

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2009
4:00 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Wednesday, January 6, 2009, at 4:00 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 January 21, 2009, meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2009, Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Report on Stimulus Program

County Manager Joan Minton stated the Association County Commissioners and the Middle Georgia RDC have recommended that Baldwin County prepare a list of "shovel ready" projects should funding become available from any stimulus programs. She presented a list of such projects that would be sent to the RDC as well as the County's congressional delegates. County Manager discussed the following five (5) "bid ready" projects for elevated water storage and water distribution improvements: Highway 212 – elevated water storage tank; Lowe Road – water main extension; Highway 212 / Meriwether Road – water main; Highway 22 East – elevated storage tank, water main and booster pump station; and Hopewell – elevated storage tank.

Ms. Minton stated these projects would qualify under the economic stimulus package, if funded, and are needed to meet the growth in the County water system. She reported once funds are approved and guidelines for obtaining the funds are set, the Board will have the opportunity to approve the actual projects before any application is made for funds.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the list of projects, as presented, for submission to the Regional Development Center and the Congressional delegates for funds under the economic stimulus package. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Annexation Notification

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an annexation notification from the City of Milledgeville for .42 acres of property, owned by Warehouse Solutions, LLC and located at 358 Blandy Way. He stated the annexation of this parcel of land would bring the entire tract into the City.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the annexation of .42 acres located at 358 Blandy Road as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Ratification of Board / Authority Appointments

Chair Bubba Williams presented the following list of appointments for ratification: Commissioner Sammy Hall - Sinclair Water Authority; Commissioner Emily C. Davis - Fall Line Regional Development Authority; Vice Chair Faye Smith – Baldwin County Board of Health; Commissioner Linda Fussell - Middle Georgia Regional Development Center, Chair Bubba Williams - Oconee River Greenway Authority and Balls Ferry Historic Park Board. Chair Williams also presented the list of County Policy Committee appointments. A copy of which is herewith attached and made a part of the minutes.

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to ratify the appointments to boards, authorities and policy committees as presented by Chair Williams. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable List Dated January 21, 2009

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated January 21, 2009. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Recess

Chair Bubba Williams called a ten minute recess at 4:20 p.m. to reconvene at 4:30 p.m.

Planning / Work Session

Chair Bubba Williams opened the planning session at 4:30 p.m.

County Manager Joan Minton discussed a letter from Commissioner Mike Beatty of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs congratulating Baldwin County on the completion and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update. She stated the Plan provides the community's vision for the future and what the community desires to become and provides a description of development patterns allowing for planning for the future growth and development. She reported Middle Georgia RDC assisted Baldwin County and the City of Milledgeville with the completion and adoption of the Plan which extends Baldwin County's status as a Qualified Local government through February 28, 2013, and the Department of Community Affairs encourages elected officials and decision makers to refer to it as a management and policy tool in the decisions they make.

Meeting facilitator Angie Gheesling, Development Authority Director, asked each Commissioner to provide a list of things they would like to see accomplished in the short-term, long-term and what would be needed to make these things happen. She discussed possible considerations for implementing goals such as required changes in policy and additional funding.

Each Commissioner presented a list of their projects and goals. The group discussed the list of projects and what it would take to implement them.

Assistant County Manager McMullen stated most of the projects that were discussed are included in the Comprehensive Plan. County Manager Minton recommended a technical assistance request be sent to the Middle Georgia RDC to assist the County. In reviewing the short and long term work program generated by the Board of Commissioners at the facilitated planning session.

Facilitator Angie Gheesling stated she will prepare a summary of the projects and goals to be provided to the Commissioners and for forwarding to the RDC.

Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bubba Williams
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk