

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 16, 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
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham
Linda Zarkowsky
Dawn Hudson
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chair Bubba Williams called the June 16, 2009, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Departmental Report

Chief Appraiser Phyllis Lavender gave a presentation on the aspects of the Tax Assessors' Office, Board of Tax Assessors and Board of Equalization outlining functions of each entity. She discussed the sales ratio as well as the procedures required for the preparation of the tax digest.

Recognition of Maya Mapp

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen introduced Maya Mapp who was recognized for her many achievements such as being named 13 WMAZ Junior Journalist and being elected Vice President of 4-H Junior Board Northeast District. County Extension Agent Janet Palmer discussed Maya's involvement with the 4-H Club. The Commissioners presented Maya with a Proclamation honoring her for her leadership among the county's youth, and Commissioners commended her for being involved in a wide variety of school, church and civic activities.

Budget Adoption Resolution for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 –June 30, 2010

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented and discussed the components of the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2010. She stated the Resolution outlines the budget for each fund showing anticipated funding sources including approved fees for solid

waste collection and disposal as well as expenditures reflecting cuts of approximately \$1.1 million dollars. She stated the Resolution also outlines equipment leases / purchases for the fiscal year.

Commissioners discussed the solid waste fee of \$13.50 and how this would be charged to property owners who have more than one property.

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2010 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 _____.

Equipment Lease for Public Works Department

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented Public Works Department lease renewals for an excavator and wheel loader for the Board's consideration. She stated the financing company for this equipment requires a specific resolution for the renewals even though leases are outlined in the County's Budget Resolution.

Vice Chair Faye Smith made a motion to adopt each Resolution as presented for the lease of an excavator and wheel loader for the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

Assistant County Manager reported that a revised plan for solid waste collection and disposal was presented at the June 2nd meeting; the revised plan and its explanations were published in the newspapers and placed on the County website on June 6th. Mr. McMullen detailed the new proposed plan as follows: all convenience centers would remain open with reduced / staggered hours and would be manned during hours of operation, thereby controlling out of county waste; \$13.50 fee per month for each resident in the unincorporated area to be collected on water bills or direct bills through the County billing system; curbside service included for those who want it; everyone paying would have access to the centers with a card system; opt out provision for curbside pickup; backdoor pickup for qualified individuals, i.e. those with disabilities or the elderly; and prison details would be used to pick up paper ahead of mowers. He stated the proposed contract with Advanced Waste, based on the new plan, was mailed to Commissioners for their review.

Mr. McMullen presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration to implement the plan effective September 1, 2009, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract with Advanced Waste to implement the plan as presented.

Commissioners discussed methods of solid waste collection and disposal.

Vice Chair Faye Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to implement the plan as proposed and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract with Advanced Waste for implementation. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

GEFA Application for Water Improvements Funded by Stimulus Program

County Manager Joan Minton reported the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) has included Baldwin County's water projects on a fundable priority list for stimulus funds. Projects are for elevated tanks at Hopewell, Highway 212 and Lake

Laurel Road, to resolve water issues from growth in the County. Projects also include a water line on Highway 212 and booster pump station on Lake Laurel to fill the new tank. She reported another step in the process to secure funding is the adoption of a Resolution offering assurance to GEFA that Baldwin County will make available sufficient revenue to provide minimum coverage ratio required by the financing agency.

County Manager Minton presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration offering assurance to provide sufficient annual revenue for at least the minimum coverage ratio required for the requested funding.

Commissioner Sammy Halll made a motion to adopt the Resolution for GEFA as presented and to authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. 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 _____.

JAG Application for Sheriff's Department

Assistant Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a Justice Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$16,047 to purchase three used vehicles, three decal packages and one equipment package for the Sheriff's Office. She reported the proposed application was made available to the public for review and to Commissioners for their review. No public comments were received regarding this application.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the submission of the JAG application for vehicle acquisition for the Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable List Dated June 16, 2009

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated June 16, 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 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bubba Williams
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk