



# BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2023

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

2:30 P.M.

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## MINUTES

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Emily Davis  
John Westmoreland  
Kendrick Butts  
Sammy Hall

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Henry Craig

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Bandon Palmer  
Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Emily Davis called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

### **INVOCATION**

Vice Chair John Westmoreland delivered the Invocation

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Kendrick Butts led the Pledge.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS**

#### **Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

County Engineer Brian Wood presented bids for the 2023 LMIG program. He stated two bids were received: Pittman Construction Company, Conyers, Georgia in the amount of \$1,115,721.35 and Reeves Construction Company, Macon, Georgia in the amount of \$1,183,566. Mr. Wood stated Pittman Construction has done work for the County in the past, and he recommended awarding the bid for the 2023 LMIG project to Pittman Construction in the amount of \$1,115,721.35.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to award the bid to Pittman Construction in the amount of \$1,115,721.35 as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Grant Awards**

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the following three grant awards for the judicial circuit: Family Drug Court award in the amount of \$210,472 with a match of \$28,701

for a total of \$239,173; Mental Health Court in the amount of \$329,692 with a match of \$44,958 for a total of \$374,650; and Adult Felony Drug Courts in the amount of \$336,194 with a match of \$45,845 for a total of \$382,039. Ms. Hudson stated matches for all three grants are paid by the judicial circuit. All grants are for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to approve the three grant awards for the judicial circuit as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Hudson presented a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grant Award in the amount of \$122,015 for the Dislocated Worker Program. She stated the County serves as fiscal agent for the grant.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept the WIOA Dislocated Worker grant award as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute required documents. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland requested an update on the Meriwether Convenience Center. County Manager Tobar stated they are still looking at the best way to do the renovation at the Center. Mr. Westmoreland requested a preliminary sketch from the County Engineer and Waste Management Representative.

Chair Davis stated Waste Management is still not dumping boxes at the Centers in a timely manner. Mr. Tobar responded he has requested a schedule for dumping.

Commissioner Hall stated the individual trash bins are being placed too close to the road on Carr Station Road and other County Roads. The bins are getting hit by vehicles and it could be a safety issue.

Vice Chair Westmoreland requested a meeting be scheduled with Waste Management to discuss these continuing problems.

Chair Davis asked County Attorney Palmer to review the Waste Management Contract.

County Manager Tobar reported the Union Hill Church Road location has been approved for a transfer station, and it would be beneficial for the County to have their own transfer station.

### New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented an update on County activities / projects to include: Coopers water line replacement is 75% complete; Allenwood subdivision storm drain pipe replacement continues; CHIP grant walk through with contractors was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> with one additional walk through on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; CDBG sewer line replacement was advertised for bid with bid opening to be held July 25<sup>th</sup>; reviewed environmental bid for Collins P. Lee Library; RAISE grant announcement will be made June 28<sup>th</sup>; Boddie precinct work is nearing completion; County Engineer met with Waste Management to develop plan to upgrade Meriwether Convenience Center; all Office and Planning and Budget agreements have been signed; environmental firm procured for Harrisburg Park projects; and design and engineering services advertised with contract awards anticipated by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Mr. Ed Atkins, 939 Walnut Street, Macon addressed the Board expressing his concerns with the location of the aquatic center.

Ms. Tina Behne, 160 Pine Drive, Milledgeville addressed the Board regarding the trash problem in East Baldwin. She also discussed the delay of posting minutes from previous meetings on the County Website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 3:15 p.m.  
Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily C. Davis  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk