

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 15, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 15, 2007, 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 May 15, 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 April 17, 2007, Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Bond Refinancing Resolution and Update on Spec. Building

Ms. Angie Gheesling, Executive Director of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority, presented information regarding a Resolution for bond refinancing for Georgia College and State University. She stated the Resolution authorizes the refunding of the 2004 bond issue and the issuance of Series 2007 bonds. County Attorney David Waddell stated he has reviewed the proposed Resolution for bond refinancing, and it does not obligate the County for the funds.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the Board approve the Bond Refinancing Resolution 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Ms. Gheesling presented an update on the spec. building. She reported local banks have agreed to provide financing for the spec. building with the interest being paid one-half each by the County and City. County Manager Minton reported the interest will be a lesser amount if the OneGeorgia loan at zero interest is funded for \$500,000 for the principal.

Appointment to Milledgeville-Baldwin County Board of Directors

County Manager Joan Minton reported the Development Authority submitted correspondence requesting the reappointment of Ms. Karen Rowell to the Development Authority Board.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to reappoint Ms. Karen Rowell to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority Board of Directors. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

#### Appointment to Oconee Community Service Board

County Manager Joan Minton reported correspondence has been received from Ms. Angela Hicks-Hill, Executive Director of the Oconee Center, regarding a vacancy on the Oconee Community Service Board. The Community Service Board recommended Mr. Mark Scott be appointed to serve as a County representative on the Service Board.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to appoint Mr. Mark Scott to the Oconee Community Service Board. The motion was seconded, and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: Blizzard, Davis, Epps, Williams

Nay: Lee

#### Bids for Resurfacing Allen Memorial Drive

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky stated bids were solicited for resurfacing Allen Memorial Drive, and a bid opening was held May 14, 2007. Ms. Zarkowsky reported one bid was received from Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$512,133.16. She stated DOT funds in the amount of \$261,285.69 will be provided; however, DOT funding did not include traffic control, rebuilding / redressing shoulders nor grassing and mulching. Ms. Zarkowsky stated \$250,847 of the project amount will be funded through SPLOST.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to award the contract in the amount of \$512,133.16 to Reeves Construction Company for resurfacing Allen Memorial Drive. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

#### New Auditing Standards and Procedures

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported on new auditing standards dealing with managerial procedures and the preparation of financial statements. She stated to be in compliance it will be necessary for the County to hire an outside independent auditor for internal auditing and preparation of financial statements.

#### Taxes and Cameras in Commission Chambers

Commissioner Bubba Williams stated high taxes are a major issue, and he would like for the County to do everything in order to keep costs as low as possible. He recommended the County look at some type of incentive / award program for County employees who come up with ideas on cutting costs.

Commissioner Williams also requested that Commissioners consider placing cameras in the Chambers in order to broadcast the meetings.

#### Resolution to Adopt Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a resolution to adopt the Community Agenda portion of the 20 – Year Comprehensive Plan Update.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to adopt the Community Agenda portion of the Comprehensive Plan Update. 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 May 15, 2007

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to approve the accounts payable list dated May 15, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appearances

Mr. Rick Tischer addressed the Board regarding Cedar Lane.

Mr. James Hammock addressed the Board regarding the three E's of politics.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dale Epps, Sr.  
Chairman

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Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk