

**Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairperson Faye Smith presiding.

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

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Faye Smith called the March 1, 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 February 8, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

GEMA Application for Radio Equipment

County Manager Ralph McMullen stated that as discussed at the last meeting, the FCC is mandating changes to all public safety radio systems to conform to narrow banding systems. At that meeting, an Intergovernmental Agreement and Amendment were approved authorizing Baldwin County to join the Oconee Areawide Radio System group as part of a regional communication system. He reported this project, in the amount of \$5,000,000, is included in the proposed SPLOST extension as a joint project with the City.

Mr. McMullen stated Sheriff's Department personnel have prepared a grant application for submission under the 2011 Georgia Homeland Security Grant Program. The project budget request is \$1,475,000 for the public safety radio system which would be used toward the \$5,000,000 project cost included in the SPLOST.

He stated the deadline for projects is uncertain due to the delays in the Congressional Budget; however, GEMA is soliciting proposals now in an effort to be prepared whenever the federal guidance is release. Also, the project proposal must be submitted to and reviewed by the Area 3 All Hazards Council before it is submitted to GEMA to ensure the application meets GEMA guidelines. Therefore, the grant proposal is being presented tonight for consideration to be submitted to GEMA.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve submission of the grant proposal to GEMA in the amount of \$1,475,000 for communication system equipment. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Finance Report

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented a financial update. She stated revenues, as estimated during the budget process, have been down; however, the County ended the December 31, 2010 fiscal year within budget. Ms. Zarkowsky commended County departments on reducing expenditures to make this possible. She reported all efforts continue to be made to reduce spending, and recommendations for further budget cuts will be presented to the Board as necessary.

### Accounts Payable List Dated February 8, 2011

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated March 1, 2011. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### Appearances

Ms. Lillie Chatman addressed the Board expressing concerns regarding the condition of Stallings Road. County Manager McMullen stated the County will be soliciting professional engineering assistance to determine the most effective means of rebuilding the road to make it passable and safe.

The Board committed to taking necessary action as soon as possible to rectify the condition of Stallings Road.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faye Smith  
Chair

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Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk