

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chair Faye Smith presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis
 Sammy Hall
 Faye Smith
 Bubba Williams
 Linda Fussell

Also Present: David McRee
 Ralph McMullen
 Linda Zarkowsky
 Cindy Cunningham
 Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Faye Smith called the June 7, 2011, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Proclamation for Georgia College and State University President Dorothy Leland

Chair Faye Smith read a Proclamation honoring outgoing Georgia College and State University President Dr. Dorothy Leland for her accomplishments and the contributions she brought to Baldwin County during her time as president of GC&SU. Chair Smith asked that the Proclamation be sent to Dr. Leland.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Dr. Leland. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Abandonment of a Portion of Stiles Road

County Manager Ralph McMullen reviewed details regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Stiles Road. He stated sediment is entering Little Cedar Creek which ultimately ends up in Lake Sinclair, and this situation must be addressed in order to correct environmental issues. At a previous meeting, Commissioners determined the best solution is to proceed with closure of a portion of the road. Adjacent property owners affected by the closure were notified, and a public hearing was held. As a result, one property owner asked that the road be

closed at a point different than the County initially proposed. County staff members met with the property owner, and a solid agreement was reached to close the desired portion of the road. Possible right-of-way acquisition was discussed for future projects.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to close the portion of Stiles Road based on the agreement reached with the land owner. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Bids for CDBG Project

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported a bid opening was held for the Community Development Block Grant sanitary sewer project on Belfair Road. She stated three bids were received: Fortis Engineering Solutions, Pyles Plumbing & Utility, and Hatfield Construction. Fortis Engineering Solutions of Eatonton submitted the low bid in the amount of \$301, 211.83; however, during the bid analysis, a mathematical error was found which lowered the bid amount for Fortis Engineering to \$291,391.03.

Ms. Zarkowsky stated contractor clearance has been received from the Department of Community Affairs, and our engineer has recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Fortis Engineering Solutions, in the amount of \$291,391.03

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the award to low bidder, Fortis Engineering Solutions, in the amount of \$291,391.03 for the CDBG sanitary sewer project and to authorize the Chair to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appointment to Board of Department of Family and Children Services

Chair Faye Smith reported a letter was received from DFCS Interim Director Vonetta Martin stating the Board of Department of Family and Children Services has been expanded from five to seven members. The Department is recommending the appointment of Ms. Mel Jackson and Ms. Eva Stevenson to these two positions to serve a five year term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to appoint Ms. Mel Jackson and Ms. Eva Stevenson to the Board of Department of Family and Children Services for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Budget Calendar

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented a budget calendar for the 2012 fiscal year budget process. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the review of revenues and expenditures and development of the 2012 budget will be done during the months of August, September and October. The first draft of the budget should be complete by November 1, 2011 with the public hearing and budget presentation to be held November 15, 2011. The adoption of the January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 budget is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Commissioners Regular Meeting.

Accounts Payable List Dated June 7, 2011

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated June 7, 2011. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Smith
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk