

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2010
6:00 p.m.

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 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
Cindy Cunningham
Ralph McMullen
Linda Zarkowsky
Dawn Hudson
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chair Bubba Williams called the January 5, 2010, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009, Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Department / Jail Report

Sheriff Bill Masee stated the jail is now twelve months old, and he is very proud to have this \$13 million facility that was built with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds. He stated Sheriffs from other areas have come to look at our jail and are amazed at the facility that was built with the amount of funding. Sheriff Masee discussed the current jail population and inmate classifications. He stated alternatives such as ankle bracelets for those convicted to serve jail time are being explored in order to try to keep costs down. He reported that holding court at the jail has decreased transportation costs of inmates from the jail to court; however, there is an increase in transportation costs due to the fact that mental health transports must be made to Augusta and Savannah. Sheriff Masee stated he will continue to work with other sheriffs throughout the State and the Department of Corrections in efforts to make sure the State will handle their obligations for state prisoners as set out in the law. Sheriff Masee expressed his appreciation to Commissioners and the County Attorney for their assistance to him and his Department.

Appointment to Board of Health

Vice Chair Faye Smith stated the term of service for the County's representative on the Board of Health for the Advocate for Needy, Underprivileged and Elderly expired on December 31, 2009. Vice Chair Faye Smith made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bobby Blizzard to serve on the Baldwin County Board of Health. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation to Mr. Ken Morgan

Commissioner Emily C. Davis presented a proclamation to Mr. Ken Morgan in appreciation for his service on the City Council and to the entire community.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Bubba Williams expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board in 2009.

Chair Williams opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Vice Chair Faye Smith nominated Commissioner Linda Fussell to serve as Chair of the Board of Commissioners. The nomination was seconded.

There being no further nominations for Chair, the nominations were closed.

Chair Bubba Williams called for a vote to elect Commissioner Linda Fussell to serve as Chair. The Board voted as follows to elect Commissioner Linda Fussell as Chair:
Aye: Smith, Hall, Fussell, Davis, Williams

Chair Williams opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis nominated Commissioner Sammy Hall to serve as Vice Chair. There being no second, the nomination died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Sammy Hall nominated Commissioner Faye Smith to serve as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded.

There being no further nominations for Vice Chair, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis stated she felt the Chair and Vice Chair should be rotated each year, and Commissioner Faye Smith currently serves as Vice Chair.

Chair Williams called for a vote to elect Commissioner Faye Smith to serve as Vice Chair. The Board voted as follows to elect Commissioner Faye Smith as Vice Chair:
Aye: Smith, Hall, Fussell, Davis, Williams

Accounts Payable List Dated January 5, 2010

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated January 5, 2010. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fussell
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

