

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Tommy French presiding.

Members Present: Tommy French  
John Westmoreland  
Emily C. Davis  
Sammy Hall  
Henry Craig

Also Present: David McRee  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham  
Carlos Tobar

Call to Order

Chair Tommy French called the April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 Public Hearing as submitted. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST)

Mr. Eric Wilkinson, TIA, Regional Coordinator, Georgia Department of Labor, made a presentation regarding the T-SPLOST which will be on the ballot on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated this is a ten year tax which started in 2012 and stated three regions in the State currently collect the tax. He discussed the proposed projects for the Middle Georgia Region, project costs, and projected revenue as well as the decrease from 30% to 10% for matching LMIG dollars for those regions who approve the TSPLOST.

Update on Development Authority Activities

Development Authority Director Matt Poyner presented an update for Development Authority activities for the first quarter of 2018. He discussed existing workforce, apprentice program with Mohawk Industries, the Manufacturing Committee Meeting, covenants for Phase 2 of the Industrial Park, Job Tax Credit for Tier 1 Counties and the Fall Line Development Authority.

DOT Application for Airport

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented information on a potential DOT application for discretionary funds that are available for airport improvements. He asked that the Board approve the submission of an application to DOT for funds to assist with the acquisition of 6.775 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to the north side of the airport property that otherwise may be sold for residential development. He reported this

potential residential development would be critically adverse to existing and future airport operations and improvements.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to authorize the submission of the application to DOT. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henry Craig stated there will be another opportunity for the Board to consider purchasing the land if the Board should receive funding from DOT.

Chair French called for a vote to authorize the submission of the application to DOT for the airport and it passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Commissioner Emily Davis asked why the issue of Property Maintenance Codes cannot be placed on the ballot for citizens to decide. County Attorney McRee responded that state law does not allow these type issues to be placed on the ballot for a vote.

### New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### County Manager's Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented the following report: Gym is currently closed for renovations, curtain is installed, basketball goals being installed; Recreation Department is planning for summer programs; Recreation Committee will have a meeting to discuss; Georgia Power installed new transformer at Golf Course; liner for irrigation pond to be installed at soccer fields; continue cleanup of County properties; Harrisburg Community awarded Collins P. Lee Center with "Yard of the Month"; Middle Georgia RC will have a call for projects for a grant opportunity offered by Department of Commerce – suggest Phase 3 of waterline extension to Hopewell water tank.

### Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Hattie Williams – expressed concern that IPMC does not allow adequate time for people on fixed incomes to make arrangements to repair / cleanup their property.

Bruce Dempster – stated there is no need for anymore regulations. He is concerned for people who would be negatively affected by the IPMC.

Jonah Arnold – stated IPMC is discriminatory against landlords since many of the regulations now do not apply to owner occupied structures. Feels the homeowner is being granted special privileges.

Danny Blair – feels ordinances that are currently on books just need modifying. No need for more ordinances.

Ray Woodall – asked why issue of property maintenance can't be placed on ballot.

Clarence Woodall – stated all people do not have computers and feels there should be a paper copy available for those who want to review IPMC.

### Executive Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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### Regular Meeting

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk

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