

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 1, 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
 Dawn Hudson
 Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Faye Smith called the November 1, 2011, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011, Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Victim Assistance Grants

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented the following three (3) grant renewals from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for victim assistance programs for the period October 2011 through September 2012:

(1) District Attorney's Office – federal funds of \$73,714 with a required match of \$18,429 for a total of \$92,143; (2) Solicitor's Office – federal funds of \$50,128 with a required match of \$12,532 for a total of \$62,660; and (3) Georgia's PORCH – federal funds of \$90,389 with matching funds of \$22,597 for a total of \$112,986.

Ms. Zarkowsky stated the required match for the grants will be provided through the respective office's victim fines and in-kind services.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the three (3) grant renewals for victim assistance programs as presented and to authorize the Chair to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Local Option Sales Tax Committee (LOST)

Chair Faye Smith stated the following two (2) Commissioners will serve on the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Committee for renegotiations of the tax with the City of Milledgeville: Chair Faye Smith and Commissioner Sammy Hall.

Acceptance of Roads

County Manager Ralph McMullen recommended the acceptance of two (2) roads into the County's road system. Maddux Lane and Murphy Drive, which are located in Whispering Woods Subdivision off Carr Station Road, have been inspected by Engineer Brian Wood. Mr. Wood's inspection reports show that both these roads meet the requirements as set forth in the Land Use Code.

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to accept Maddux Lane and Murphy Drive into the County road system. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Bids for Thermal Imagers and Charging Systems for Fire Department

Assistant Finance Director Dawn Hudson reported a bid opening was held October 31, 2011 for two (2) thermal imagers and charging systems for the Fire Department. She reported three (3) bids were received with the low bid being submitted by Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply for a unit price of \$9,000 for a bid total of \$18,000 for the two (2) systems. She stated the equipment will be purchased with grant funds through the Federal Assistance Firefighters grant, and the 10% county required match will be provided through volunteer organizations from North Baldwin and Hardwick Fire Stations.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion that the bid be awarded to low bidder Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply in the amount of \$18,000 for two (2) thermal imagers and charging systems. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented an update on the following projects:

Corral Road – A request for a time extension on this project has been submitted to the Department of Transportation. Official notification of the approval of the request has not been received; however, verbal indications are that the extension will be granted.

Kroger – The new Kroger is now officially open. The section of road at the new traffic signal on 441 has not been completed due to DOT's requirement of a special type asphalt which has been difficult to obtain. Our engineer is looking at options to obtain this type asphalt. DOT has agreed to the paving being postponed until spring unless the asphalt is acquired soon before weather prohibits paving.

Water Rates – New water rates, as approved by the Board of Commissioners, will become effective November 1, 2011.

2010 CDBG – The sewer project is in the Belfair Street area and most of the manholes are installed, and the contractor will now begin making hookups to residences. DCA has approved an amendment to this grant for installation of waterlines and fire hydrants. The new waterlines should help with the water loss issue as well.

2012 CDBG - At a previous meeting, the Board approved Allen-Smith Consulting as grant writing firm for the 2012 grant application. The consulting firm along with County staff will be determining the target area for our most competitive project for submission to DCA. The County anticipates requesting funds in this grant application to provide sewer improvements through the replacement of old sewer lines.

Airport – The Fixed Base Operator's contract will expire December 31, 2011. Therefore, the County will be soliciting proposals for the operation of the Airport. County staff recommends an extension of the contract for the current operator, Milledgeville Aviation, for one year. The proposed contract extension has been submitted to the County Attorney for his review.

FY 2012 Budget – The Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2012 budget will be published in the Saturday, November 5th edition of the Union Recorder. Proposed budget documents will be distributed to all Commissioners and made available for public review by Friday, November 4th. The public hearing will be held November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Associations – The County has had issues with several sports associations; therefore, the County will be changing the way recreation programs are handled. Numerous meetings have been held with County staff and the County Attorney regarding the management of the recreation programs. The County will be the managing agent and fiscal agent for all these activities. All fees, purchasing, scheduling, financial reporting, etc. will be handled through County staff. More accountability is needed for recreation programs and their resources. Letters will be sent to all associations notifying them of this change in procedure.

Accounts Payable List Dated November 1, 2011

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated November 1, 2011. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appearances on Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Rene Fontenot presented information on Partners for Progress. She introduced Mr. Merritt Massey, Chair of the Government Committee for Partners for Progress.

Mr. Massey read a statement issuing an invitation to Commissioners to attend public forums regarding the exploration of unification of governments. He stated Harry Hayes of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government will provide information and share experiences of other communities on this issue. He stated the four forums will be held:

- Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at Flagg Chapel Baptist Church;
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. at Baldwin County Recreation Department;
- Thursday, Nov. 17, at noon at Digital Bridges; and
- Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Baldwin County Board of Education.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Smith
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk