

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 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  
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy called the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Georgia's Old Capital Museum

Chair Sammy Hall stated this matter had been discussed during the previous Work Session.

Dr. Amy Wright, Executive Director of the Museum, expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for allowing the presentation on relocating the Museum to the campus at Central State Hospital. She requested the County partner with the Museum Society and ask for a State property conveyance of the Depot and Cottage to the City and County which would in turn be leased to the Museum.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion that Baldwin County express to the City of Milledgeville our intent of requesting conveyance of the Depot and Cottage to the City and County as presented to move forward with the Museum project. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## Update on Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority

CSHLRA Executive Director Mike Couch presented an update on Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority projects and activities. He discussed CSHLRA accomplishments and benefits to the community to include Correct Life Geriatric Care Facility which will have a ribbon cutting in the very near future; the Youth Challenge Academy; Georgia International Agricultural and Food Center and ten business entities that are now on the CSH campus.

He expressed the importance of the Georgia International Agriculture and Food Center to the area. He stated the focus will be on food as a means to promote economic growth, expand educational and research opportunities and cultivate food innovation and "Georgia Grown products.

## Resolution for Vehicle Lease for Sheriff's Department

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a Resolution for the lease of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. The vehicles will be funded through the remainder of the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax allocated for the Sheriff's Department. She stated the term of the lease will be for thirty-six months with an interest rate of 2.25%.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution for Vehicle Lease as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Resolution is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Occupation Tax and Licenses / Fees

Chair Sammy Hall stated a public hearing was held immediately prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss the proposed occupation taxes and licenses/fees. He stated there were no public comments on the proposed increases.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to table the matter of proposed increases until the next Regular Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the recommended increases to the Occupation Tax and Alcoholic Licenses as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the proposed rate increases for Occupation Tax and Alcoholic Beverage Licenses is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig asked Chair Hall to provide an update on activities of Oconee Regional Medical Center. Chair Hall stated he and Commissioner Craig have

continued to meet with hospital officials about the status of the facility. He reported that another entity will be taking over the hospital in the near future, and an announcement is expected within a couple of weeks.

### New Business

Chair Hall reported the new bridge over the river is now operational.

Commissioner Craig reported he has been in discussion with 911 Director Patk and the department is very pleased with the transition of the ambulance service to Grady.

### County Manager's Report

County Manager presented an update on the following projects: landfill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Employee Appreciation Day, Retirement and Graduation at the Fire Department and bronze plaques for the Collins P. Lee Center and Sheriff's Department.

### Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Iva Griffin expressed her concern with the response time of the ambulance service.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk