

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chairperson Linda Fussell presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis
Linda Fussell
Sammy Hall
Faye Smith
Bubba Williams

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Linda Zarkowsky
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chairperson Linda Fussell called the September 21, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting and the August 31, 2010 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report and Long Range Capital Improvement Program for Recreation Department

Recreation Director Bill McNair made a presentation on the Recreation Department to include maintenance of parks (Walter B. Williams Park, Coopers Park and Harrisburg Park). He also presented a long term capital improvement plan and outlined his wishes for improvements at existing facilities.

Board of Assessors

Chief Appraiser Phyllis Lavender reported the Baldwin County Board of Assessors currently has five members, and terms for all five members expire concurrently in February, 2011. She stated the law specifies that if a majority of the Board of Tax Assessors terms expire in the same calendar year, the County shall pass a resolution establishing staggered terms. Since all Board of Assessors terms will expire in February 2011, she requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution prior to January 2011 which will stagger the six year terms of members of the Board of Assessors. She also stated that appointments or reappointments for the Board of Assessors must be made by Commissioners prior to the expiration of terms of current members.

Commissioners requested that County Attorney David McRee draft a Resolution for the Board's consideration which would stagger terms of members of Board of Assessors as required by law.

Contract for Acquisition of Right-of-Way

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen presented a contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation that outlines procedures for acquiring right-of-way for bridge repairs on Browns Crossing Road.

Vice Chair Faye Smith made a motion for discussion of the proposed contract for acquiring right-of-way on Browns Crossing Road for bridge repairs. The motion was seconded.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation as presented for right-of-way acquisition on Browns Crossing Road for bridge repairs.

A copy of the contract is on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

Drug Task Force Grant Award

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky reported that at a previous meeting the Board accepted funding for one quarter of the grant award for the Drug Task Force due to the fact that the Criminal Justice Council was waiting for their award from the Department of Justice. She stated the funds have now been released for the remaining three quarters funding. Ms. Zarkowsky reported the award is for the period October 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$194,250 with a required match of \$64,750. She stated the match is shared by the jurisdictions participating in the task force, and Baldwin County's share of the match is already included in the budget.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to accept the grant award for the Drug Task Force in the amount of \$194,250 for the period October through June and to authorize the Chairperson to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Department of Justice Grant Awards

Finance Director Linda Zarkowsky presented two awards from the Department of Justice both relating to 911 Services. She stated the first award is in the amount of \$24,547 to renovate a structure for the 911 center. She reported the old detectives building will be moved from the old jail site to the new law enforcement center and retrofitted to use as the 911 facility. She stated there is no match required for the award.

She stated the second grant award is through the COPS Technology Program in the amount of \$250,000 and was from an application submitted to Congressman Barrow's office for congressional earmarked funds for 911. She reported it will allow upgrading of the entire 911 communications system, including the mapping required to move to phase 2 of the wireless phone coverage. She stated no match is required for the grant.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the two grant awards from the Department of Justice for 911 in the amounts of \$24,547 and \$250,000 respectively and to authorize the Chairperson to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Georgia Highway Safety Grant Award

Finance Director Zarkowsky reported the Sheriff's Office is applying for a \$15,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety as the lead agency in a regional traffic enforcement network. She stated the grant would provide small equipment and supplies for participating law enforcement agencies in the nine county region and would

also address certain highway safety problems such as occupant safety, impaired driving, speeding and related issues. She stated the intent of the program is to coordinate enforcement, education and mobilization by agencies to maximize the safety benefit. Ms. Zarkowsky stated no match is required.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to authorize the application and to authorize the Chairperson to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Grant Announcements

Assistant County Manager Ralph McMullen announced that the County has received \$900,000 in two grant awards from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The County received a Community Development Block Grant award totaling \$500,000 for infrastructure repair on Belfair Street. The County also received a \$400,000 Employment Incentive Program grant award to provide road improvements on Log Cabin Road for the Kroger project.

County Attorney's Report

County Attorney David McRee stated that at a previous meeting Commissioners asked him to meet with Solicitor General Maxine Blackwell to receive input on the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance that was presented at a public hearing and at a previous Commission meeting. Mr. McRee reported he had revised sections of the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance as requested.

Commissioners agreed to put the Ordinance on the County website for public review and to place it on the Agenda for the next meeting for the Board's consideration.

Accounts Payable List Dated August 17, 2010

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated September 21, 2010. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appearances

Mr. Charles Wilcher addressed Commissioners requesting the repaving of Forest Hill Road.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fussell
Chairperson

Dawn Hudson
Assistant Finance Director