

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 15, 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  
Sammy Hall  
Henry Craig  
John Westmoreland

Members Absent: Tommy French

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy called the 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 November 1, 2016, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FY 2017 Budget Resolution

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented the FY 2017 Budget Resolution for the Board's consideration. She stated legal notifications for the budget were published as required, a public hearing was held and the budget document has been made available for public review. Ms. Hudson stated no comments were received from the public on the proposed FY 2017 Budget, and no changes to the document have been made since the presentation at the public hearing.

Ms. Hudson presented the Budget Resolution adopting a budget for the period January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 for each fund, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures, adopting items of anticipated funding sources, prohibiting expenditures to exceed appropriations, prohibiting expenditures from exceeding actual funding sources and providing for leases for capital equipment.

Ms. Hudson reported that since it is not required as part of the Budget Resolution the paragraph regarding authorization for the Tax Anticipation Note is not included.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adopt the Budget Resolution for FY 2017 as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henry Craig requested that the Board consider amending the Resolution to reflect Board notification would be required for budget adjustments among Departments.

Finance Director Hudson stated the Resolution reflects authority for the County Manager and Finance Director to reallocate funds in budget line items within a Department not among different Departments. She stated overall Budget adjustments are made at the end of the fiscal year by approval of the Board.

There being no further discussion, Chair Hall called for a vote on the motion to adopt the FY 2017 Budget Resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

### Grant Awards

Finance Director Hudson presented the following three (3) grant awards / renewals through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Victims of Crime Act Grant Program for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

Solicitor's Office – Federal Funds of \$108,178; Matching Funds of \$27,045 for a total of \$135,223.

District Attorney's Office – Federal Funds of \$243,341; Matching Funds of \$60,835 for a total of \$304,176.

Georgia's P.O.R.C.H. – Federal Funds of \$189,881; Matching Funds of \$47,470 for a total of \$237,251.

Ms. Hudson reported there will be no cost to the County for match. The Solicitor's Office and District Attorney's Office will provide match from victims' fines. Georgia's P.O.R.C.H will provide match through in-kind services and donations received.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the CJCC grant awards for the Solicitor's Office, District Attorney's Office and Georgia's P.O.R.C.H. as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Land Use Committee

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the County Land Use Committee which addresses land use appeals has been inactive for some period of time due to the fact there have been no appeals. This Committee is being reconstituted and currently there are two (2) vacancies on the Committee that need to be filled. The other four (4) members have been contacted, and they are willing to continue to serve on the Committee. Mr. McMullen reported names and resumes will be solicited, and the vacancies will be filled according to the new policy recently adopted by Commissioners for appointments.

Mr. McMullen stated there is no appeal regarding land use at this time; however, if an appeal should be requested prior to the appointments the appeal could be presented to the current Committee.

### DOT Highway System Revisions

County Manager Ralph McMullen reported the County has received notification from DOT that the Fall Line Freeway was opened for State Route Service, and approximately 14.5 miles of roadway must now become part of the County Road System.

Mr. McMullen presented a brief history of this process. He stated that in November, 2000, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution to encourage DOT to give priority to projects & expedite funding to projects vital to economic development. Some of these being the bridge over the Oconee River required by Fall Line Freeway,

connection to existing sections of the Freeway in Washington County & connection to the four lane project on 441.

In November, 2002, a letter was received from DOT notifying of the relocation of SR 24 in Baldwin & Washington Counties. When new sections of SR 24 and County Roads are completed, the roadways will be obliterated. By Order of DOT Commissioner, Baldwin & Washington Counties were requested to execute a Maintenance Resolution which states the County will accept as appropriate for maintenance, utility accommodation as part of their respective road systems when removed from State Highway System.

In February, 2003, DOT issued Order of Commissioner outlining State Highway System revisions to address future relocation of sections of SR 24 and realignment of County Roads 1, 179, 191 and SR 272. It states that Baldwin County will accept maintenance, utility accommodation as part of its local road system when new roadway is removed from State Highway System. In November, 2003, the County Manager notified Commissioners that portions of Highway 243 and Highway 112 will become part of the County system when Fall Line Freeway is completed and new alignment is open to traffic.

In February, 2004, DOT issued Order of Commissioner outlining additions / revisions on SR 24, 112, 243, 1085, Fall Line Freeway projects.

Notification has now been received that on October 17, 2016, the remaining sections of State Route 243 opened & alignments designated in Order 3334 (February 13, 2004) became part of County Road System.

Commissioner Craig asked if the County would have recourse if these roads do not meet criteria of DOT standards.

Chair Hall recommended contacting the DOT District Office in Tennille to request assistance in repairing these roads that must now become part of the County Road System.

### 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 Ralph McMullen reported the Fire Department has received a donation from Firehouse Subs for approximately \$11,000 to purchase "Jaws of Life" equipment.

Mr. McMullen presented an update on the Landfill Closure. He said continues to progress as planned; the project is within the budgeted amount and remains on schedule.

### Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Craig proposed an amendment to the motion recommending the Executive Session be postponed due to the absence of Commissioner Tommy French.

After discussion, Vice Chair Emily C. Davis accepted the amendment to her original motion and Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion to postpone the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Henry CraigS seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk