

Baldwin County Commissioners  
Called Meeting  
June 28, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

A Called Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Tommy French presiding.

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

Also Present: David McRee  
Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

### Call to Order

Chair Tommy French called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated the purpose of the Called Meeting is to discuss hospital funding.

### Hospital Funding

Chair Tommy French stated that in June 2017 the Board voted to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with the Hospital Authority to provide funding for indigent care. The County agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$500,000 per year for 10 years.

Commissioner Craig stated the County has an obligation to pay the \$500,000 to the hospital for the 10 year period; however, where the money will come from is the decision that has to be made now by this Board. He stated there are four options for funding this obligation:

1. General Fund.
2. Create a one mill pledge on all property.
3. Create a Special Tax District whereby each parcel of property will be assessed the same fee. It is estimated that the cost would be approximately \$25.00 per parcel.
4. Modify the Special Tax District and attach the fee to some other service such as each water or trash account.

County Manager Carlos Tobar stated staff has researched information and developed a Resolution creating a Special District for funding hospital-based indigent care for citizens of Baldwin County. He stated staff recommends that a Special Tax District be created.

Commissioners discussed various options for providing funding for the hospital-based indigent care. Commissioner Davis stated the Contract was with Oconee Regional and now Navicent owns the hospital. County Attorney McRee stated the Intergovernmental Contract is with the Hospital Authority and its successors.

Commissioner Davis stated the Contract includes provisions for the hospital to provide the County with information regarding hospital operations, and she feels the County should not pay any amount under the Contract until the reports / information is received. County Attorney McRee responded the hospital attorney indicated the information is forthcoming.

### Public Comments

Mr. Jonah Arnold asked if the Special District would also include city property. Commissioner Hall responded that each parcel of property in the City is also in the County and would therefore pay the fee.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adopt a Resolution creating an Indigent Care Special District for the provision of funding hospital-based indigent care services for the citizens of Baldwin County; providing for the levy and collection of fees within said district. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

#### Executive Session

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for personnel matters. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Reopen Called Meeting

Commissioner Emily C. Davis made a motion to reopen the Called Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Called Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy French  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk