

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Gulf of Mexico Security Act (GOMESA) Grant agreement in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 for the property acquisition of 45 acres for the Intracoastal Waterway Boat Launch project. (This agreement shall be effective upon full execution by both parties and terminate ninety (90) days after the end of the Project Period (September 30, 2020), unless extended in writing by ADCNR by amendment. Agreement terms also included in Paragraphs 7, 18 and 22 of the agreement.)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

IA3 Animal Shelter - Personnel Changes

19-2102

Motion by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, seconded by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, to approve the voluntary demotion of employee #187538 from the County Humane Officer position (#5351) grade EC-07 (\$45,587.54 annually) to fill the Senior Animal Control Officer position (PID #TBD) at a grade G-19 (\$20.746 per hour/ \$43,151.68 annually) to be effective September 23, 2019.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

J ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

K COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

KA1 Proposed Amendment to that Certain Lease Agreement Dated June 15, 2005, as Amended, Between Regions Bank and Baldwin County

19-2159

David Conner, County Attorney, said he has an item to exercise the Regions Bank option to extend its lease from September 30, 2019, to December 30, 2019. This will allow for additional time to complete the negotiations of that lease. Mr. Conner said a the lease is subject to any changes deemed necessary by the Chairman and the County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to

take the following actions:

1) Authorize the Chairman to execute any and all documents deemed necessary to amend that certain Lease Agreement dated June 15, 2005, as amended, ("Lease"), whereby Regions Bank ("Regions") as Tenant, and Baldwin County, Alabama, as Landlord and Assignee of Downtown Properties Group, LLC, agree that the time for providing notice to exercise the option referred to in Paragraph 2.2.1 of the Lease is changed from September 30, 2019, to December 30, 2019, subject to any changes deemed necessary by the Chairman and the County Attorney. All other terms of the Lease shall remain unchanged; and

2) The County Commission hereby authorizes staff and the County Attorney to take any and all action deemed necessary to effect such extension of time as set forth above.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Mr. Conner said Mr. Brad Hicks, Conflicts Counsel, is present today. Mr. Conner asked Mr. Hicks if there was anything he needed to cover, to which Mr. Hicks replied "no."

L ANNOUNCEMENTS

M PUBLIC COMMENTS

N PRESS QUESTIONS

Mr. Guy Busby, with Gulf Coast Newspaper, appeared before the Commission and asked what was the reason to terminate the contract with the County Attorney.

Commissioner Ball said he was going to save that for his Commissioners Comments, but at the end of the day, it is just a business decision. There was no specific reason.

O COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ball thanked all of the staff involved in getting the agenda together. Baldwin County is investing in the future and if the County does not have larger budgets, then something is going on. The County is growing in an exponential rate. Commissioner Ball said he learned a phrase and shared it with Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Ball said the most dangerous phrase in the language is "We've always done it this way." Eventually, times change and the County is changing with the times. He feels some of the infrastructure improvements the County is investing in is much needed for the County and will alleviate a lot of the stress and burdens. Commissioner Ball said at the end of the day, they are all business partners and become friends. He extends his gratitude and thanks to David Conner, County Attorney, for the 10 months of service he provided. It is nothing personal, but at the end of the day, the Commissioners are running a business and must make business decisions. Commissioner Ball said he hopes their friendship can exist and remain the same.