

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 16, 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
Cindy Cunningham
Linda Zarkowsky
Scott Deason

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Blizzard called the September 16, 2008, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2008, Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

City of Milledgeville Sewer Agreement

County Manager Joan Minton presented an agreement between the City and County for the cost of treating sewerage for the County. She stated the City and County staff addressed this issue during the service delivery negotiation; however, in order to complete the requirements of the Service Delivery Plan this issue was set aside for later discussion. She reported a resolution has been reached to this complex problem, and the City approved the agreement in substantial form. She stated the County sewer rate will be adjusted from 75% to the 100% industry standard method, and the City will receive 50% of that revenue. The adoption of the Agreement will clear up any future misinterpretation of the methods of computing the charges and replace it with a simple straight forward method that establishes the 100% industry standard method for County customers.

Commissioner Dale Epps made a motion to approve the Sewer Agreement and recommendations as presented and to authorize the Chairman to execute the documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the City / County Sewer Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Appointment to Board of Health

Chairman Bobby Blizzard reported Dr. Suzanne Palmer has resigned her position on the Board of Health, and Dr. Mark Mudano has been recommended by the Health Department to serve in this vacancy.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to appoint Dr. Mark Mudano to serve on the Baldwin County Board of Health. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Resolution for OneGA Application

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported, as discussed at the last meeting, State property has been identified for an industrial site at the intersection of Highway 441 and the proposed Fall Line Freeway. She stated a Baldwin County / Wilkinson County joint application will be prepared and submitted to the OneGA Authority to assist with the purchase of the property and infrastructure. She presented a Resolution of support for the OneGA application for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Zarkowsky also stated there have been some minor changes in the wording for the purpose of clarification in the intergovernmental agreement between the two counties and the Fall Line Development Authority that was adopted at the last meeting. She stated the minor changes do not alter the meaning of the agreement, and the agreement needs to be readopted at this time.

Commissioner Dale Epps made a motion to adopt the OneGA Resolution and the Baldwin / Wilkinson / Fall Line Development Authority Agreement as presented and to authorize the Chairman to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Report on Sinclair Water Authority and Water Purchases

County Manager Joan Minton reported the Sinclair Water Plant went into operation on September 10th. She encouraged everyone to attend the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony September 25th at 3:00 p.m. with tours of the facility from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. She stated the timing of the plant's opening is excellent since the County cost of water purchased from the City increased from a contract price of \$1.21 per thousand to an average of \$2.83 per thousand in July. She stated Baldwin County will purchase water from the SWA in the range of \$1.18 per thousand gallons. She reported approximately 800,000 gallons of water per day are being used from the water plant in the northern area of the County with east Baldwin going online in a couple of days. Once this is complete, the western part of the County will also go into startup.

2008 Tax Levy

County Manager Minton reported all legal requirements have been met for advertising the 5 year digest and levy history, and notice has been given that the County levy would be adopted at tonight's meeting. She stated the 2008 levy is based on the budget approved by the Board in June, and as discussed during the budget process, the millage was rolled back for the reassessments of the agricultural property. She reported the 2007 County levy was 8.80 mills and the levy for 2008 is 8.64 mills which is slightly lower than last year's tax rate. Ms. Minton reported the Board of Education has not approved the levy for education; when that rate is available a resolution will be presented to accept the Board of education levy for collection purposes.

County Manager Minton presented the 2008 County levy for the Board of Commissioners' consideration for adoption.

Commissioner Geneva Davis made a motion to adopt the 2008 millage rate of 8.64.

The Board voted as follows to adopt the 2008 millage rate:

Aye: Davis, Epps, Fussell, Blizzard

Nay: Williams

Community Development Block Grant Update

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported the County has received the formal award package for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$378,883 for water improvements in the area of Loretta Lane, Bonner, Cranford, Davis and Peacock Drives to replace 2" water lines with 6" lines to improve distribution and fire protection.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky stated that in April the Board approved an application to the Department of Natural Resources for funding under the Land & Water Conservation Fund for renovation of three recreation sites in the county. She reported the County has received official notification that funding has been approved in the amount of \$90,000 requiring a 50% County match. Ms. Zarkowsky stated Board action is needed to accept the grant and authorize the Chairman to execute required grant documents.

Commissioner Geneva Davis made a motion to accept the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Award to renovate three recreation sites. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable List Dated September 16 2008

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated September 16, 2008. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bubba Williams 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,

William R. Blizzard
Chairman

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk