

**Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2007  
6:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 18, 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.  
Bubba Williams

Members Absent: Collins P. Lee

Also Present: David Waddell  
Joan Minton  
Cindy Cunningham  
Linda Zarkowsky

Call to Order

Chairman Dale Epps called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion that the minutes of the August 21, 2007, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Drug Treatment and Education Fund

Judge Hulane George presented information on the Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund (DATE) which is to be used for education and testing. Judge George requested authorization to utilize \$1,000.00 per month from the DATE fund to provide additional drug testing as well as to other related services such as possibly hiring a surveillance officer.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to authorize Judge Hulane George to utilize \$1,000 per month. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Spec Building # 2 for Industrial Park

Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling presented a Resolution, for the Board's consideration, authorizing Chairman Epps to enter into an agreement on behalf of Baldwin County with the Development Authority under which the County shall pay on each anniversary of the loan closing an amount equal to one-half the interest which shall be incurred by the Authority in connection with a loan for the development of a speculative building at the Industrial Park

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion to approve the 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Keep America Beautiful Program

Ms. Gheesling presented information about the Keep America Beautiful Program stating a Knight Foundation Grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been received for the program; however, additional funding sources are needed for the match requirements. Ms. Gheesling stated she is requesting \$5,000 in funding from the Baldwin County and the City of Milledgeville for this program.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made the motion to approve the allocation of \$5,000 for the Keep America Beautiful Program. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

#### Officer of the Year Awards

Solicitor General Maxine Blackwell presented the following awards to deputies and other Baldwin County Sheriff Department employees who have worked and aided in domestic violence cases and in the victims assistance program.

Supervisor of the Year – Lt. Brad King  
Officers of the Year – Deputy Edwin Rivera and Deputy Jason Simmons  
Officer of the Year for Court Services – Sgt. Michael Childs  
Special Recognition for Contribution to Courthouse Security – Lt. Scott Deason  
Special Recognition for Jail Services and Continued Cooperation with  
the Solicitor's Office – Capt. Jeff Petty

#### 2007 Tax Levy

County Manager Joan Minton presented the County Millage Rate Certification for Tax Year 2007. She stated the certification form does not reflect the Board of Education rate since they have not set their rate. She reported the 2007 County Millage rate is 8.80 mills.

Commissioner Bobby Blizzard made a motion that the 2007 tax levy be set at 8.80 mills.

The Board voted as follows to approve the County Millage Rate for Tax Year 2007:

Aye: Blizzard, Davis, Epps  
Nay: Williams

A copy of the Millage Rate Certification for Tax Year 2007 is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Accounts Payable List Dated September 18, 2007

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the accounts payable list dated September 18, 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 7:10 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