

**Baldwin County Commissioners**  
**Work Session**  
**March 3, 2015**  
**5:15 p.m.**

A Work Session of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:15 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  
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee  
Ralph McMullen  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the Work Session to order at 5:15 p.m.

Code Enforcement Update

Mr. Steve Owens, Building Official with County – contracted building department services Safebuilt, discussed activities of the Code Enforcement Department which includes issuing business licenses and permits, conducting plan reviews, performing building inspections and providing training for interested parties. Mr. Owens discussed the upward trend in new building construction and renovation which necessitates additional inspections.

Mr. Owens outlined current mandatory codes and current permissive codes as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. He stated Baldwin County must adopt the latest editions of mandatory codes and recommended the Board adopt the current edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, Swimming Pool / Spa Code and the International Existing Building Code.

Solicitor General Maxine Blackwell addressed the Board and encouraged Commissioners to adopt these International Codes which would provide the County an enforcement tool for violations. Solicitor General Blackwell stated the procedures and provisions in the International Codes outline requirements, address violations and provide processes to handle violations.

County Manager Ralph McMullen also recommended the adoption of the mandatory codes as well as the National Property Maintenance Codes. He stated all County codes should be reevaluated and readopted to bring all codes up to date and ensure compliance with international and state requirements.

Mr. McMullen stated copies of the International Property Maintenance Codes would be obtained and distributed to Commissioners for their review.

Following discussion, Commissioners recommended the County proceed with scheduling a future date for a public hearing on the matter.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

## New Business

Chair Sammy Hall stated he felt there would not be enough time to address the second item on the Work Session Agenda regarding Financial Policies. He asked that this item be discussed during the upcoming Regular Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to move this item to the Regular Meeting Agenda.

## Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk