

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 3, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 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: 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 September 19, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meetings; and September 20, 2017, September 21, 2017, and September 29, 2017 Called Meetings. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Request from Representative Rick Williams Concerning Highway 49 Project

Chair Hall stated Representative Rick Williams has requested that the Board of Commissioners send a letter to DOT concerning the proposed relocation of the intersection of Horace Veal Road with Highway 49. Chair Hall, Vice Chair French and Representative Williams met with DOT representatives to discuss relocating the intersection farther west on Highway 49 rather than at DOT's currently proposed intersection. Chair Hall stated it would be preferable to the County for DOT to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Allen Memorial and Highway 49; however, since a traffic signal is not slated to be installed, moving this intersection further down Highway 49 would provide a better line of sight for vehicles turning onto Highway 49.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to send a letter to DOT requesting the proposed relocation of the intersection of Horace Veal Road and Highway 49 be moved further west on Highway 49 and stating that the County prefers a traffic signal at the current intersection. Vice Chair Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Proposed Legislative Priorities

Commissioner Henry Craig stated the ACCG 2017 Legislative Leadership Conference will be held in Augusta October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated ACCG has prepared the 2018 Proposed Policy Agenda that will be presented to the membership at the Conference. Commissioner Craig asked that the Board discuss the proposed policy

recommendations in order for Vice Chair French, who is the County's Voting Delegate, to represent the County's position at the Conference.

Chair Hall asked each Commissioner to present their priorities. Priorities were stated as follows:

Hall – Modernization of 911 Fees & System; Jail Diversion Programs for the Mentally Ill and Sales Tax Reform

French – Jail Diversion Programs for the Mentally Ill; Sales Tax Reform and Modernization of 911 Fees and System

Craig – Broadband Deployment in Georgia; Modernization of 911 Fees and System and Sales Tax Reform

Davis – Access to Healthcare and Modernization of 911 Fees and System

Westmoreland – Broadband Deployment in Georgia; Jail Diversion Programs for Mentally Ill and Modernization of 911 Fees and System

Each issue on the Proposed Policy Agenda was discussed.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to accept the priorities as recommended by ACCG Policy Committees to include Broadband Deployment in Georgia – Right-of-Way Preemptions / Mandates; Modernization of 911 Fees and System; and Sales Tax Reform and for Baldwin County's delegate to vote these priorities at the ACCG Legislative Conference. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Aye: French, Craig, Westmoreland, Hall

Nay: Davis

#### Solid Waste Contract

Chair Hall reported the County has been working with Advanced Waste for the past year to develop a contract for solid waste collection and disposal. He stated the contract has been revised to include recommendations from Commissioners, County Attorney McRee, County Administrative Staff and Advanced Waste. Chair Hall presented the final contract document for the Board's consideration.

Vice Chair Tommy French made a motion for the Board to approve the Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the contract is on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

#### Ocmulgee Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding

Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented the Memorandum of Understanding for the Drug Task Force. She stated the County has participated in the Task Force for approximately 20 plus years, and Baldwin County serves as fiscal agent and administrator for the Task Force. Baldwin County's contribution to the program is the provision of an office facility, maintenance, utilities, fuel and two Task Force officers.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

## Old Business

Commissioner John Westmoreland asked for an update on the Board's process to further discuss the International Property Maintenance Codes. He stated he felt a Public Hearing should be scheduled to address this matter.

Commissioner Westmoreland made a motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on the International Property Maintenance Codes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Hall stated Commissioners will be notified as soon as the date for a Public Hearing has been confirmed.

Chair Hall asked Commissioners to review the water rate study information presented by the engineers at the last Work Session and be prepared to discuss how to proceed with this matter at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## New Business

Chair Hall acknowledged receipt of a request from Mr. Finley's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Baldwin Highway School which stated they would like a public pool for the people. Chair Hall asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Finley's class to acknowledge receipt of their letter.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated the Airport Advisory Committee is recommending the County look into purchasing a generator for the Airport. He stated that during the recent storm causing a power outage there was no generator to provide power at the Airport. Commissioner Craig said he felt the Airport is uniquely situated to be an emergency resource area in the event of future emergency situations.

Vice Chair Tommy French stated the Collins P. Lee center is open from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday to provide computer training or internet use.

## Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

## Executive Session

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and property acquisition. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## Regular Meeting

Commissioner Westmoreland made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Hall stated the Board has narrowed the field of candidates for the position of County Manager to Mr. Eric Mosley. He stated Mr. Mosley will be contacted of the Board's decision for his consideration as County Manager.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis asked that the minutes reflect the consensus of the Board on this matter was not unanimous. She stated she was not in agreement on the selection.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk