

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 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
John Westmoreland

Also Present: Ralph McMullen
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the May 3, 2016, 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 April 19, 2016, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update on Library and Appointment to Board of Trustees

Director of Twin Lakes Library System, Stephen Houser, introduced himself and provided information on library, programs, and facilities.

Mr. Houser presented a request to accept the nomination of Cathy Nelson to the Twin Lakes Library System Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy on the Board. He stated Mrs. Nelson has demonstrated her interest in supporting the Twin Lakes Library System through her willingness to serve in the position.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to appoint Mrs. Cathy Nelson to serve on the Twin Lakes Library System Board of Trustees. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bond Resolution for the Board of Education

Ms. Cater Thompson, Attorney for the Board of Education, presented a Bond Resolution providing for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax to provide funds for the payment of the principal and interest on \$8,965,000.00 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds.

Ms. Thompson reported that in November, 2015 the SPLOST extension, including the issuance of bonds in the maximum amount of \$18,370,000.00, was approved. She stated the Resolution is for issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$8,965,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the projects presented on the ballot.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution as presented for the Board of Education. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Update on Airport

Airport Advisory Committee Chair Jim Wolfgang presented a proposed amendment to the Airport Advisory Committee By-Laws. He stated the Committee is proposing the following amendment to change the date of the Annual Meeting. The current By-Laws set the date of the Annual Meeting on the first Tuesday after the initial meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners in January at the Baldwin County Airport.

Section 1: Regular Meetings (Revised)

The Baldwin County Airport Advisory Committee shall set regular meetings of the Baldwin County Airport Advisory Committee for the forthcoming year at the annual meeting. The Airport Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings quarterly. The Annual Meeting shall be held **during the first week** after the initial meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners in January at the Baldwin County Airport.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the amendment to the By-Laws of the Airport Advisory Committee as presented. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfgang presented a contract for Lease of Space and Operation of A Light Sport Aviation Flight Business at the Airport. He explained the contract is with Christopher Pirmann, Silverwing Flight Service, for the operation of a light sport aviation flight business. Mr. Wolfgang presented contract details for the responsibilities of the County and the flight service. He stated the contract period is for one (1) year.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the contract for Lease of Space and Operation of A Light Sport Aviation Flight Business with Christopher Pirmann of Silverwing Flight Service as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Development Authority Abatement Schedule

Development Authority Director Matt Poyner presented the Project Spartan Tax Abatement Schedule. He stated this abatement is structured much differently than the fifteen (15) year schedule that the board previously approved. Rather than providing the first five (5) years with a 100% abatement on real and personal property taxes, this schedule reflects, for the first eight (8) years, the company will be paying the equivalent of what Rheem is paying currently (roughly \$50,000 per year). He reported the schedules usually provide a 70% - 75% savings over the life of the abatement, and this is at 52% which he feels is beneficial.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Project Spartan Tax Abatement Schedule as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Tax Abatement Schedule is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Mr. Poyner reported Development Authority Chair Chat Daniel sent a letter to the County regarding an open board position on the Fall Line Regional Development Authority (FLRDA) due to the resignation of member Dale Epps. He stated the By-Laws of the FLRDA require two (2) of the four (4) appointments for the FLRDA also be current members of the Development Authority of Milledgeville and Baldwin County. Mr. Daniel recommended Ms. Cheryl Crumbley to fill the vacant seat and serve the remainder of the term of Mr. Dale Epps.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to appoint Ms. Cheryl Crumbley to serve on the Fall Line Regional Development Authority for the remainder of the term of member Dale Epps. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

County Manager Ralph McMullen presented an application for B & T Bar located at 2693A Irwintoin Road. The application is for liquor/beer/wine by the drink. He stated all legal requirements have been met for the application process.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Vice Chair Davis asked for an update on the timeline for projects for the proposed SPLOST extension. Mr. McMullen responded the staff will be preparing dates for this and will keep the Board updated on the process.

Commissioner Craig asked for an update on the veterans' sidewalk. Mr. McMullen stated the concrete should be poured in the near future, weather permitting.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on the Five Star Project at Kenan Drive. He stated the project is nearing completion.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen reported Commissioner John Westmoreland was presented a certificate at the ACCG Annual Conference for completing the Revenue and Finance specialty certification level in the ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy.

He reported Commissioner Henry Craig was recognized as one of the 2016 Leadership Development Advocates of the Year by ACCG. This program honors individuals, businesses and organizations that work to further the mission of county government, ACCG, or both. Commissioner Craig was also honored at the ACCG Annual Conference.

Mr. McMullen stated County Clerk Cindy Cunningham was nominated for the Clerk of the Year through ACCG. He read comments from Commissioners that had been included in the nomination.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Hudman Evans addressed the Board regarding an animal control issue and expressed concern of citizens regarding a recent incident. He also commended the County for the quick response in addressing and resolving the situation.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk