

Baldwin County Georgia



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER HENRY CRAIG SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF ACCG



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Baldwin County Commissioner Henry Craig Named President of ACCG



Congratulations to Baldwin County Commissioner Henry Craig on being sworn in as President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Henry Craig was elected to the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners in 2012. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners from 2019-2022. While serving as Chairman, Commissioner Craig used his clear vision for the county and his impressive leadership capabilities to make Baldwin County an all-around better place to live and work. Under his leadership, Baldwin County received state, national, and international recognition:

- 2021 NACo Achievement Award Winner-Adult Court Collaborate Treatment Program,
- 2021 NACo Achievement Award Winner-Public Transit
- 2021 NACo Achievement Award Winner-Baldwin County Regional Airport
- 2021 International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Community Health & Safety Award-Blight Reduction Program
- 2021 Georgia initiative for Community Housing Designation
- 2021 Georgia Certified Broadband Ready Community Designation
- 2021 ACCG County of Excellence Award: Baldwin County-Diversity Takes Flight
- 2020 NACo Achievement Award Winner-Blight Reduction Program
- 2020 NACo Achievement Award Winner-Animal Control & Rescue Program

Commissioner Craig recently served as 1st Vice President of ACCG's Board of Managers. He also serves on ACCG Executive Committee. "We are all excited to have Mr. Craig represent Baldwin County as President of ACCG. To my knowledge we have never had anyone to serve in such a distinguished position with ACCG," noted Commissioner Sammy Hall.

"As far as I can remember this is the first time one of our commissioners is President of ACCG. It is an honor for our county. It will be a joy to have him serving as ACCG President for 2023. We look forward to a great year," commented Chair Emily C. Davis.

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“I have learned a lot from Mr. Craig during my first term as a commissioner,” shared Commissioner Kendrick Butts. “He has played an important role in moving Baldwin County forward. What I like most about him is that he leads by example. In his role as chairman, he exhibited compassion for the needs of our constituents and he lead the Board of Commissioners with his heart. As president of the ACCG, he will be impactful and influential for all 159 counties just as he has been for Baldwin County.”

He has served on the ACCG Finance Committee, the ACCG Personnel Committee, the ACCG Policy Council, Economic Development & Transportation Policy Committee, the General County Government Policy Committee, the Health & Human Services Policy Committee, and the Revenue & Finance Policy Committee. In 2016, Henry was recognized as the 2016 ACCG Leadership Advocate of the Year and in 2019 as the ACCG Legislative Advocate of the year.

Commissioner Craig is an advisor with the Baldwin County Public School System STEM project and the Judiciary Advisory Board of the Ocmulgee Adult Treatment Court Collaborative. He also served as an ex-officio member of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority. In addition, he has completed terms on the Boards of the Fall Line Redevelopment Authority and Keep Milledgeville and Baldwin County Beautiful.

“I first met Henry while we were campaigning during the 2012 election cycle for Baldwin County Commissioner seats. We both won our seats and were sworn in as Commissioners in January 2012. Since the election, Commissioner Craig has become a true friend and mentor. Over the last 11 years Henry has served Baldwin County in a capable, competent and professional manner,” shared Commissioner John Westmoreland.

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In 2010, he was appointed by Governor Perdue, and subsequently reappointed by Governor Deal, as a Commissioner Member to the Georgia Traumatic Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission (BSITFC), completing a seven-year term in 2017. During that time, he was Vice Chairman of the BSITFC and Chairman of the Distribution Committee. Governor Deal appointed Commissioner Craig to the State Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee as well. In 2019, he was selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alumnus of Georgia Military College.

From 1988 to 2008, Commissioner Craig was employed by Continental Airlines. Throughout his airline career, he was a pilot and captain on Boeing 727, Boeing 757, and Boeing 767 aircraft. When he retired, he was one of Continental Airlines' Assistant Chief Pilots for Boeing 757 and Boeing 767 aircraft at the Continental Airlines New York Base. In that position, he managed over 900 pilots and 72 heavy aircraft involved in international and domestic operations.

In 1988, Commissioner Craig retired from the United State Army after 20 years of service. His career included multiple assignments in Asia, Europe, and the United States. His military specialties were armor, aviation, and electronic warfare. While in the Army, he flew fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Commissioner Craig's military career included combat duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and numerous other medals, awards, and citations.

"Congratulations to Commissioner Henry Craig on his appointment as ACCG President. This is a huge task but I can't think of a better leader. Commissioner Craig and I along with our colleagues lead our community through a pandemic in which we had no playbook. His willingness to lead with a progressive and passionate focus truly has made him worthy of such an honor. The leadership of Milledgeville-Baldwin County will be here to support you in your new role," shared Milledgeville Mayor Mary Parham-Copelan.



Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County Wins 2022 CHIP Award



The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has awarded \$5.2 million in grant funds to 12 local communities across the state through the DCA 2023 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP). We are pleased to announce that Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County has been selected for this honor, earning \$600,000 in grant money to build four new homes. The CHIP funds are part of an annual allocation of HOME Investment Program (HOME) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CHIP awards communities through a competitive and collaborative effort that reviews and scores applicants who prioritize providing safe, decent, and affordable housing within our Georgia communities. Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County is the only non-profit to win a CHIP Award this year.

New Water Lines Installed In Cooper's Community



New water lines are being installed in the Coopers Community.

These new lines are replacing decades-old galvanized water lines.

Carlos Tobar Shares County's Housing Progress at GICH Spring Conference



County Manager Carlos Tobar recently spoke at the GICH Spring 2023 Conference. He shared with attendees about the progress Baldwin County has made in improving the quality of housing throughout the community and minimizing the number of blighted properties. The enforcement of new housing ordinances is just one step towards improving housing stock in Baldwin

County. Thanks to the 2023 CHIP Grant, Habitat for Humanity Milledgeville-Baldwin County has the ability to build four new homes. The county is administering a \$400,000 2022 CHIP grant for housing rehabilitation. We are going to rehabilitate three homes this spring and summer and hopefully another three to five in the fall. In addition, Baldwin County is preparing a Community Development Block Grant application that will improve sewer lines but also rehabilitate three more houses in the community.

Department of Public Health Installs Generator

The Baldwin County Department of Public Health now has its permanent generator to protect vaccines and medications in the event of a power outage.

