

Baldwin County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2015
6:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 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
Ralph McMullen
Cindy Cunningham
Dawn Hudson

Call to Order

Chair Hall called the September 1, 2015, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2015 Regular Meeting and the August 28, 2015 Called Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Henry Craig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Annexation Notifications from the City of Milledgeville

Mr. McMullen stated two notices have been received from the City of Milledgeville for annexation of properties located at 1982 North Columbia Street and 108 Roberson Mill Road NW. He stated discussion was held at the August 18th meeting regarding the proposed annexations, and the Board requested this matter be on this Agenda for consideration.

County Attorney David McRee reported that in order for the City of Milledgeville to annex parcels of land into the City they must notify Baldwin County of the proposed annexations. Mr. McRee reported the County does not have infrastructure on these properties, and there is no legal reason for any objection to the annexations.

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion that the County state no objection to the annexation of properties located at 1982 North Columbia Street and 108 Roberson Mill Road as presented. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DNR Lease Agreement for Radio Communications Tower

County Attorney David McRee stated the County received a letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources requesting permission to place an antenna on the County's tower on Meriwether Road. He reported he has reviewed the Lease Agreement with the State Properties Commission and lease details have been finalized. He stated the effective date for the Agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Section 18(b)(4) requires the tenant to remove its equipment at any time for any reason, upon 30 days notice to the tenant. Mr. McRee reported he found the Lease Agreement to be appropriate and recommended it for approval.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Radio Communications Tower Lease Agreement as presented. Commissioner John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A copy of the Lease Agreement is herewith attached and made an official part of the minutes at pages _____ and _____.

Request to Abandon Emerald Way

Mr. Ernie Wetzle, 259 Erin Shores Drive, addressed the Board requesting the abandonment of Emerald Way North. He stated he purchased the property at 101 Erin Shores and owns both sides of Emerald Way North, with the exception of the section on the west corner of Emerald Way and Erin Shores Drive, which is owned by Gary Whitlock. He requested the County close Emerald Way North and quit claim the property back to him and Mr. Whitlock. He stated the property is listed as agricultural, and he has requested it be in conservation for agricultural and hunting. He stated he felt the closure of the road would keep people from using it as a dumping site.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion for the County to begin the legal process of abandonment of Emerald Way as requested. Vice Chair Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report from Employee Recognition Committee

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis reported the Employee Recognition Committee met and had the following recommendations: Employee Appreciation Day to recognize County employees – to be held in October or November; recognition for years of service; “reward” program for outstanding service; “tokens” of appreciation for employees on occasions to be determined, i.e. birthdays, employment anniversary dates, etc.

County Manager’s Report

County Manager McMullen stated the September 15th meeting has been rescheduled for September 22, 2015. There will not be a meeting on October 6th since Commissioners will be at the ACCG Legislative Conference, and Called Meetings at later dates may be necessary for the budget process.

Old Business

Commissioner Westmoreland asked for an update on the gym floor. Mr. McMullen responded he and Recreation Director McNair visited various locations to look at different types of floors. A vendor presentation for Commissioners will be scheduled at the gym at a later date in order for Commissioners to see a specific floor material being considered.

Commissioner Westmoreland asked when silt fence would be removed at the location of the waterline project. Mr. McMullen stated there has been a conflicting situation with the contractor, and this situation will be taken care of in the near future.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Jim Haskins asked when more surplus properties would be up for auction. He questioned that three properties on Vinson Highway had flags on the properties and wondered if the County was doing work. County Manager McMullen stated these flags were most likely utility company locates.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Emily C. Davis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk