



Baldwin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 1 , 2025
1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220
6:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Andrew Strickland, Chair
Kendrick Butts, Vice Chair
Sammy Hall
Emily C. Davis
Scott Little

OTHERS

Dawn Hudson
Brandon Palmer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Apostle J. L. Stevenson from Miracle Healing Temple was recognized by Commissioner Davis for the invocation, she stated he was in his 39th year of ministry and it was his 73rd birthday. Apostle Stevens thanks the commissioners for inviting him and then said the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Kendrick Butts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE FISCAL MATTERS

Commissioner Little made a motion to amend the agenda to add personnel and land acquisition to the executive session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the agenda was amended unanimously.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add the 2026 Drug Court Grant. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the previous meetings minutes being passed at the next meeting.

Family Drug Court

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson stated Baldwin County was awarded the 2026 Accountability Court funding the Family Drug Court Program for \$139,120 there was no match required and would be administered through the Superior Court Juvenile Court.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the grant. Commissioner Little seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about the components of the program funds that were used for family treatment and drug rehabilitation.

Chairman Strickland called for the vote and the grant was approved unanimously.

Collins P. Lee Memorial Library

Assistant County Manager Hudson stated the plans for the Collins P. Lee Memorial Library had been bid and would be funded through a \$900,000 non-matching Middle Georgia Regional Library grant; the bids for architectural services were ranked by a committee and an agreement with CAS Architecture was recommended.

There was a discussion about CAS Architecture and the procedure for choosing them.

Commissioner Little made a motion to authorize an agreement with CAS Architecture. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic

Assistant County Manager Hudson stated bids had been solicited for a low cost spay and neuter clinic. she discussed a proposal from Paws for Georgia to use the old animal control building to establish and maintain a low cost spay and neuter clinic in exchange for rent and utilities.

There was a discussion about clinic being able to expand the county's options for animal control, only being able to entering into a one-year contract with Paws for Georgia, and the cost of providing spaying neutering. Ms. Hudson stated this would only accept the bid and any conditions of the contract would be worked into the contract before adoption.

Desiree Liggins was recognized to speak but declined.

Commissioner Little made a motion to accept the bid from Paws for Georgia, Inc. for a low cost spay and neuter clinic. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis recognized local AARP president Barbara Jackson Vann as being in attendance.

Commissioner Davis announced that June was Black Music Month and Pride Month.

Commissioner Strickland announced the death of Roy Garret a lifelong member of the community who served in the US Army and as a volunteer fireman for over 40 years with the West Baldwin Fire Station. He thanked Mr. Garrett for his dedication to the people of Baldwin County and stated that thoughts and prayers were with his family.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Hudson stated that County Manager Carlos Tobar sent the commissioners an update on the projects he was working on. She asked if there were any questions; there were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cindy Humphrey addressed the commissioners to express her frustration with Baldwin County about her not getting county water while another request was granted, not getting improvements done to Coopers Park while pickleball took precedence, and the length of time it took for county crews to clean a ditch on her road.

Chairman Strickland reminded speakers to address the commissioners and not a specific person.

Desiree Liggins addressed the commission regarding "weaponizing competence and strategic incompetence". She discussed the county failing in animal control and that the county moved fast to get an animal control ordinance adopted but did not move as quickly on getting Sydney Butts Road paved. She asked what Commissioner Hall whispered to Chairman Strickland on May 20th when she was escorted out of the meeting. She stated that she got a response to the cease and desist letter. She asked when they were going to start the roads resurfacing and requested that the list of the order of the roads be made available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation, personnel and land acquisition. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission moved into closed session at 6:23 PM.

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

ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn the July 1, 2025 commissioner meeting. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,


Andrew Strickland, Chair
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Bo Danuser, County Clerk
Baldwin County, Georgia

