

**Baldwin County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 21, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, July 21, 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  
Cindy Cunningham  
Linda Zarkowsky  
Dawn Hudson  
Scott Deason  
Marion Nelson

Call to Order

Chair Bubba Williams called the July 21, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009, Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Department Report

Environmental Officer Marion Nelson gave a presentation on the aspects of environmental enforcement. He discussed the following three categories of enforcement: additional enforcement for departments such as Animal Control, Water and the Health Department; enforcement of illegal dumping issues; inspection / compliance of erosion and sedimentation control; and housing issues. The Board asked the County Attorney to review the current housing code ordinances.

Baldwin / Putnam Memorandum of Understanding for SWA

County Attorney David Waddell stated the SWA permitting capacity has been increased by EPD, due to the current operating plan of the plant, from 4 mgd to 6 mgd with the three trains in operation.

Mr. Waddell reported that at their June 3, 2008 meeting the Board approved the Baldwin / Putnam Memorandum of Understanding and authorized the Chairman to execute the Memorandum once it was approved by Putnam County and acknowledged by the Sinclair Water Authority. He stated the Memorandum outlined steps for Baldwin County to purchase extra water from Putnam County's portion of production. He stated due to the increased capacity of the SWA operating permit to 6 mgd he is recommending the County rescind the Memorandum of Understanding as it is no longer necessary.

Vice Chair Faye Smith made a motion to rescind the Baldwin / Putnam Memorandum of Understanding for SWA as recommended by the County Attorney. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

County Manager Joan Minton stated the Water Department is continuing the process to get the entire County water system on the Sinclair Water plant. She reported the application to GEFA has been completed and an ad has been published in the newspaper giving 30 days public notice that the project engineering report is available for public review. She stated this should get Baldwin County on the August GEFA Board Meeting Agenda for funding consideration for storage tanks and booster pumping stations needed to meet the County system needs; she reported that if approved it will be 18 to 24 months before all the tanks will be completed; and in the meantime, the County will need to continue to get more water across the County. Ms. Minton reported the County needs to run a larger line on Nelson Road and parallel a line on Horace Veal Road. She stated this should stabilize the system until the other work funded by the grant can be done.

County Manager Minton reported the Water Department is in the process of upgrading their technology much like that used at the water plant so that the water levels in the tanks can be monitored from remote locations. She stated this technology is called SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) and is necessary to keep the system up and running and needs to be completed before more tanks are added to the system with the GEFA funding.

County Manager Minton requested the Board authorize these improvements on Nelson and Horace Veal Roads and approve the SCADA technology system to be funded from revenues from the Water / Sewer Fund.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with water improvements on Nelson and Horace Veal Roads and to approve the SCADA system to be funded from revenues from the Water / Sewer Fund. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

#### Grant Awards

##### CJCC Grant Award for the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the multi-jurisdictional task force. She stated the grant award in the amount of \$64,750.00 requires a match of \$21,584.00 for a total amount of \$86,334.00. Ms. Zarkowsky reported the State of Georgia has not received the allocation for the grant period; therefore, 25% of the expected annual amount of \$259,000.00 is being awarded at this time. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the matching amount for the grant is shared by all jurisdictions, and Baldwin County's annual match of \$15,000.00 has been included in this year's budget.

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to accept the CJCC award in the amount of \$64,750.00 (25% of the multi-jurisdictional task force annual grant award) and to approve the County's matching funds. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

##### JAG Local Solicitation Grant Award

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky stated a Local Solicitation grant award in the amount of \$65,827.00 has been received through the FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. She stated the stimulus program funds will be used for staffing and upgrades at 911 which will be necessary due to new requirements.

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to accept the JAG Solicitation Grant Award in the amount of \$65,827.00 for 911 staffing and upgrades and to authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

## Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)

County Manager Joan Minton presented the proposed LARP list for 2010 for the Board's consideration for submission to the Department of Transportation. She stated the proposed list has been mailed to the Commissioners for their review. She reported since DOT has not provided any funding for LARP resurfacing in 2009, this is the same list that was submitted last year with a few additional roads added. She stated 29.04 miles of resurfacing have been requested. County Manager Minton reported that as in previous years the County did not prioritize this list of road; but requested that DOT inspect / evaluate them according to DOT standards for approval.

County Manager Minton discussed previous requests submitted in March 2009 to DOT for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for resurfacing on Harrisburg, Browns Crossing, Horace Veal, Airport and Lake Laurel Roads. She stated that under this program any roads for consideration must connect to a State route or a major public facility like the Airport. She also reported requests were made in 2008 for DOT Grant in Aid program funds for resurfacing of Airport and Lake Laurel Roads and for drainage improvements on Bonner Road. She reported DOT approved resurfacing of Kitchens and Corral Roads; however, funding has been frozen and contracts are pending.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the 2010 LARP list for submission to DOT as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2010 LARP list is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Accounts Payable List Dated July 21, 2009

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

## Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 7:20 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