

Baldwin County Commissioners
Work Session
November 18, 2014
5:15 p.m.

A Work Session of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 5:15 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 Hall called the Work Session to order at 5:15 p.m.

2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

County Engineer Brian Wood discussed the 2015 LMIG Program and rating process for County roads. He stated roads were rated based on a scoring method similar to DOT's Pavement Condition Evaluation System (PACES) which considers seven categories- rutting, load cracking, block cracking, edge cracking, raveling, bleeding/flushing and pushing, to determine the condition of each road. Cost estimates were based on 2014 prices with a 10% increase to account for potential increases in 2015.

After discussion, Engineer Wood stated the list of roads to be submitted under the 2015 LMIG Program will be presented for the Board's consideration at the Regular Meeting.

He also discussed the road preservation program that is being implemented and will help prolong the life of County roads for the future.

Water / Sewer Maintenance Fee

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported on a proposed water/sewer maintenance fee that was discussed during the budget process. He stated Superintendent Jason Kidd addressed the Board during budget presentations about implementing a \$3.50 fee for a maintenance and waterline replacement program.

Superintendent Kidd stated there are many waterlines throughout the County that must be replaced due to their age and deteriorated condition with many of these lines under roads; therefore, the roads must be torn up to repair lines. He stated waterline replacement will assist with the water loss and pressure problems in the system as well as keep from digging up roads. He also stated this would decrease employee overtime that is now required to repair water leaks that are occurring so frequently.

Commissioner Craig asked how the \$3.50 fee amount was determined. Mr. Kidd stated roads were measured and rated based on the number of residents and fire hydrants to determine the roads with worst conditions of lines that continue to have leaks. He then consulted with Engineer Tim Ingram to assist in compiling information and determining what amount should be considered. Mr. Kidd reported the proposed cost could be added to the base bill on water cost or specified as a maintenance fee.

Finance Director Dawn Hudson commented the proposed fee would be for the entire system for maintenance and replacement of meters, hydrants, and waterlines. After discussion, consensus among Commissioners was to further review all options regarding implementation of the proposed fee and to educate citizens about these issues.

Work Sessions

Chair Sammy Hall reported that recently there have not been enough items to warrant holding two (2) Work Sessions per month. He recommended having one (1) Work Session per month unless it is necessary to bring something before the Board more frequently.

Vice Chair Davis agreed that having one (1) Work Session would be sufficient for most months; and if a second session is needed, it could be scheduled. Commissioner Craig stated he felt more items should be handled in Work Sessions rather than being brought before the Board for a vote at the Regular Meeting

Chair Hall stated one (1) Work Session will be held unless it becomes necessary to hold two (2) during a given month. He asked if there are items to be addressed in a Work Session to please notify him or the County Manager.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk