

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairman Dale Epps, Sr. presiding.

Members Present: Dale Epps, Sr.
Bobby Blizzard
Geneva Davis
Collins P. Lee
Bubba Williams

Also Present: Joan G. Minton
David Waddell
Cindy Cunningham
Ralph McMullen
Linda Zarkowsky
Smokey Veal

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Epps called the March 6, 2007, Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion that the minutes of the February 20, 2007, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Personal Property Audit Approved by Board of Assessors

Chief Appraiser Phyllis Lavender reported the Board of Assessors voted to conduct business personal property audits in order to ensure fair and equitable assessment of all property. Ms. Lavender discussed the process and timeframe for conducting the audits for 2004, 2005, and 2006. She stated a portion of the audits would be conducted by staff of the Tax Assessor's office; however, the accounts which require a higher level of expertise in auditing would be conducted by an independent consultant firm.

Ms. Lavender reported bids were solicited through Requests for Proposals, and two bids were received. She stated she would recommend to the Board of Assessors that Mendola and Associates be awarded the bid for Baldwin County's business personal property audits.

On behalf of the Board of Assessors, the Chief Appraiser asked for support of the Board of Commissioners for the business personal property audit process.

Grant Award

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented the grant renewal for the STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the Solicitor General's victim assistance program. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the grant award is in the amount of \$50,000 with a 25% required match which will be funded through victim fines collected through State Court.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion that the 2007 STOP Violence Against Women grant renewal be approved. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Update on Parking Deck

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an update on the operating procedures of the parking deck with the gates now functioning in the lower level of the deck. He reported he has met with the City Manager and has a meeting scheduled with the Mainstreet Director about the procedures for the deck.

Local Assistance Road Program

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen reported Commissioners voted at the August 15, 2006, meeting to submit a list of roads to the Department of Transportation for resurfacing under the 2007 Local Assistance Road Program (LARP). He stated DOT evaluated all roads on the list according to DOT's criteria and awarded 2.81 miles of County roads to be resurfaced under the 2007 Local Assistance Road Program. He stated the roads include Jay's Cut Thru Road, Old Williamsburg Road and Shana Drive.

Resolution for Jail Financing with ACCG

County Manager Joan Minton discussed ACCG sponsored interim financing through Wachovia Bank that is required for the jail project. She stated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) monthly revenue collections are on target; however advance funds are necessary for the project. County Manager Minton presented a Resolution for the Board's consideration to provide for the issuance of revenue bonds for the project.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the issuance of revenue bonds for the SPLSOT jail project as presented and to authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary documents for the issuance of bonds. 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 _____.

Accounts Payable List Dated March 6, 2007

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to approve the accounts payable list dated March 6, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Epps, Sr.
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

