

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

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

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

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

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Epps called the November 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 October 9, 2007, Regular Meeting and October 25, 2007, Special Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Georgia's Old Capital Museum

Mr. Grant Gerlich, Director of Georgia's Old Capital Museum, presented information about the activities and goals of Georgia's Old Capital Museum. He asked the County to provide assistance to the Museum efforts by funding \$2,500 per month in order for the Museum to expand programs. He stated the same request for funding had been made to the City. Chairman Epps stated the Finance Committee would need to address funding requests.

County Attorney David Waddell stated there is a constitutional provision that prohibits counties from donating tax dollars to charitable, non-profit organizations. He stated he would look at the organizational structure of the Museum to reconfirm their type of structure.

Chairman Epps stated a Revenue, Finance and Budgets Committee would be scheduled if necessary once the County Attorney has reviewed the structure of the Museum.

Rural Public Transportation Grant Application

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported it is time to renew the application for the DOT Rural Public Transportation Program. She stated the proposed budget for the 2009 program is \$107,041 - less the 10% target revenue of \$10,704 for a net operating budget of \$96,337. She reported this is a 50-50 grant with the County's share totaling \$48,168, and once a budget is approved by DOT, the entire grant award will be brought back to the Board for acceptance.

Ms. Zarkowsky presented a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute necessary documents to file the 2009 application for the Transit Program and authorizing the Chairman to execute the grant contract agreements. The Resolution also states that Baldwin County will comply with all federal certifications and assurances for federal assistance. She stated Board approval of the Resolution and authorization for the Chairman to execute necessary application documents is required for the 2009 application process.

Vice Chairman Collins P. Lee made a motion to adopt the Resolution to file the 2009 application for the DOT transit program. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Georgia's PORCH Grant Award and DA Victims Assistance Grant Award

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented two grant awards for the Board's consideration: Georgia's PORCH grant award in the amount of \$113,214 with a required match of \$28,303 for a total of \$141,517. DA Victims Assistance grant award in the amount of \$83,095 with a required match of \$20,774 for a total of \$103,869. Ms. Zarkowsky stated the match for both grants would come from in-kind services as well as victim fines, and no additional County funds would be required.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to accept the PORCH grant award in the amount of \$113,214 and the DA Victim Assistance grant award in the amount of \$83,095 as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable List Dated November 6, 2007

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated November 6, 2007. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Epps, Sr.
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

