

BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING

March 24, 2025 1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220 2:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Chairman Andrew Strickland Kendrick Butts Sammy Hall Emily Davis Scott Little

OTHERS

Carlos Tobar Dawn Hudson Brandon Palmer Bo Danuser

CALL TO ORDER

Baldwin County Commission Chairman Andrew Strickland called the called commission meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Little made a motion to enter into an executive session at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission entered into closed session at 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Little made a motion to reconvene in open session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission returned to open session at 3:39 PM.

ADMINSITRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

AQUATIC PARK

County Manger Carlos Tobar discussed the Aquatic Center Standard Operating Procedures Manual. He stated due to weather they were behind schedule and other construction projects and had no idea when they could open the aquatic park. Mr. Tobar gave information about the development of the standard operating procedure and that recreation staff had reviewed the procedure manual. Mr. Tobar asked the commissioners for comments.

There was a discussion about the aquatic park that included:

- the fees needed to be included in a separate fee schedule
- increasing the age of guardianship from 16 to 18 and reducing the number of people the guardian could be responsible for

- removing reference to wages because that would fall under the county's pay schedule and under seasonal pay
- deciding the opening date of the aquatic park and whether to open it before it was complete or wait until it was complete and have a grand opening
- getting updated procedures from Dublin with any amendment they may have made after operating their aquatic park
- setting maximum numbers for park attendance
- managing behavior of patrons
- providing information about procedures, rules and regulations in a booklet or pamphlet format
- posting proper signage
- having procedures in place for park rental during hours and after hours
- hiring lifeguards
- the concession stand
- ordering equipment including lounge chairs, tables, and umbrellas
- setting an opening date for next year
- the slide and splash pads would not be ready by Memorial Day
- hiring staff and lifeguards
- contracting out the operations of the pool and concession stand
- hiring an Aquatics Director and that it would not fall upon the Recreation Director to manage the aquatic park
- discussion returned to contracting out management of the park for the first year
- involving the recreation staff in the development of the policy manual
- reaching out to the Middle Georgia Consortium for hiring and training staff and lifeguards
- correcting mis references and typographical errors
- setting up a recreation committee meeting to address needed changes
- editing the procedures

Commissioner Little made a motion to table the adoption of the Aquatic Facility Standard Operating Procedures. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about doing a site visit.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Little made a motion to adjourn the called commission meeting. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bo Danuser, County Clerk

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