



BALDWIN COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

June 07, 2022

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily Davis – Virtual
Sammy Hall

ALSO PRESENT

Dawn Hudson
David McRee
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Craig called the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman John Westmoreland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Baldwin High School Naval JROTC cadets presented the colors.

Commissioner Sammy Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Executive Session, May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting, May 17, 2022 Executive Session, May 25, 2022 Called Meeting and May 25, 2022 Executive Session. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Henry Craig presented a Proclamation to members of the Alpha Alpha Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in observance of their First Anniversary with the local chapter being chartered in Milledgeville on June 19, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Award

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented the Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Award Agreement for the Board's consideration. She reported the Agreement between the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (GDCA) and Baldwin County outlines requirements of both parties and specifies conditions that have must be met. Ms. Hudson stated the award is in the amount of \$400,000 for homeowner rehab assistance. Commissioner Hall asked if there are matching requirements. Assistant County Manager Hudson responded there is no cash match. Commissioner Butts asked for clarification with DCA as to whether manufactured

housing is eligible. Ms. Hudson responded she would have Mr. Tobar confirm whether it is eligible.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to accept the Agreement and to get clarification on manufacturing housing eligibility. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)

Chairman Henry Craig stated the County must initiate the renegotiation of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and notify the Georgia Department of Revenue of the commencement date prior to July 1, 2022. He stated a letter to the City has been prepared notifying them of the Commencement of LOST Renegotiation effective Monday, June 13, 2022.

Commissioner Sammy Hall stated the Local Option Sales Tax must be used to roll back taxes. He made a motion to proceed with notification to the City of Milledgeville of the commencement date of June 13, 2022 for renegotiation of LOST. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Emily Davis stated she is opposed to any consideration to rename the Collins P. Lee Center.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland stated problems with trash pickup and convenience centers continue. He said Waste Management must do something to prevent trash along roads, especially Ivey Weaver where the transfer station is located. He suggested Waste Management have somebody on that road to pick up trash. He also reported the centers are not being kept clean.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts reported he and County Manager Tobar met with Waste Management and told them about all the problems and concerns that community is having. Waste Management responded it is going to be getting back with County.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no County Manager's Report

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Melissa Smith addressed the Board regarding violence problems. She stated she is a Research Consultant and would like to offer her research talent at no cost to the County to help the County examine the violence issue. Ms. Smith reported she intends to do qualitative and quantitative research to come up with solutions to the violence problem. Ms. Smith requested that a Commissioner to serve on the research committee.

Chairman Henry Craig stated he has shared her Research Plan with Commissioners, Sheriff and staff members. He said the County will participate in the efforts to address the violence in our community.

Mr. James Finney addressed the Board requesting to change the name of the Collins P. Lee Center to the Lucille Harris Center because of her contributions regarding the center which was formerly a school.

Rev. Rosemary Thomas stated she had worked with Mr. Lee and wants to do what is right for community. She said the community should come to an agreement on this matter.

Ms. Ida Wells Manson stated she was born, raised and lived in Harrisburg all life. She stated she feels the center should be names for Lucille Harris and XXXXX Harris because they built the school.

Dr. Collinda Lee addressed the Board in opposition to a change in the name of the Collins P. Lee Center.

Mr. James Andrews addressed the Board in opposition to a proposed bicycle / pedestrian path in the Airport neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Craig
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk