



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALLED MEETING

May 10, 2021

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 220

3:00 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Craig
John Westmoreland
Kendrick Butts
Emily C. Davis
Sammy Hall

ALSO PRESENT

David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Jill Adams
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Henry Craig called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Resolution Authorizing Termination of Emergency Declaration

Chair Henry Craig presented a Resolution to repeal mandates and restrictions related to COVID 19. The Resolution states the Emergency Orders previously issued by the Board of Commissioners are repealed along with the Ordinance of August 24, 2020 prescribing the wearing of masks in the unincorporated areas of the County. All other regulations of the Board that are related to the personal conduct of citizens as a result of COVID 19 are also repealed and rescinded.

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to repeal all mandates and restrictions related to COVID 19. 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 36 and 37.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:07 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Vice Chair John Westmoreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REOPEN CALLED MEETING

Commissioner Emily Davis made a motion to reopen the called meeting at 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

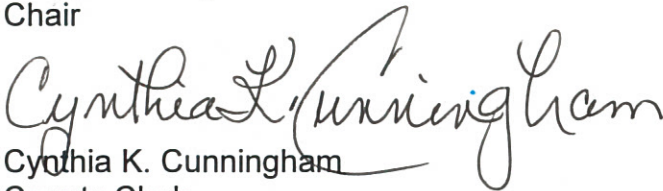
ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair John Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn the called meeting at 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Sammy Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry R. Craig
Chair



Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REPEAL MANDATES AND RESTRICTIONS
RELATED TO COVID 19

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, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared that a public health emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of COVID-19 within Georgia;

WHEREAS, a significant number of Georgia residents were, and to a lesser extent, are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, a large number of persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system to deliver necessary care to the public;

WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 have been known to experience long-term health effects following recovery from acute COVID-19 symptoms;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus and persons infected with COVID- 19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure;

WHEREAS, asymptomatic (including presymptomatic) infected persons are

known to be infectious and, without mitigation many infections occur from individuals without symptoms;

WHEREAS, evidence indicates that the use of face coverings reduces the transmissibility per contact by reducing transmission of infected droplets in both laboratory and clinical contexts. Public face covering wearing is most effective at stopping the spread of the virus when compliance is high. This evidence supported the conclusion that the adoption of more widespread face covering requirements could help to control the COVID-19 epidemic by reducing the shedding of droplets into the environment from asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners acted in response to this public health emergency by the issuance of Emergency Orders dated March 22, 2020, March 24, 2020, May 11, 2020 and the passage of an Ordinance dated August 24, 2020. These Emergency Orders and Ordinance provided guidelines and conduct specifications to slow the spread of the COVID 19 virus in Baldwin County;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Baldwin County have dutifully altered their conduct pursuant to these recommendations and specifications to slow the spread of the COVID 19 virus;

WHEREAS, multiple vaccines have been developed, tested, received Federal government approval and been administered to our citizens to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus. In addition, many individuals have contracted COVID 19 and developed natural antibodies;

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID 19 virus has been dramatically reduced. The number of new cases has gone down and the number of deaths related to the COVID 19 virus has decreased.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners now finds the best interest of the public would be served by loosening the restrictions and mandates previously issued by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Orders previously issued by this Board of Commissioners are hereby repealed along with the Ordinance of August 24, 2020, prescribing the wearing of masks in the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition thereto, any and all other regulations of this Board that are related to the personal conduct of our citizens as a result of COVID 19 are hereby repealed and rescinded.

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 become effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted this 10 day of May, 2021.


COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

