

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia, with Chair Faye Smith presiding.

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

Also Present: David McRee
 Ralph McMullen
 Linda Zarkowsky
 Cindy Cunningham
 Brian Wood

Call to Order

Chair Faye Smith called the September 6, 2011, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011, Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Presentation to Vice Chair Emily C. Davis

Secret Petals Women's Motorcycle Club presented a plaque of appreciation to Vice Chair Davis for her support of the 6th Annual Back to School Event.

GEFA Safe Drinking Water Application

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported that at the last meeting the Board adopted a Resolution approving the submission of an application to GEFA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program for water system improvements including elevated storage tanks, booster pump stations and waterlines. He stated a copy of proposed water rates were distributed for the Board's review and asked them to provide any comments since the rate plan must be approved prior to the submission of the GEFA application on September 15, 2011.

Mr. McMullen and County Engineer Tim Ingram discussed the water improvements project and proposed rates necessary to meet the County's financial obligation for GEFA funding. Mr. Ingram presented detailed information included in two proposed rate structures for the Board's consideration.

Following discussion, Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adopt Rate No. 1 which will be phased in over a two year period. The motion was seconded and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Hall, Fussell, Davis Nay: Williams

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

Ordinance for Public Comment and Participation at Meetings

County Attorney David McRee presented a draft ordinance for the proposed amendment to Section 2-6 of the County's Code of Ordinances which addresses public participation at meetings. He asked Commissioners to provide comments to him regarding the ordinance.

Commissioner Hall stated he felt the Board should take action on the ordinance as soon as possible and recommended making copies available at the Commissioners office and on the website for public review and comment. Mr. Hall recommended having a public hearing on the ordinance.

The Board agreed to advertise and hold a public hearing on October 5, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. to receive public input on Ordinance 2-62 to amend the public participation section of the Baldwin County Code of Ordinances.

Drug Policy

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the Department of Transportation FTA has revised the FTA Drug and Alcohol Policy which covers safety-sensitive employees for the Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation program. He stated a draft of the Drug and Alcohol Policy was presented to Commissioners for their review prior to adoption, and the final policy is being presented for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy for Rural Public Transportation Program employees as presented. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

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

Accounts Payable List Dated September 6, 2011

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable list dated September 6, 2011. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Appearances

Mr. Johnny Westmoreland addressed the Board regarding the adoption of a public input policy. He also expressed his concern over the proposed millage rate of .14 mills.

Adjournment

Commissioner Linda Fussell made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Smith
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk