School.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to amend the Agenda to discuss the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS**

### Resolution and Contract for State Paid County Reimbursed Personnel (SPCR) for District Attorney's Office

County Attorney David McRee presented a contract from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia which allows non-state paid District Attorney personnel (SPCR) to have the same benefits package as other State employees. He also presented a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign the contract to allow county paid DA personnel to be processed through the State payroll system thereby entitling them to these benefits.

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented authorizing the District Attorney to sign the SPCR contract. Commissioner Sammy Hall 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Pension Plan

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported it is necessary for the County to restate the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan and the 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management by March 31, 2022. The restatement incorporates changes to the Plan that must be made to reflect changes in the law and to protect the Plan's tax qualified status under the Internal Revenue Code. The restatement also incorporates any amendments to the Plan that have been approved by the County and by ACCG since the last Plan restatement.

Ms. Hudson stated that ACCG has obtained IRS preapproval for the amended and restated ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan Document and accompanying amended and restated Adoption Agreement. The effective of the amended and restated DC plan will be January 1, 2022.

She stated a motion to adopt the Resolutions and adopt the 2022 amended and restated plans is needed authorizing the amendment and restatement of the plans and authorizing the Chairman to sign all documents and forms.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolutions and the 2022 amended and restated plans as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary related documents. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of each Resolution is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Intergovernmental Agreement for Ocmulgee Drug Task Force

Assistant County Manager Hudson presented a Memorandum of Understanding / Intergovernmental Agreement for the Ocmulgee Drug Task Force. She reported this is the same agreement the County has approved in the past between counties and cities participating in the Task Force.

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

County Manager Tobar reported Georgia Department of Transportation is allocating an extra \$295,000 in federal funding through the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to Baldwin County for the Regional Airport. He stated the additional funding will be received this year and the four subsequent years for airport projects. Since Baldwin County has received this additional money, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) must be updated to reflect the funds. The first year's funding will be used for runway rehabilitation and subsequent years funding is reflected in the CIP with actual project lists to be updated in the future.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the updated Airport CIP as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Capital Improvement Plan is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Emily Davis stated trash continues to be a major issue in that trash is not being picked up regularly, there is a lack of response from the waste management company, and the trash trucks are tearing up drives.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland stated the center on Meriwether Road has not been cleaned up and landscaping debris is being dumped inside the centers.

Chairman Henry Craig stated the centers are not for commercial use and this should not be allowed.

Commissioner Sammy Hall reported trash is continuing to blow out of backs of the trucks and this has to be stopped.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts requested an update on Ogden Circle. County Manager Tobar responded Public Works Department is working up a schedule for prioritization.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Tobar presented the following update:

222 structures demolished with no fines or court cases; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application is being developed; new 4-H building remodel will be completed as soon as the flooring is installed; Department of Agriculture hosted Shelter Operations training here on February 22<sup>nd</sup>; a new Shelter Administrator has been hired; Faith-based teen organization will make presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup>; Zoning map nearly complete; will begin work on Land Use Code Manufactured Home and Burn Ordinances; and the County did not received an EDA nor water / sewer grant. Mr. Tobar reported a new adoption application and request for proposals is being developed for Animal Control. He also reported the round about has been completed at a total cost of \$170,000 which normally cost \$1.5 million.

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

The following citizens addressed the Board regarding animal control:

Judy Veal, Christy Batchelor, Pam Peacock and Ali Duckworth. Written questions were presented to County Manager Tobar for open records requests.

Chairman Craig asked that County Manager Tobar schedule a meeting with him, Vice Chairman Westmoreland, County Attorney McRee and County Manager to discuss this matter.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss litigation. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

## **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig  
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk