

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 5, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 5, 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 June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Amendment to Agenda

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the item of Amendment to the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair French amended the Agenda to add Item #8 – Amendment to Employee Handbook.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Special Recognition of Maurice Adams, Jr.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis gave special recognition to Maurice Adams, Jr. whose act of kindness went viral. Maurice assisted an elderly lady up a flight of stairs, and a bystander videoed it, posted it and national news stations and social media broadcast his good deed. Commissioner Davis presented Maurice with a gift of appreciation.

Grant Awards for Adult Treatment Drug Court and Family Drug Court

Assistant County Manager / Finance Director Dawn Hudson presented continuation grants for the Adult Felony Drug Courts in the amount of \$315,292 and the Family Drug Court in the amount of \$196,783. She stated any matching requirements would be paid through the Ocmulgee Circuit.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to accept the grant awards for Adult Treatment Drug Court and the Family Drug Court as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Baldwin County Property Maintenance Code (BCPMC), Policy Manual and Appeal Procedures

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported the Baldwin County Property Maintenance Code is a document that has had much research, study, and input from the Commissioners and citizens. The document was presented at several public hearings and has been available for review on the County's Web Site, in the Commissioners' Office and the Library.

Mr. Ray Woodall and Ms. Cindy Humphrey addressed the Board stating their opposition to the adoption of the code. Mr. Murali Thermal and Ms. Ashley Bacon encouraged the Board to adopt the Property Maintenance Code for the betterment of the entire community.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to remove this item from the Agenda and to vote to send a Resolution to the legislative delegation to put the Property Maintenance Code on the ballot for voters to decide. The motion died for lack of a second.

After discussion regarding the proposed Baldwin County Property Maintenance code, Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt the Baldwin County Property Maintenance Code as presented. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it failed by the following vote:

Aye: Craig, Westmoreland

Nay: Davis, Hall, French

### Airport Layout Plan

Mr. Alex Ferrand, GIS Analyst, stated the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is a document that is developed to provide Baldwin County a conceptual plan for long-term development of the Baldwin County Airport. The Georgia Department of Transportation Aviation programs and Federal Aviation Administration require that an airport owner or sponsor keep its airport layout plan updated in order to remain eligible to receive federal capital project grant assistance. The purpose of this study is to provide a thoughtful, long-term plan to meet the anticipated demand for aviation facilities in Baldwin County in accordance with the FAA standards and guidance through 2036. Mr. Ferrand stated this plan supersedes the prior Airport Layout Plan that was completed in 2000. The aviation industry has undergone significant changes since that time, including new federal requirements for design, funding, emerging aircraft and navigational technologies, new business models and security requirements. He stated these new applications, in addition to specific objectives and goals are analyzed and accounted for in the entirety of the planning process.

Mr. Ferrand requested approval for the submission of the Airport Layout Plan to Federal Aviation Administration for their preliminary review.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the submission of the Airport Layout Plan to FAA for their preliminary review. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Retail Package Beer / Wine Alcoholic Beverage License

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented an application for an alcoholic beverage license retail package beer / wine. He stated the business is located at 2119 North Jefferson Street. He stated the applicant has met all legal requirements.

Vice Chair John Westmoreland noted the application had an incorrect zip code and stated this should be corrected.

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the Retail Package Beer / Wine Alcoholic Beverage License for 2119 North Jefferson with the correction of the zip code. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### North Columbia Street Property Acquisition

County Attorney David McRee presented a purchase agreement in the amount of \$295,000 for 1.89 acres of property located at 1631 North Columbia Street, adjacent to the Courthouse Annex property.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion that the County proceed with the purchase of the property located at 1631 North Columbia Street for an amount of \$295,000 and that the Chair be authorized to execute the sales contract. Vice chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Amendment to Employee Handbook

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to amend the Employee Handbook as follows:

Section 609 Interviews – Add additional last sentence: “County Commissioners will not participate in interviews or attempt to influence the interview process, except in the selection of County Manager”.

Section 615 Hiring of Chief Administrative Employees (b) (2) – Add additional last sentence: “County Commissioners will not participate in interviews or attempt to influence the interview process, except in the selection of County Manager”.

Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

#### New Business

Everyone was invited to attend the function at The Grove at Central State Hospital, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 7:00 and to attend the Retirement Reception for Bill McNair, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Recreation Department.

#### County Manager’s Report

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented the following report on his activities: Summer Programs at the Recreation Department will be underway soon with the 2018 Camp Baldwin for ages 5 - 15 beginning July 9, Monday – Friday, breakfast and lunch will be served; activities include – recreation activities, reading, arts & crafts, academic hour and local field trips; work has started on the Harrisburg basketball courts; encouraged everyone to participate August 18<sup>th</sup> in the community clean up; will be working with County Attorney for advice on dealing with dilapidated mobile homes since the Property Maintenance Code did not pass.

#### Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Julie Sanders addressed the Board regarding vicious dogs, stating Baldwin County policies must be updated to follow the law on vicious dogs.

Commissioner Sammy Hall recommended that County Manager Tobar, County Attorney McRee, Solicitor Blackwell, and Animal Control representatives meet about the County’s policy and report back to the Board.

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### Executive Session

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Regular Meeting

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the June 5, 2018, Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy L. French  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk

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