



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

February 7, 2023  
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220  
11:00 A.M.

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**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Emily Davis  
Kendrick Butts  
Henry Craig  
Sammy Hall

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Westmoreland

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bandon Palmer  
Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Cindy Cunningham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Emily Davis called the Regular Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Sammy Hall delivered the Invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Henry Craig led the pledge.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Allied Arts

Dr. Carla Walter, Executive Director of Allied Arts, presented information about Allied Arts to include the vision and goals; governing Board and staff; and upcoming events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Joint Meeting with the City of Milledgeville and the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO AGENDA**

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to amend the Agenda to consider a Resolution Opposing Truck Size and Weight Increases. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Resolution Opposing Truck Size and Weight Increases**

Commissioner Craig read the Resolution stating that Baldwin County is in opposition to any increase in truck size and any increase in truck weight limits.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS**

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan**

Ms. Tiffany Dobbins from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission addressed the Board regarding the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan update. She stated the Plan has to be updated every five years, and the Regional Commission is assisting the County in this process. She reported stakeholder meetings have been held to discuss goals and objectives of the Plan and how Baldwin County can prepare for any disasters that might occur.

Ms. Dobbins stated that once the Plan has been finalized it will be brought back to the Board for their approval.

### **Resolution for Re-Imposition of Sales Tax**

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented a Resolution to re-impose a special one percent sales and use tax, subject to referendum approval, and to specify the purposes for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used and may be expended; to authorize the Election Superintendent to call an election to approve the re-imposition of such tax and to approve the form of ballot to be used in such election.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Re-Imposition of Sales Tax as presented. Commissioner Kendrick Butts 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants**

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson presented two WIOA grants for the Board's consideration – a Dislocated Worker Program grant in the amount of \$70,000 for the period December 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and also a Dislocated Worker Program grant award in the amount of \$75,000 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to approve both WIOA grant awards as presented. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Emily Davis presented a statue to former County Attorney David McRee for his twelve years of dedicated service to Baldwin County Commissioners serving as legal counsel. Mr. McRee stated it had been an honor and a pleasure serving the Board, staff and citizens over the past twelve years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Emily Davis introduced Attorney Brandon Palmer of Smith, Welch, Webb and White who will serve as Baldwin County Attorney. Mr. Palmer expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve as County Attorney.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Carlos reported surveying for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant and the Street Scape Project has begun. He also reported that Georgia Power crews are working on power poles in residential areas throughout the County.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Loria Boone addressed the Board regarding the increase in food service fees that were implemented by the Department of Public Health and adopted by the Board of Commissioners. She discussed how much her food truck fees had increased and requested assistance from the Board in looking into how the increase has affected small establishments such as hers.

Commissioners stated they will look into this matter and recommended that Ms. Boone contact Mr. Duke at the Health Department and also to attend the upcoming Board of Health meeting to present her concerns.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **REOPEN REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Kendrick Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kendrick Butts made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily C. Davis  
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk