



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF
MILLEDGEVILLE
June 20, 2023
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 210
2:00 PM**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Davis
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Henry Craig
Sammy Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Palmer
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Davis called the Joint Meeting with the City of Milledgeville to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Mary Parham-Copelan called the City of Milledgeville Joint Meeting with the Baldwin County Commissioners to order at 2:00 p.m.

A quorum was present for both bodies.

ADMINISTRATIVE / FISCAL MATTERS

Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST)

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported he had shared with City Manager Hank Griffith the language for a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which lists County projects for the T-SPLOST. The City of Milledgeville has not yet established a list of city projects to be included.

Discussion was held regarding verbiage included in the IGA. County Manager Tobar stated there have been internal discussions about the use of the word "shall". He reported the use of "shall" means it will happen. County Manager Tobar stated if all roads are listed in the IGA and the cost comes in too high then all the roads on the list could not be paved. Officials said the word "shall" could be used with further explanation to specify "as long as funds are available. "Shall" do as many roads as possible until there is no funding left.

Another issue in educating the public for support of the T-SPLOST is to address roads and streets that are most heavily traveled within the City and County, i.e. main roads that are the most heavily traveled are in the worst condition. Another opinion is that citizens living on smaller outlying roads should be able to see that work is done in their area also.

Attorneys representing the City and County agreed to work together to incorporate the appropriate language.

County Manager Tobar stated through the IGA both parties will share in both the funding and the language of the Resolution.

Councilman Walter Reynolds and City Manager Griffith stated they felt the City should include their list of roads as well. Mr. Griffith also felt that a statement should be included that anticipated revenue is merely an estimate; and if the estimated revenue doesn't come in, all roads on the list cannot get paved.

Council Members Denese Shinholster and Shonya Mapp agreed the proposed Resolution states that officials shall complete as many projects as they possibly can from the proceeds generated from the T-SPLOST.

Discussion was held on the distribution of the T-SPLOST. County Manager Tobar stated the proposed distribution in the IGA is based on the same percentage that was in 2018 IGA. The percentage is 35% for the City of Milledgeville and 65% for Baldwin County. City Manager Griffith concurred the split is based on the road mileage in both the City and County. County Manager Tobar confirmed the mileage is based on the Georgia Department of Transportation calculation.

Mr. Tobar stated he anticipates the County will place the T-SPLOST IGA and Resolution on the July 18th Agenda, and is asking the City to consider both at their July 13th meeting.

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson reported the anticipated revenue for collection of the T-SPLOST is \$45 million. She also stated that if the projects are bid jointly, there could be cost savings.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily C. Davis
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk