



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2022

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily Davis – Virtual by Phone
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 gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GMC Cadet Duggan led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Craig recognized Public Safety Personnel / First Responders for their heroic actions in rescuing a child from a well. The following were recognized: Firefighter Heather Johnson, Deputy Chief Phillip Adams, Captain Bradley Towe, Fire Recruit Jesse Law, Firefighter Frank Yates, Firefighter Marcus Johnson, Firefighter Michael Durden, Sr. Firefighter John Coker, Firefighter Wes Folendore, Deputy Sgt. Jerome Roberts, Deputy Brandon Clements, Deputy Kiante Butts, Deputy Nicolas O'Steen, Major Linc Boyer, Paramedic Greg Hanthorn, EMT Othello Walker, Deputy Chief Lewis Osborne, Firefighter Shep Davis, Firefighter TJ Osborne, Firefighter Anthony and Firefighter Montavious Harris. The four year old victim and her family were also recognized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting and the April 4, 2022 Planning Retreat. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to amend the Agenda to go into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss litigation. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Craig stated the Board would go into Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting as soon as possible; however, due to a timing matter, it will most likely be necessary to go back into Executive Session to further discuss litigation.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Recreation Department Facility Rental Fee Schedule

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a revised Facility Rental Fee Schedule. He stated the only change is the addition of Pickle Ball Court rental for tournaments that would have exclusive use of the Pickle Ball Court.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Recreation Department Facility Rental Fee Schedule as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Recreation Department Facility Rental Fee Schedule is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Tobar discussed the following projects: 225 structure demolitions, broadband grant contract has been signed and the budget submitted, Teen program Request for Proposal is complete and will be advertised soon, commended Road Crew for cleaning up 5 dozen downed trees in two hours on Avery Store Road due to April 5th storm, West Apron Phase II project completed, new 4-H building flooring being installed, contractor applying triple surface treatment to roads that were on last year's LMIG list, leak at splash pad will be repaired by contractor-it is under warranty, Community Development Block Grant application being prepared, CDBG Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. today, no word yet on CHIP grant award, zoning map nearly complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Ali Duckworth discussed past open records requests regarding Animal Control and issues with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for rescue operations.

Judy Veal expressed concerns about Animal Control and the RFP for rescue operations.

Pam Peacock presented comments regarding Animal Control operations and services, specifically the RFP for rescue operations.

Ms. Jacqueline Reeves of Kemp Avenue discussed the need for the grass to be mowed, the condition of the roads and problems with people dumping trash in the area. She asked Commissioners to help the citizens of Hardwick.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Westmoreland made a motion to go back into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to further discuss litigation. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Vice Chairman Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk