

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners were held Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

Members Present: Tommy French
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig
John Westmoreland

Members Absent: Emily C. Davis

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the December 1, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion. County Attorney stated a copy of the minutes of the November 17, 2015, Work Session was also distributed to Commissioners and should also be acted upon.

Commissioner Henry Craig amended his motion to include the approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2015, Work Session. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation by Drug Task Force

Mr. Wesley Nunn, Commander of the Ocmulgee Drug Task Force, expressed appreciation to Commissioners for their support of the Drug Task Force. Mr. Nunn introduced Chair and other members of the Task Force Board as well as some staff.

Mr. Nunn, on behalf of the Ocmulgee Drug Task Force Board, member jurisdictions, and staff, presented a statue to the Baldwin County Commissioners in appreciation for their twenty-five years of support to the Drug Task Force.

Sheriff Masee commended the Task Force for their exemplary dedication and service to the Ocmulgee region.

Chair Hall also expressed appreciation to the Task Force for the statue and recognition to the Board. He also praised the Task Force for their work in Baldwin County and surrounding counties.

DOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

County Engineer Brian Wood discussed the 2016 LMIG Program and rating process for County roads. He stated County roads were rated as they have been in previous years based on a scoring method similar to DOT's Pavement Condition Evaluation System (PACES).

Mr. Wood presented the list of roads for submission to the Department of Transportation for resurfacing under the 2016 LMIG Program. He stated the LMIG list was distributed to Commissioners prior to this meeting for their review and comment and requested Board approval.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the 2016 LMIG Program list as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2016 LMIG list is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Mr. Wood updated the Commissioners on Reid Road, Stallings Road and the re-striping project. Mr. Wood also discussed the Veterans' sidewalk project reporting that there are only a few easements to finalize at this point. He stated the Valley Road storm pipe project will be done by a contractor and will begin as soon as performance bond requirements are finalized.

Appointment to Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

Chair Sammy Hall stated a Baldwin County representative vacancy on the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority has occurred due to the death of Mr. Jim Haskins. He asked Commissioners to bring names of potential appointees to the December 15th meeting for consideration.

Appointments to Airport Advisory Committee

Airport Advisory Committee Chair Jim Wolfgang stated that at the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held November 16, 2015, the Committee agreed to recommend the following members for reappointment for the 2016-2018 term, and all have agreed to serve if reappointed.

Frank Baugh, David Wells, Glen Wilkinson, and Chip Williams

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reappoint members to the Airport Advisory Committee as recommended by the Advisory Committee. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the First Annual Employee Appreciation Day will be held December 18th at noon at the Recreation Department. He stated certificates for years of service will be presented by Department Heads to employees with lunch to follow. He asked Commissioners to arrive at 11:00 a.m. to assist with preparations.

Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig stated he addressed the Development Authority Board regarding public access to fish in the pond at the Industrial Park, and the Board denied access to the public unless the County assumes liability. Mr. Craig stated the County provides funding to the Authority, and he felt this money could be used to provide liability coverage through the Authority. He stated Georgia Law protects property owners in such instances. Mr. Craig suggested the County send another letter to the

Authority being more insistent about this matter. County Attorney McRee was asked to prepare another letter to the Development Authority for Chair Hall's signature.

New Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland requested that the fence line at the soccer complex be cleaned up and maintained better. He also stated more signage is needed at the complex.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Iva Griffin discussed the problem with trash along Kings Road and Deepstep Road. She also reported there was a great deal of traffic congestion on Highway 212 on November 21st due to cars waiting to turn into the soccer complex.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reconvene Regular Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reconvene the Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Property Acquisition

Commissioner Tommy French made a motion that the County enter into an intergovernmental contract with the City of Milledgeville and the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority regarding property acquisition. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: French, Hall, Westmoreland

Nay: Craig

Adjournment

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

