

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 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: Ralph McMullen
David McRee
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding for AIR EVAC

Chair Hall reported all information regarding this matter is not complete; therefore, this will be discussed at a later date.

Report on T-SPLOST

Laura Mathis, Executive Director of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, presented an update on the process and timelines for the proposed T-SPLOST. She discussed types of projects that would be eligible for consideration under the T-SPLOST and reported the deadline for project submission to the Regional Commission is Friday, April 14th. The Board discussed possible projects for inclusion on the list to be submitted. She reported that the regional list will be submitted to DOT for their review in meeting required criteria and reasonable cost estimates. After DOT review, the unconstrained draft investment list will be presented to the Regional T-SPLOST Executive Committee for prioritization.

Update on Schedule for Revaluation

Chief Appraiser Dennis Lee reported the firm doing the County revaluation is in the final stages of the process. He stated the field work has been completed, and data entry is now being done. He reported that in the 2013 review Baldwin County was cited by the Georgia Department of Revenue for not being in compliance with the residential COD (Coefficient of Dispersion which is one method of showing uniformity of values). The

County was given until the 2016 digest to correct this deficiency. If the digest is not corrected, a \$5.00 per parcel penalty could be assessed.

Mr. Lee presented a proposed timeline for the process with assessment notices being mailed by May 26th; and after that time, property owners have forty-five (45) days until July 10th to appeal. Chair Hall asked Mr. Lee about the appeals process and what percentage could be under appeal at the time for the digest submission. Mr. Lee stated five percent (5%) of the number of parcels can be under appeal. Chair Hall highly encouraged Mr. Lee to have appeals to this acceptable level in order to submit the digest on time to ensure the tax bills can be mailed September 15th. Mr. Lee stated he anticipates the digest being delivered to the Tax Commissioner by August 1st.

Personnel Handbook

County Manager McMullen stated the County's Personnel Handbook has been updated for compliance with current laws, and the proposed draft has been emailed to Commissioners for their review. He asked Commissioners to contact him with any questions or comments. He stated a Resolution of Adoption will be presented at a later meeting for the adoption of the Handbook.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen reported the Turf Closure project at the Landfill was chosen as winner of the 2017 American Public Works Association Award. He stated the County will receive the Award at the Public Works Association meeting to be held in July.

He stated a Town Hall Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5th, 5: 30 p.m. at the Collins P. Lee Center to discuss proposed development at the Sibley – Smith Industrial Site. This meeting will give residents an opportunity to ask questions and make comments regarding future development at the site.

Mr. McMullen stated a Commission Work Session will be held Wednesday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the Work Session is to receive information and view a presentation on wastewater treatment.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

The following residents of the Sinclair Marina Road area addressed the Board regarding unsightly structures, blight and trash in their area: Julian Hood, Gary Spillers, Jerry McCommon and Joel Brooks.

Chair Hall stated the County has had numerous meetings about blight and trash throughout the County. Public hearings were held on proposed standards; however, the County received no support from residents. Most citizens were opposed to the County adopting such ordinances to address these issues. The County must have the support of residents to enact policies as well as support of the Court system to enforce them.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk