

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Commissioner 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

Selection of Meeting Moderator

Commissioner Bubba Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated he was asked to serve as moderator for the January 6, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Invocation

Rev. Barbara Reid of Flagg Chapel gave the invocation.

Call to Order of Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bubba Williams called the January 9, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Faye Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Bubba Williams opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis nominated Commissioner Faye Smith for Chair. There being no second, the nomination died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Linda Fussell nominated Commissioner Bubba Williams for Chair. The motion was seconded.

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

Commissioner Bubba Williams called for a vote to elect Bubba Williams as Chair. The Board voted as follows to elect Bubba Williams as Chair:

Aye: Fussell, Hall, Smith and Williams
Abstain: Davis

Commissioner Bubba Williams opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Bubba Williams nominated Commissioner Linda Fussell for Vice Chair. There being no second, the nomination died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Linda Fussell nominated Commissioner Faye Smith for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded.

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

Commissioner Bubba Williams called for a vote to elect Faye Smith as Vice Chair. The Board voted as follows to elect Faye Smith as Vice Chair:

Aye: Fussell, Hall, Smith and Williams
Abstain: Davis

Commissioner Williams assumed role of Chairman at this time.

Appointments

County Attorney David Waddell expressed his appreciation to the Board for having been allowed to serve as County Attorney and stated he would appreciate the opportunity to have his firm continue to serve in that capacity. Mr. Waddell stated he has prepared a one year contract for the Board's consideration for his firm to serve as County Attorney.

Mr. Waddell presented an agreement between Baldwin County and Waddell & Associates, LLC to represent the County in legal matters for the term of one year.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. 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 _____.

County Attorney Waddell stated since the positions of County Manager and County Clerk are statutory positions of the County and this is a newly constituted Board, the persons holding the official positions of County Manager and County Clerk need to be reconfirmed by the Board.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reconfirm the appointments of Joan G. Minton as County Manager and Cynthia K. Cunningham as County Clerk. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Fire Truck Lease

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky stated a bid in the amount of \$685,244.27 was accepted by the Board on October 9, 2007, for an aerial platform fire truck. She stated the 2005 SPLOST referendum included \$1,000,000 for fire services to be collected over the six year collection period with interim financing being anticipated due to the collection period.

Ms. Zarkowsky presented a Resolution authorizing and approving a lease / purchase agreement with Bancorp South for the fire truck. She stated the proposed lease / purchase agreement provides a lower interest rate than the original rate from Leasing 2, Inc.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing and approving execution of the lease / purchase agreement for the fire truck with Bankcorp South, 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 _____.

County Overview and Update

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a County overview of County Departments and services as well as an update of County projects. County Manager Joan Minton discussed the new law enforcement facility, budgeting and personal services. Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky discussed the millage rate and five year history and Special Purpose Sales Tax.

Next Meeting

The Board scheduled the next Commissioners' Meeting for Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Suite 319.

Accounts Payable List Dated January 6, 2009

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated January 6, 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 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bubba Williams
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk