

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairman Dale Epps presiding.

Members Present: Bobby Blizzard  
Geneva Davis  
Dale Epps, Sr.  
Collins P. Lee  
Bubba Williams

Also Present: David Waddell  
Joan Minton  
Ralph McMullen  
Cindy Cunningham  
Linda Zarkowsky  
Smokey Veal  
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Epps called the December 4, 2007, Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion that the minutes of the November 6, 2007, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Implementation of Comprehensive Plan

Dr. Dorothy Leland and Maj. Gen. Peter Boylan addressed the Board regarding implementation of the Milledgeville / Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan. They requested that a joint committee of City and County elected officials and several community members be established to begin assembling a plan to provide recommendations for initiating actions before January 15, 2008.

Chairman Epps stated the Middle Georgia Regional Development assisted in the development of the Plan and recommended the RDC also assist the City and County in addressing other aspects of the Plan.

### Bids for CDBG Drainage Project

Engineer Tim Ingram reported a second bid opening was held Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the CDBG Drainage Project. He reported this project was re-bid due to the fact the initial bids were well over budget. He stated as part of the bid package several alternate materials were included to help reduce any cost overages; however, using these alternatives the overall cost of the project was reduced but still over budget.

Mr. Ingram presented a bid tabulation for the three bidders, Strack, Inc.; Fowler Precast, Inc.; and Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. with Strack, Inc. being the low bidder. He stated Strack, Inc. has been asked to review additional items to determine if value engineering will further reduce the cost for the project.

Mr. Ingram recommended the award of the CDBG drainage project to Strack, Inc. in the initial bid amount of \$946,907.70 with a change order to reflect alternate items for a total bid award of \$637,614.00. Mr. Ingram stated if additional value engineering can further lower the cost, an additional change order will be recommended at a later date.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to award the bid to Strack, Inc. and continue to do value engineering on the project. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Update on Other Projects

Mr. Ingram presented an update on the 441 North sewer project, the 441 North traffic light installation and the lake crossings for the water project.

### Update on Soccer / Track Complex

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a power point presentation on the new soccer / track complex. He reported the project was funded through the SPLOST to construct five regulation soccer / football fields, a nine lane regulation rubberized track, a 300 space parking lot, a concession building and restroom facilities.

### OneGeorgia Equity Fund Grant Award

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported Baldwin County has been awarded a OneGeorgia Equity Fund grant in the amount of \$353,954 for a new airport terminal building. She stated a required match in the amount of \$187,903 will be provided through the Public Works SPLOST fund and County in-kind services for removal of the old terminal building and site preparation. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the grant required obtaining additional proposals on architectural services for the project. She stated the required action is acceptance of the grant award and authorization for the Chairman to execute all related documents including the architectural agreement with Fordham and Company.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to accept the OneGeorgia Equity Fund grant award in the amount of \$353,954 and to authorize the Chairman to execute all related documents. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Bids for Roof at Harrisburg Center

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented bid information for the roof at the Harrisburg Center. He reported the following three bids were received: Z. Wood Construction - \$33,454.00; Commercial Roof Management - \$35,000.00; Skyline Construction Services - \$29,880.00. He recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Skyline Construction Services in the amount of \$29,880.00.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Skyline Construction Services, in the amount of \$29,880.00. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Proclamations for Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee

Mayor Richard Bentley presented Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee with a Proclamation from the City proclaiming December 5, 2007, as Collins P. Lee Day in Milledgeville in appreciation for his many contributions to the citizens of the City and County.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard stated Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee was honored with a ceremony on November 17, 2007, for his many accomplishments and contributions to his community, his city, his county, his state and his nation. Commissioner Blizzard presented the Proclamation for inclusion in the official minutes of the County.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to include both Proclamations presented to Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee in the official minutes for historical purposes. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Proclamations from the City of Milledgeville and from Baldwin County are herewith included and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Tax Assessors' Resolution

County Attorney David Waddell presented a Resolution regarding the correction of errors and refund of taxes. He reported the Resolution states the Board of Commissioners would delegate to the Board of Assessors and the Tax Commissioner the authority to administer the Resolution

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### North By-Pass Project Agreement

County Manager Joan Minton presented an agreement between the Department of Transportation and Baldwin County to move the North By-Pass project forward.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to approve the Agreement for the North By-Pass project and authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Resolution Regarding Transfer of Cable Franchise

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a Resolution requesting the transfer of the cable franchise from James Cable, LLC to Millennium Digital Media System. Mr. McMullen reported the consultant used by the County for cable franchises has recommended the transfer of the franchise to Millennium Digital Media System.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### Report from Finance Committee

Chairman Epps asked Commissioner Blizzard to present the report from the Finance Committee meeting held December 3, 2007. Commissioner Blizzard stated the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners go on record of officially supporting the Board of Education in their request to local legislators to increase the homestead exemption from \$16,000 to \$40,000 for taxpayers 65 years and older with the consumer price index adjustment in the future.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to support the Board of Education action to increase homestead exemption for taxpayers 65 years and older. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Blizzard stated the Finance Committee also discussed the funding request from Georgia's Old Capital Museum. He reported that after review the County's determination remains that funding cannot be provided to the Museum.

### Executive Session

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

### Regular Session

Chairman Epps reopened the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to proceed with the property acquisition proposal to purchase the City water treatment facilities. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Accounts Payable List Dated December 4, 2007

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated December 4, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dale Epps, Sr.  
Chairman

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Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk

