

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairman Bobby Blizzard presiding.

Members Present: Bobby Blizzard
Geneva Davis
Dale Epps, Sr.
Linda Fussell
Bubba Williams

Also Present: David Waddell
Joan Minton
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham
Linda Zarkowsky
Scott Deason

Invocation

The invocation was given by William Vivas, Chaplin's Aide and Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 87.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 87.

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Blizzard called the November 4, 2008, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Geneva Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2008, Regular Meeting and October 28, 2008 Special Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Jail Staffing

Sheriff Bill Masee presented a status report on the construction of the new jail. He presented information regarding the current number of prisoners being housed in other facilities and the costs associated with our jail overcrowding. He stated fifteen (15) additional detention officers were necessary to staff the new facility.

Chairman Blizzard asked the County Manager and Finance Director for recommendations regarding the sources of revenue to fund the additional costs of operating the jail.

After discussion, the Board requested that Sheriff Masee, County Manager Minton and Finance Director Zarkowsky meet to discuss potential funding sources for the costs associated with jail staffing.

Conservation Use Recommendation from Board of Assessors

Chief Appraiser Phyllis Lavender presented a recommendation from the Board of Assessors regarding the establishment of minimum acreage of property for Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA). The Board of Assessors recommended the county establish a minimum number of acres as qualification for properties entering into a Conservation Use Covenant.

A Resolution was presented to establish the minimum acreage of property for conservation use purposes as five (5) acres when the primary purpose of the tract is production of agricultural products and the tract fully complies with all other requirements of OCGA 48-5-7.4 and DOR regulations, and the owner provides evidence of compliance with the Board of Assessors. The Resolution would also establish a twenty-five (25) acre minimum for all properties that fully comply with the provisions of OCGA 48-5-7.4.

Commissioner Dale Epps made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to establish minimum acreage for conservation use purposes. 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 _____.

Grant Awards

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented two grant renewals from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for victims' assistance programs for the District Attorney's Office and Georgia Porch. The Georgia Porch Previously Underserved project award is \$100,432 with a required match of \$25,108. The District Attorney VWAP grant award is \$73,714 with a required match of \$18,429. Ms. Zarkowsky stated no additional funds would be required from the County since the match for both grant programs will be paid through victims' fines and in-kind services.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the renewals for the Previously Underserved project and the VWAP grant and authorize the Chairman to execute grant documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Service Delivery Strategy Resolution

County Manager Joan Minton presented a Resolution to update the current Service Delivery Strategy to include the Fall Line Regional Development Authority as a service provider.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to update the Service Delivery Strategy. 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 _____.

Corridor – Gateway Standards

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen stated the County and City have been working together for over a year to formulate identical ordinances designed to enhance the entrance corridors into Baldwin County and the City of Milledgeville to encourage positive economic growth and development in those corridor and gateway areas. He stated eligible areas known as opportunity zones would provide incentives for developers through tax credits for the creation of jobs. Mr. McMullen stated a public hearing is required for the adoption of the corridor – gateway standards and the establishment of opportunity zones.

Mr. McMullen presented a temporary, limited moratorium on the approval of any application for any project that is located within the areas set out in the draft ordinance. He stated the moratorium would be in effect until the ordinance is approved, but not later than January 21, 2009 unless extended by action of the Board.

Commissioner Dale Epps made a motion to approve the temporary, limited moratorium as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Appointment to Hospital Authority

Chairman Blizzard stated the names of candidates have been submitted by the Hospital Authority for the vacancies in positions 1 and 2 of Authority. He stated the Authority is recommending the appointment of Cay Quattlebaum for Vacancy 1 and Dr. George Grimes for Vacancy 2.

Commissioner Geneva Davis made a motion to ratify the appointment of Ms. Cay Quattlebaum to serve in Vacancy 1 and Dr. George Grimes to serve in Vacancy 2 on the Hospital Authority. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Resolution for Renewal of Equipment Lease

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented a resolution for the renewal of the lease of a motor grader for the Public Works Department. She stated the lease renewal with Banc south would lower the financing rate and monthly payments on the equipment.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to renew the lease on the public works equipment. 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 November 4, 2008

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated October 31, 2008 and November 4, 2008. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appearances

Mr. Dwayne Sentell addressed the Board regarding the Corridor / Gateway proposal and taxes.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams 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,

William R. Blizzard
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

