

**Baldwin County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 19, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 19, 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 May 19, 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 May 5, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CJCC Drug Court Transportation Grant Application

Program Director Amy Michaud stated the Baldwin County Adult Treatment Court Collaborative (ATCC) and the Baldwin County Family Treatment Court (FTC) are requesting approval to submit an application for State funding through the Accountability Court Funding Program FY 16 Transportation Solicitation. She reported the General Assembly and Governor have allocated \$1,000,000 to be used for transportation projects for accountability courts across the state. Baldwin County ATCC and FTC will request funding to assist participants with transportation to and from court and/or treatment services. Ms. Michaud reported Baldwin County will serve as the fiscal agent; however, no County funding is being requested and no cash match is required.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the submission of an application for transportation funding as presented and to authorize the Chair to sign grant related documents if awarded. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Development Authority Activities

Executive Director Matt Poyner presented a quarterly update on various Development Authority activities. He discussed the existing industry overview, industrial park overview, certification for Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development, Fall Line Regional Development Authority progress, the Development Authority's annual audit report, and Triumph being named as Large Manufacturer of the Year. Mr. Poyner reported the Development Authority has hired a "joint" employee with Milledgeville Mainstreet. The employee will function as 2/3 employee for Mainstreet and 1/3 Development Authority employee. He stated this will be of benefit to both agencies.

### Update on Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority Activities

Executive Director Mike Couch presented information on CSHRD activities. He discussed the status of various projects to include Correct Health, National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, Summit Community, Chard Wray Food Pantry, summer camps, potential purchase and renovation of houses located on the property, utilization of properties for agri-business, VA Cottage Community and the protocol being developed for this population. Mr. Couch stated with the passage of HB 85, alcoholic beverages may now be permitted on the property. He stated this will be of great benefit in hosting various community functions.

Vice Chair Davis asked if consideration is still being given for the utilization of the pool for area youth. Mr. Couch responded he fully intends to pursue this matter.

### Public Defender's Budget

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented the Ocmulgee Circuit Public Defender's budget for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. She stated the Public Defender's service is provided through the State, and the budget is paid by cities and counties in the Ocmulgee circuit. Baldwin County's share is 28.16%, \$15,629 per month for an annual amount of \$187,555. Ms. Hudson reported this is an increase of \$5,600 or approximately 3% over last year's Public Defender's budget. She stated this will not affect Baldwin County's FY 15 budget.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve Baldwin County's allocation as presented for the FY 16 Public Defender's budget. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds presented the Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Baldwin County Fire Department. He stated this document outlines the responsibilities and purpose of each organization for cooperation of mutual objectives, defines the loan and/or lease of equipment, reimbursement of costs of parties, operational procedures to include dispatching, communications, mutual assistance and training.

County Attorney David McRee stated he has reviewed the Agreement and MOU.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

### Proclamation for Safe Boating Week

Commissioner John Westmoreland stated he was contacted by Vice Commander John D. Sprague-Williams of Division 2 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary regarding National Safe Boating Week which is May 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is trying to get counties with lakes to proclaim that week National Safe Boating Week (NSBW). The safe boating campaign seeks to raise the consciousness of boaters, beginners and experienced, to wear life jackets whenever on the water and to become more aware of boating laws and regulations. Commissioner Westmoreland presented a proclamation declaring May 15 – 22, 2015 as Safe Boating Week.

## County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported on the status of the Veteran's Sidewalk Project. He stated plans are being finalized and will be returned on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

He presented a preliminary budget calendar for the upcoming budget process.

## Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board

## New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

## Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk