

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 16, 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 May 2, 2017, Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tax Assessment Notices

Chief Appraiser Dennis Lee presented an update on the revaluation of all property in Baldwin County to include commercial, industrial, residential and agricultural properties. Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions & Services (GMASS) from Norwood, Georgia, was hired to perform the county-wide revaluation to update and equalize all property values.

He reported 22,500 annual notices of assessment will be mailed to property owners on May 26, 2017. Notices are mailed in accordance with state law to property owners regarding the current year value assessed on taxable property, and the value will be used by the Tax Commissioner and the City to calculate property taxes later in the year. The assessment notice will include an estimate of the 2017 taxes; but, this assessment notice is not a tax bill. Mr. Lee stated the Tax Assessor's office is required by law to give an estimate of taxes for the current year; however, the estimated taxes are based on the previous year's millage rate. The 2017 millage rates for Baldwin County, the Board of Education and the City of Milledgeville will not be determined until later in the year.

Mr. Lee stated property owners have 45 days from the date on their notice of assessment to file an appeal in writing to the Tax Assessor's office. He reported the last time a revaluation was performed in Baldwin County was 2004; therefore, almost all properties will see a change in value from the previous year due to market changes, property updates or corrections from the field review.

Airport Fixed Base Operator

GIS Analyst Alex Ferrand presented a revised contract for the Airport Fixed Base Operator. He stated that at the last meeting the Board requested minor revisions to the contract before it was adopted. Mr. Ferrand stated those revisions / clarifications have been made and accepted by C & A Aviation. Mr. Ferrand presented the Fixed Base Operator contract between Baldwin County and C & A Aviation for the Board's consideration.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion to approve the FBO Contract as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

"Stop the Bleed" Campaign

Fire Chief Troy Reynolds stated the Central Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (CGMRC) received a grant for \$13,000 to purchase Public Access Bleeding Control Kits to be placed in 13 central Georgia County Courthouses. This program is a nationwide campaign to provide hemorrhage control training and placement of bleeding control kits in each of the health district's courthouses. He stated this program was derived from the active shooter events that have taken place in recent years where the number one cause of death in these events has been uncontrolled bleeding. The objective is to provide a means of survivor ability by providing the public with equipment, information and training to render aid.

Mr. Reynolds reported that at no cost to the County the Baldwin County Courthouse will be provided two cabinets for installation in a public accessible area. Each cabinet will contain five vacuum sealed bleed control kits and two additional kits for small children.

He stated equipment should be received in June. Once training dates and times have been established, notice will be published encouraging public participation in training with Courthouse staff.

Old Business

Commissioner Henry Craig stated he has been contacted by citizens who live near event centers regarding noise levels when functions are being held. Commissioner Craig suggested that a public hearing be held to discuss proposed changes / amendments to the County's Noise Ordinance.

Vice Chair Tommy French commented he felt the Board should hold a work session before a public hearing is scheduled. He stated all interested parties including citizens, County staff, the Sheriff, Solicitor and law enforcement, could voice their opinions regarding a noise ordinance prior to a public hearing.

A work session will be held on June 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner John Westmoreland requested a work session on the property maintenance code. Chair Hall stated a copy of the International Property Maintenance Code was distributed to each Commissioner for their review and comment. He asked Commissioners to provide concerns and comments on the IPMC prior to a work session which will be held June 20th.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager McMullen reported the materials for the Coast2Coast discount prescription program will be distributed within the next few weeks.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Eleanor Phelps requested an update of any further information on a potential wastewater treatment plant in her neighborhood.

Ms. Angela Cleveland expressed her concern on what type emissions would come from the facility if it were built.

Ms. Cynthia Roberson stated she has worked with such facilities in the past, and she was concerned the plant would emit a chemical smell.

Ms. Evette Goddard asked whether a public hearing would be held to receive public comments if a company should decide to locate here.

Ms. Annie Goddard stated her concern is overflow and contamination from the facility.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk