

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2009
6:00 p.m.

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chair Bubba Williams presiding.

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

Also Present: David Waddell
Joan Minton
Cindy Cunningham
Ralph McMullen
Linda Zarkowsky
Scott Deason
Greg Hill

Call to Order

Chair Bubba Williams called the August 4, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2009, Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Department Report

Animal Control Officer Greg Hill gave a presentation on the County's Animal Control Department. He discussed various aspects of the Department and the Animal Control Ordinance including enforcement, inoculation, tag and identification requirements; vicious dogs; public nuisance animals; impoundment and confinement of animals; State requirements and regulations for recordkeeping, the animal facility, and humane treatment of animals.

Resolution Naming the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) the Destination Marketing Organization

County Manager Joan Minton presented a proposed resolution designating the Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Destination Marketing Organization for Milledgeville and Baldwin County. She reported this would apply only for that portion of Baldwin County's hotel/motel tax that is required by State law to be distributed to the Destination Marketing Organization with the remainder of any County hotel/motel tax collected being retained by Baldwin County. Ms. Minton reported the State authorizes the County to levy a hotel/motel tax which is currently six percent (6%); however, there are no hotels or motels in the unincorporated areas of the County at this time. She stated the City of Milledgeville adopted the resolution at their May 26th meeting.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adopt the resolution designating the Convention and Visitors Bureau as Destination Marketing Organization for only that portion of hotel/motel tax required by State law to be distributed to the Destination Marketing Organization. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Resolution for Cable Franchise Transfer

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a proposed resolution requesting the County's approval for transfer of the cable franchise from Klip, LLC. to Bulldog Cable Georgia Inc. who is currently operating the cable system in Baldwin County. Mr. McMullen stated the transfer application package has been reviewed, and he feels it would be an improvement for the customers as well as the cable companies.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt the resolution approving transfer of the cable franchise from Klip, LLC. to Bulldog Cable. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Update on Solid Waste Program

County Manager Joan Minton reported a letter along with convenience center access cards will be mailed out to citizens within the next few days. She stated door to door pickup is scheduled to begin around August 31st, and new hours and access cards for the centers will become effective September 1st which will coincide with the first billing of the \$13.59 monthly charge. Ms. Minton reported the contractor is installing signs at all centers detailing days and hours of operation at that center, the type of waste accepted and also the operational days and hours of other centers throughout the County. She stated the contractor will begin delivery of carts on Wednesday, and each cart will have an informational hanger attached detailing the pickup schedule.

Ms. Minton reported the County staff and the contractor will work together and with citizens to resolve any transition issues in order to implement the new system as smoothly as possible. She asked Commissioners who receive call regarding this to refer the callers to the County staff.

Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an update on the LARP program. He stated DOT has informed the County that contracts will be let in the fall for Harrisburg Road, Treanor Drive and Walton Way, three roads that were submitted to DOT on previous LARP lists. He reported DOT also informed the County that due to funding shortfalls they will not be able to inspect / evaluate any roads for consideration under the 2010 LARP that have not already been rated by DOT in past years. DOT recommended resubmitting a list of the worst roads from last year's LARP list that have been rated according to DOT criteria to reflect the greatest need for resurfacing.

Mr. McMullen reported DOT and County staff members met regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the following:

- (1) Bridge replacement project on Browns Crossing at Fishing Creek due to the low rating of the bridge. County must require right of way;
- (2) Signalization at two railroad crossing on SR 243;
- (3) Felton Drive / Highway 49 – construction slated for 2013;
- (4) Bridge rehabilitation project on SR 22 at Fishing Creek.

Accounts Payable List Dated August 4, 2009

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated August 4, 2009. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bubba Williams
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk