

**Baldwin County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 3, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, February 3, 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  
Ralph McMullen  
Cindy Cunningham  
Linda Zarkowsky  
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chair Bubba Williams called the February 3, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009, Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Taxing Mechanism

Chair Bubba Williams stated, as he discussed at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Session, one initiative he wanted to address was a new taxing mechanism to assist citizens with the escalating property values. He stated thus far he feels that a three percent (3%) cap on property values is the best way to address this issue. Chair Williams asked Commissioners to research and examine different options for a new taxing mechanism for Baldwin County in order to come up with a better system.

Commissioner Sammy Hall stated the State legislators are considering House Resolution 1 which is adding statewide property tax assessment caps as a one size fits all solution for the entire State. Some Commissioners expressed concern that adding statewide property tax assessment caps as a one size fits all solution would tie the hands of local governments to tailor a program to meet our local needs and may negatively impact the residential homeowners that the legislators are trying to help.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to go on record as opposing HR 1 in its present form and to notify Legislators of this opposition. The motion was seconded, and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: Davis, Fussell, Hall, Smith  
Nay: Williams

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to request a staff expert from ACCG to present an overview of various tax structures in order to assist Baldwin County in understanding tax structure options and the impact of the various options on Baldwin County homeowners. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Greenway Grass Maintenance

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen reported he and Public Works Director Bobby Arnold met with City Marshal Jack Graham to discuss the maintenance of the Greenway property to determine if the County could assist the City with the grass maintenance. He stated Mr. Graham expressed his appreciation to the County for their offer of assistance; however, he did not see any way the County could be of help at this time due to equipment limitations. Mr. McMullen reported the County will assist the City if needed at the Oconee River Greenway.

### Solid Waste Collection Proposal

County Manager Joan Minton reported staff members have been examining the possibility of preparing a Request for Proposal for door to door solid waste collection in the County. She stated there are advantages with door to door collection such as assistance to the elderly in trash disposal, decrease in roadside waste and firemen not manning convenience centers. She requested Board approval for the development of a Request for Proposal to see how it would benefit citizens as well as the County budget.

Commissioner Faye Smith made a motion to develop a Request for Proposal for door to door solid waste collection. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Fleet Management Award

Fleet Manager Jerry Ahrens of First Vehicle Services presented a National Achievement Award to Baldwin County for being in the top 100 fleets in the United States.

### Accounts Payable List Dated February 3, 2009

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated February 3, 2009. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bubba Williams  
Chairman

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Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk