



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING**

May 30, 2023

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Davis
John Westmoreland
Henry Craig

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Davis called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

County Manager Carlos Tobar delivered the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland led the Pledge.

ADMINISTRATIVE 1 FISCAL MATTERS

Resolution Establishing Additional Facilities for Holding Superior Court Juvenile Court and State Court

County Manager Carlos Tobar presented a Resolution establishing additional space for holding Superior Court, Juvenile Court and State Court away from the Courthouse when needed. Mr. Tobar stated the Courthouse renovations necessitate the establishment of additional space at this time. The additional facilities include the City of Milledgeville Municipal Court and the Baldwin County Government Building Suite 210. The Resolution reaffirms the previous designation of Walter B. Williams Recreational Center gymnasium and the Baldwin County Law Enforcement Center Courtroom.

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Vice Chairman John Westmoreland 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 124 and 125.

Resolution Supporting Georgia Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Pre-Application

County Manager Tobar presented a Resolution supporting the grant pre-application to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund for construction of the aquatic center.

Vice Chairman John Westmoreland made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Henry Craig 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 124 and 125.

OTHER BUSINESS

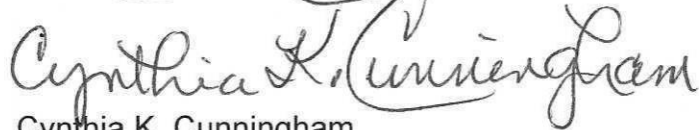
Vice Chair John Westmoreland asked County Manager Tobar for an update on the timeline for the T-SPLOST. He responded the Resolution must be approved by the end of June. County Manager Tobar stated he would prepare a letter of notice and deliver it to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Called Meeting at 10:15 a.m. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Emily C. Davis
Chair


Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BALDWIN
COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR HOLDING
SUPERIOR COURT, JUVENILE COURT, AND STATE COURT

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 1 thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations;

WHEREAS, sessions and sittings of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court, involving both civil and criminal matters, are normally held in the Baldwin County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia provides that additional facilities may be provided for the holding of any session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, or State Court when it may be impractical to hold court in the courthouse;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that additional space for holding of any session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court away from the Baldwin County Courthouse is needed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds it to be in the best interest of the public, with consideration for transportation burden being paramount, through the furnishing of additional facilities for holding any session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the City of Milledgeville Municipal Court, 125 Floyd L. Griffin, Jr, Milledgeville, GA 31061 which is owned by the City of Milledgeville, and the Baldwin County Government Building Suite 210, 1601 N. Columbia St, Milledgeville, GA 31061, which is owned by the County, would provide additional space that is open and accessible to the public pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-6-180) and otherwise suitable for holding any session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court;

WHEREAS, to comply with the requirements of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia, the Board of Commissioners intends for the County to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Milledgeville for the use of City Municipal Court as an additional facility for the holding of any session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court.

WHEREAS, to comply with the requirements of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia, no session or sitting of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, or State Court shall be held at the City Municipal Court until the County has entered into a lease agreement with the City of Milledgeville for the use of City Municipal Court.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners reaffirms the Resolution passed on December 1, 2020, designating the Walter B. Williams Recreational Center gymnasium as an alternate court facility, amending it only to remove any limit on its duration, as shown below.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners reaffirms the Resolution passed on March 16, 2021, designating the courtroom at the Baldwin County Law Enforcement Center as an alternate court location, with such designation continuing indefinitely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 15-6-18, the Board of Commissioners of Baldwin County declares the additional facilities for holding sessions and sittings of the Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court, at the City Municipal Court and the Baldwin County Government Building, Suite 210.
2. The Walter B. Williams Recreational Center gymnasium shall continue to be an alternate court facility for sessions and sittings of Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court, and the December 1, 2020, Resolution designating it as such is hereby amended to remove any express or implied limit on its duration relating to the Statewide Health Emergency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. The courtroom at the Baldwin County Law Enforcement Facility shall continue to be an alternate court facility for Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court-
4. Whether sessions and sittings of the Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and State Court will be held in the Courthouse or at the Walter B. Williams Recreational Center gymnasium or the courtroom at the Baldwin County Law Enforcement Center or the City Municipal Court or the Baldwin County Government Building Suite 210 shall be determined at the discretion of the Judge presiding at that session or sitting of Court, with all proper notice of such provided in advance in accordance with applicable law. The presiding Judge shall coordinate the scheduling of Court with the Sheriff.
5. Any other ordinance or resolution, or portion thereof, now in effect, that is in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall not expire and shall become effective immediately upon passage.

The public health, safety and welfare demanding it.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 30 day of May, 2023.

BALDWIN
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Emily C. Davis


Emily C. Davis
Chair


Kendrick B. Butts

Kendrick Butts
Commissioner, District 2

CO

Sammy Hall
Commissioner, District 3


Henry R. Craig
Henry R. Craig
Commissioner, District 4


John H. Westmoreland
John H. Westmoreland
Commissioner, District 5

Attest:

Clerk



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Baldwin supports the grant pre-application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund. The application is to construct the Baldwin County Aquatic Center; and

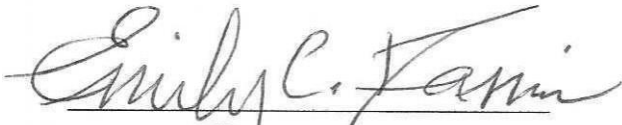
WHEREAS, the County of Baldwin recognizes the fifty (50) percent match requirement for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant program and has secured the matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Georgia recognizes the value of a community aquatic center for citizens of all ages; and

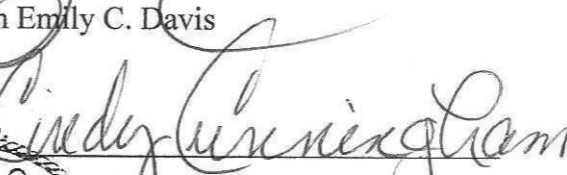
WHEREAS, if Baldwin County Board of Commissioner's Office is awarded a grant by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund, the County agrees to accept the grant award and may enter into an agreement with the State of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources. The County will comply with all applicable laws and environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners to sign the submittal letter for the pre-application, and financial commitment letter.

SO RESOLVED, THIS 30th day of May 2023.


Chairman Emily C. Davis

ATTEST:


Cindy Cunningham, County Clerk

