

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 2, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chair Faye Smith presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis  
Sammy Hall  
Faye Smith  
Bubba Williams  
Linda Fussell

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Linda Zarkowsky  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Faye Smith called the August 2, 2011, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Update on Development Authority Activities

Ms. Angie Gheesling, Executive Director of the Development Authority, presented an update of Development Authority activities as well as regional activities through the Fall Line Regional Development Authority. She thanked the Board for the continued support of the County for the Milledgeville / Baldwin County Development Authority and the Fall Line Regional Authority.

Ms. Gheesling introduced Mr. Bill Mauldin of Georgia Distilling Company a new company that will be locating in Baldwin County.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Georgia Distilling Company

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an alcoholic beverage license application from Georgia Distilling Company for a Class J license to manufacture alcoholic beverages and liquors. He reported all legal requirements of the application process have been met.

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Georgia Distilling Company as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

## Redistricting Map

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported that as discussed at the last meeting a notice was published in the legal organ soliciting public comment on the proposed redistricting map. He stated the map has been posted on the County's website and placed in the lobby of the Courthouse in order for the public to view the proposed districts and submit comments. No comments were received.

County Attorney David McRee reported the County has followed necessary steps in the preparation of the map for submission and approval by the Justice Department. He stated a meeting was held at the Reapportionment Office in Atlanta; a proposed map was prepared and submitted to the Board of Commissioners for their review in July; a public review / comment period was held; and the map is now being presented for the Board's consideration for approval. He stated once the map has been approved by the Board of Commissioners it must be submitted to the General Assembly for approval and then submitted to the Justice Department for final approval.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the district map as presented. The motion was seconded.

District 3 Commissioner Sammy Hall expressed his concern of the proposed map because of an area that now cuts through the center of District 3 and incorporates that area into District 2. He stated he feels that it is not in the best interest of his constituents in District 3 to vote for this change in his district.

Chair Faye Smith called for a vote on the motion to approve the district map as presented. The motion passed by the following vote.

Aye: Davis, Fussell, Williams

Nay: Hall

## FY 2012 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the Department of Transportation is now accepting requests for the 2012 Local Maintenance and Improvement (LMIG) Program. He stated that if Baldwin County wants the DOT to advertise and let the resurfacing projects, the list of roads must be submitted prior to August 15, 2011.

Mr. McMullen presented a prioritized list of roads for the Board's consideration for submission to DOT under the 2012 LMIG program. He stated program allocations are made based on a formula including County paved and unpaved centerline miles and population. Mr. McMullen reported that the first ten (10) roads included on this list were submitted to DOT under previous years' LARP and LMIG programs; therefore, these ten (10) roads have already been inspected and rated by DOT. He stated County staff reviewed the list and included three (3) additional roads in this year's request for resurfacing - Cape Harbour Court NW, Cape Harbour Lane NW and Snyder Road NE. He asked Commissioners to contact him if there are any additional roads to be considered for inclusion on the 2012 LMIG list.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the LMIG program road list, with additional roads as requested by Commissioners, for submission to the DOT for funding requests for the 2012 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2012 LMIG Program road list is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 2011 Fundable List

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) notified local governments a few weeks ago that GEFA was soliciting projects for inclusion on the 2011 Fundable List of projects which it intends to fund in the coming months. She stated Baldwin County submitted its project request in the amount of \$5,266,563.00 for water improvements including water tanks, waterlines, and booster pump stations, and Baldwin County is rated third on GEFA's Fundable List. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the program would provide State Revolving Loan funding at three percent (3 %) for an amount of \$4,766,563.00 with \$500,000.00 in principal forgiveness.

She stated Baldwin County is not required to submit an application for this funding. However, since our project is rated so high on GEFA's list the consulting firm, engineer and administrative staff feel it would be prudent to proceed with an application. She reported the submission of an application does not obligate the County to accept funding, if awarded.

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported a Health, Environment, Recreation & Conservation Committee meeting will be held August 4, 2011 regarding the GEFA application for water improvements. He encouraged all Commissioners to attend the Committee meeting since Consultant Tim Grogg and Engineer Tim Ingram will provide information regarding a potential application.

### Task Order for Airport

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported that at a previous meeting the Board accepted bids to replace the beacon at the Airport with FAA funding through the DOT. She stated the County's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan includes fencing at the Airport, and the FAA wants to include the funding for the beacon with the design for the fencing.

Ms. Zarkowsky updated the Board on the process the FAA uses to allocate federal funds. She stated allocations are made each year for improvements at regional airports, and Baldwin County's allocation is approximately \$150,000 annually. These allocations roll forward each year until there is enough money to complete the next project in the county's long range plan; there is now enough money to plan for the fencing project. She reported the County wants to move forward with the fencing now that sufficient federal funds have accumulated to do so.

Ms. Zarkowsky presented an agreement from the County's airport consulting engineer, DA Jones Engineering, to complete the design for the fencing. The fee for the task order is \$24,870 which is within the FAA guidelines. She stated the County's portion is \$621.75 which is 2.5%, and there are sufficient funds in our existing budget to fund this amount.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to authorize the County to proceed with the grant application, to authorize the Chair to sign necessary documents and to approve the agreement with DA Jones Engineering in the amount of \$24,870 for the design of the fencing project. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of Task Order Number 1 is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Accounts Payable List Dated August 2, 2011

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated August 2, 2011. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Other Business

Commissioner Bubba Williams stated that at the last meeting citizens addressed Commissioners requesting the public be allowed to speak at meetings on agenda items as well as non-agenda items. He reported citizens had encouraged Commissioners to look at policies used in other counties and develop a policy for Baldwin County.

Commissioner Sammy Hall presented his suggestions for taking public comments at Commission meetings. He recommended the County Attorney and County Manager develop a model policy for the Board's consideration.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faye Smith  
Chair

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Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk