

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis
Tommy French
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan for Fire Department

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds introduced Mr. Sam Perren of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission who worked with the County on the preparation of the Fire Department's Five-Year Strategic Plan for years 2016 through 2020.

Mr. Perren presented the Strategic Plan outlining the current operation of the Fire Department, identifying potential changes in fire service demand and identifying Departmental goals and needs. He discussed goals of continuing to work to improve the health and safety in the community and also to improve the County's insurance rating. Mr. Perren presented information regarding Department needs and their associated costs for personnel, training, communications, vehicles, personal protective equipment, a cascade system, a dive team and a swiftwater team.

In conclusion, Mr. Perren and Chief Reynolds reported the objectives and actions items outlined in the Plan are to secure additional funding to address the Department's needs, continue tracking response times and accomplish response time goals, continually improve evaluation and reporting practices, regularly update Departmental Standard Operating Policies and Procedures, build a new station in the Lake Laurel Road area, move East Baldwin Station southeast, improve and maintain all County Fire Stations, and implement annual physical exam policy for all firefighters.

County Manager Ralph McMullen asked Commissioners to review the document and provide feedback on the Plan. He stated the Five-Year Strategic Plan will be brought back to the Board at a later date for consideration.

Appointment to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Chair Sammy Hall stated that at the last meeting he asked Commissioners to bring names of potential appointees to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority which has a vacancy due to the death of Mr. Jim Haskins.

Commissioner Henry Craig recommended Ms. Laura Thompson who is employed by the Exchange Bank and is active in the Chamber, Keep Milledgeville Baldwin Beautiful, Rotary Club and other organizations. He stated he felt Ms. Thompson would be an asset to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Commissioner Craig made a motion to appoint Ms. Laura Thompson to serve on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Haskins. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointment to Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority

Chair Hall presented a letter from the Development Authority Board recommending the reappointment of Mr. Greg Tyson to serve as joint City-County representative on the Authority Board of Directors.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reappoint Mr. Greg Tyson to serve on the Development Authority Board. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OneGeorgia Grant Award

Finance Director Dawn Hudson reported notification has been received from the OneGeorgia Authority of the Department of Community Affairs of a \$300,000 Equity Fund Award for a new fuel farm system at the Airport. At the September 29th Commission meeting, a Resolution was approved by the Board stating the County is committed to providing cash and/in-kind services over the grant award necessary to complete the project. Ms. Hudson stated the Resolution authorized the Chair to enter into agreements for grant administration and engineering services and also to execute required documents.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to accept the OneGeorgia Equity Fund Award in the amount of \$300,000 for a fuel farm at the Airport and to authorize the Chair to execute required documents. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Family Treatment and Adult Treatment Accountability Courts Supplemental Funding

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented supplemental grant awards for the Family Treatment Accountability Court in the amount of \$27,280 and Adult Treatment Accountability Court in the amount of \$10,000. She stated any required matching funds will be paid by victim fines.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept supplemental funds for the Family Treatment and Adult Treatment Accountability Courts as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen stated a request was received from Keep Milledgeville Baldwin Beautiful for assistance in helping stock the Community Tool Shed by purchasing supplies and equipment. The County has purchased gloves, shovels, carts, and other supplies to assist with this effort. Mr. McMullen reported the County continues to work on securing remaining easements for the Veterans Sidewalk project and also to finalize details with the Department of Transportation. He also updated

Commissioners on the First Annual Employee Appreciation Day which will be held December 18th at noon at the Recreation Department.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland reported on a program he attended that was presented by the Oak Hill 7th grade class on how to take care of our waterways by keeping Lake Sinclair, the Oconee River and the Greenway clean and not polluted. He asked that the presentation be made to the County at the second meeting in January.

Commissioner Tommy French invited everyone to attend a “Feed the Community” lunch at the Collins P. Lee Center on December 18th.

Major Scott Deason invited everyone to attend Dialogue with Deputies on Monday, December 21st at the McDonalds on South Wayne Street. He stated this will provide an opportunity for citizens to discuss community issues with County deputies. He reported plans are to have these sessions on a quarterly basis.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk