

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

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 6, 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
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the January 6, 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 16, 2014 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Sammy Hall opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis nominated Commissioner Sammy Hall to serve as Chair. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the nomination.

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

Chair Hall called for a vote for the election of Commissioner Sammy Hall to serve as Chair. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion to elect Hall as Chair.

Chair Hall opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Henry Craig nominated Commissioner Tommy French to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Johnny Westmoreland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Tommy French declined the nomination to serve and nominated Commissioner Emily C. Davis to serve as Vice Chair. Chair Sammy Hall seconded the motion.

Commissioner John Westmoreland nominated Commissioner Henry Craig to serve as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Henry Craig declined the nomination to serve.

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion.

Chair Hall called for a vote for the election of Commissioner Emily C. Davis to serve as Vice Chair. The election of Commissioner Davis was approved by the following vote:

Aye: French, Hall, Westmoreland, Davis

Nay: Craig

Special Recognition

Chair Hall and the Board of Commissioners recognized Lieutenant Lee Williamson, Deputy Joshua Mays, and Communications Officer James Bohannon for their courageous action and heroic service in saving the life of a Baldwin County citizen by rescuing her from her burning house.

Proclamations were read by Commissioners Craig, Davis and Hall and presented to these three outstanding public servants.

Update on Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA)

Executive Director Mike Couch presented a quarterly update on activities of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority. He distributed information to Commissioners and discussed the following: Correct Health Bostick Project; Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, Georgia State Patrol Post 33, State Funding for 2015, Community Land Bank and Strategic Planning.

Appointments to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority (CGJDA)

Chair Hall reported that Commissioners voted at a previous meeting to become a member of the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority and therefore must appoint four members to serve on the Authority Board. Commissioner Craig suggested that each Commissioner submit, to the County Clerk, names for the Board's consideration for appointment to serve on the CGJDA Board.

At that meeting, Commissioners questioned whether the County would be liable for the bond issuance and financing of projects. County Attorney McRee stated he had reviewed the By-Laws of the Authority, and the County is not liable for any of the Authority's bond financing.

Sheriff's Department Grant Award for Sex Offender Registry

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$17,480 to purchase a palm print scanner. She stated there is no match required.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the grant award and authorize the Chair to execute grant documents. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GEMA Grant Applications

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds stated two grant applications were discussed at the Work Session. The Emergency Notification System application would provide 85% funding for a system to notify citizens of emergencies.

He reported an application would be submitted to GEMA for the purchase of six generators to be used throughout the County for emergency situations to provide power in case of outages to County facilities. If funded, this grant would provide 85% funding.

Chief Reynolds stated these projects are identified in the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and felt it is important to proceed with the applications.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the submission of grant applications for an Emergency Notification System and generators. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an application for the alcoholic beverage license for BiBa's Italian Restaurant located at the Kroger shopping center on North Columbia Street. He reported all legal requirements have been met.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the application for alcoholic beverage license as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen presented an update on the veterans' sidewalk project. He stated the survey has been done and plans and cost estimates are being prepared.

County Manager McMullen reported five parcels of property were sold at the sale of surplus property held December 29, 2014. He will consult Commissioners to determine how to proceed with parcels that were not sold and other parcels that can be added to the list for sale at a future date.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland expressed his concern with the litter on roads throughout the County. He stated he felt education is the key to getting citizens involved to help with this problem.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Regular Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. David made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk