



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

July 06, 2021

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Craig called the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to amend the Agenda to hold an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and litigation. 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 June 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinance

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented the Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinance for the Board's consideration. He stated a public hearing has been held on the proposed Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinance and recommended changes have been incorporated. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: Westmoreland, Hall, Davis, Craig

Nay: Butts

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Resolution of Support for Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA)

County Manager Tobar presented a Resolution in support of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority's efforts for a request to Senator Warnock's office for economic development funding. He stated the request is for funding to demolish specific structures, to preserve and stabilize the Powell Building and prepare a "shovel ready" site for the development of senior housing.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the Resolution to support the funding request of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority for the continued

revitalization and redevelopment project at Central State Hospital. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland 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 _____.

Grant Awards

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

Georgia Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker grant renewal in the amount of \$215,636 for the period June 15, 2021 - June 2022 with no required match from the County.

Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) 911 Training Grant of \$10,000 for registration fees for NG911 related training courses to be paid on a reimbursement basis with no required match.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to accept the grant awards as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Defender Budget for FY 2022 and Contract for Indigent Defense Services

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the Public Defender FY 2022 budget which includes funds to convert a current part-time administrative assistant position to a full-time administrative position and will result in an increase for Baldwin County's portion of \$9,528.84 over last year's budget. The total annual budget of \$209,523.06 includes representation of indigent defendants in Superior Court, Juvenile Court and State Court. Ms. Hudson reported Baldwin County also provides representation of defendants in the Ocmulgee Circuit Adult Treatment Court (ATCC) including the Drug and Mental Health Courts. She also presented the contract for indigent defense services for FY 2022.

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to approve the FY 22 Public Defender budget and Contract for Indigent Defense Services as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lease Agreement with State Properties Commission

County Manager Tobar presented the second amendment to the lease agreement for the Walter B. Williams recreation park property which consists of approximately 536.9 acres. He stated the lease is for twenty-five (25) years expiring June 30, 2046 for the payment of \$250.00 per year.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the second amendment to the lease agreement with the State Properties Commission as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Agreement for Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP)

County Manager Tobar reported the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act was enacted and funding was allocated to the Department of Transportation for distribution to eligible general aviation airport sponsors in Georgia through the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). Mr. Tobar presented an Agreement for the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation for operational expenses of the airport. Mr. Tobar stated the allocation is for \$23,000 in federal funds with no required local match and will be used for exterior lighting at the airport terminal.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to approve the ACRGP grant award in the amount of \$23,000 as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Agreement is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Solid Waste Contract

County Manager Tobar presented the second amendment to the Contract for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services and Operation of Convenience Centers for the Board's consideration. He stated the language of the contract agreement dated June 25, 2009 is amended and replaced with Exhibit B. He reported the new term of the agreement is for five (5) years beginning August 1, 2021 and ending July 31, 2026 with pricing included in the contract renewal. He stated Assistant County Manager Hudson will provide information about the rate structure later in this presentation.

Mr. Tobar introduced Steve Edwards and General Manager Josh Raugh of Advanced Disposal to highlight changes included in the contract. They provided background information of the company and changes that will be made beginning with the new contract. He stated hours at centers have been expanded and made consistent among all the convenience centers. He stated Advanced Waste conducted a trial period of the new schedule, and citizen approval was overwhelming. Centers will be open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mr. Edwards also reported four (4) new trucks with canopies will be purchased to minimize litter blowing from trucks. Citizens are strongly encouraged to bag garbage so that it does not blow easily out of trucks. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Raugh stated they would entertain any questions about the collection / disposal service provided to the County.

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented information on pricing. She stated that with additional services there is an increase in price. The cost of curbside collection has increased from \$11.00 to \$14.00 per container and the extended hours of operation of centers has increased the County's center operational cost as well as the cost of disposal of waste. She reported the breakeven cost for services is slightly under \$18.00 and recommends the Board set a rate of \$18.00 per month for collection. Ms. Hudson stated an annual cost of living increase of three percent (3%) is included in the contract. It is the recommendation to also approve the 3% annual cost of living increase.

Commissioners discussed improvements at the actual centers such as appearance of centers by keeping the inside and outside areas clean. Commissioner Hall also requested that bins be

made more accessible to the elderly and handicapped who could not lift garbage into the tall boxes.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to approve the Solid Waste contract as presented. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the rate of \$18.00 per month and to approve the annual 3% cost of living increase that is included in the contract. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Contract is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Resolution and Letter of Intent

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a letter of intent to apply for technical assistance through the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) program. He reported the County applied for inclusion in this program in 2018; however, we were not selected to participate. He stated that in order to be competitive in the selection process the County must dedicate more in the budget for travel and lodging for housing team member participation in GICH related functions. He requested the Board allocate \$3,000 per year for this item. Also, he recommended that the County commit to recruiting a roster of dedicated housing team members that represent the community including at least one elected official and representatives of organizations that serve populations most in need of housing opportunities. These organizations are those such as Overview, Inc., Family Connection, and the Cooperative Extension Service. He also encouraged the cultivation of relationships and collaborations with the school systems and agencies representing the business community.

Mr. Tobar presented a Resolution that endorses and endeavors to financially support the improvement of housing opportunities within Baldwin County by requesting the assistance of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to adopt the Resolution and approve the letter of intent as presented. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland requested an update on the front area of the Government Building. Mr. Tobar responded the contractor has materials stored in this area which must be removed before the grass can be mowed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobar reported that swimming lessons at Georgia College are now filled up. Chairman Craig encouraged everyone to get vaccinated for COVID.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Tobar presented an update on the following activities: Middle Georgia Regional Library (formerly Twin Lakes Library) will submit an application for the Collins P. Lee Center; splash

pad construction complete; Bonner Road set to reopen in next two weeks; completed airport grant application for backup generator; submitted letter of intent for runway pavement rehabilitation; demolition and cleanup at the old Health Department building has started; new waterline pipe has been installed in Erin Shores to replace defective pipe; driveway entrance for Government Building set for completion in mid-August; speed humps need to be T-SPLOST project; and partner with beautification / "green thumb" groups to beautify parks and facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and litigation. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry R. Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk