

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2007
6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairman Collins P. Lee presiding.

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

Also Present: Joan G. Minton
David Waddell
Cindy Cunningham
Linda Zarkowsky
Ralph McMullen
Smokey Veal

Call to Order

Chairman Collins P. Lee called the January 16, 2007, Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the minutes of the December 22, 2006, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Service Delivery Update

County Manager Joan Minton reported the State requires all local governments to periodically update their Comprehensive Plan, and the Service Delivery portion of Milledgeville / Baldwin County's plan is the last segment to be updated. County Manager Minton reported she and County Attorney Waddell have held numerous meetings with the City Manager and City Attorney to address issues to be included in the update. She stated, once completed, the information for inclusion in the Service Delivery Update will be presented to the County's General Government policy committee and to the full Board.

2007 Road Program Update

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an update on the 2007 road program. He presented status reports on the following projects: LARP; traffic signal on 441 North at Meriweather Road; Highway 49 at Felton Road; right-of-way and realignment on Crawford Road and Bonner Drive; resurfacing on Allen Memorial Drive, Corral Road, and J. F. Hall Road; and striping on Bonner Drive, Davis, Cranford and Union Hill Church Roads.

First Amendment to Sinclair Water Authority Intergovernmental Agreement

County Attorney David Waddell stated USDA is requiring that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Sinclair Water Authority and Baldwin and Putnam Counties be

updated to reflect the changes in the project costs. He presented the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement which reflects the projected costs and funding from Rural Development.

Vice Chairman Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the First Amendment to the Sinclair Water Authority Intergovernmental Agreement be approved as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Executive Session Regarding Property Acquisition

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to reopen the January 16, 2007, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Property Acquisition

County Manager Joan Minton reported the Board discussed acquisition of property adjoining the Baldwin County Water Department Building site. She stated the property appraises for \$37,500 and is also on the tax records at this price.

Vice Chairman Bobby Blizzard made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the property adjoining the Water Department Building for \$37,500. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Tax Issues

County Attorney David Waddell stated that the Board had requested information on various taxing methods and exemptions as well as information about what other counties have done. At the December 5th meeting, information was provided from an extensive study prepared by the Board of Tax Assessors which presented a very detailed, balanced approach on Value Offset Exemptions.

County Attorney Waddell reported that at the Board's request, he and Commissioner Williams met with members of the Board of Education regarding this matter. Once they study the effects of the proposed exemptions, the Board of Education will let the County know their position on the issue.

Commissioner Williams reported his constituents would like to see an annual three percent cap on residential property assessments and asked him to present a copy of the Putnam County legislation which could be tailored to Baldwin County. He requested the information be distributed to the Board of Commissioners for their review.

Chairman Collins P. Lee asked the Board to review the information.

Accounts Payable List Dated January 16, 2007

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the accounts payable list dated January 16, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Collins P. Lee thanked the other members of the Board for working with him during his term as Chairman to get many things accomplished for Baldwin County.

Chairman Lee opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Geneva Davis stated that in keeping with the slate presented last year, she nominated Commissioner Dale Epps to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Collins P. Lee as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Blizzard seconded the motion and moved that the nominations be closed.

After discussion, the Board voted as follows to elect Dale Epps, Sr. as Chairman and Collins P. Lee as Vice-Chairman for 2007.

AYE: Blizzard, Davis, Epps, Lee

NAY: Williams

Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Epps, Sr.
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk