



Baldwin County Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
8:30 AM

Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, County Commission Meeting Chambers – 2nd Floor
1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, Alabama 36532

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Commissioners present:

District 1 – Commissioner James E. Ball
District 2 – Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie
District 3 – Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood
District 4 – Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Commissioners absent:

None.

Also present:

Roger Rendleman, County Administrator
Brad Hicks, County Attorney

The Baldwin County Commission met for a work session (Pre-Commission Meeting) on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, County Commission Meeting Chambers.

WELCOME, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Following the Invocation by Chairman Billie Jo Underwood, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie.

REVIEW OF ITEMS AND SETTING OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Review and discussion of items on the Regular meeting agenda. The Commission will set the Consent Agenda for the Regular meeting, determining the order of items for consideration with any additions, removals and/or replacements as presented.

GA1 – It was decided that Addendum Item GA1 be added to the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Chairman Underwood commented on the Historic Blakeley Authority's presentation of its financial statements during a recent board meeting. Chairman Underwood commended the Commissioners for their support of the Authority and the Highway Department for assisting with paving the parking lot at Historic Blakeley State Park. Chairman Underwood requested the Commissioners share information received during board meetings for the various boards the Commissioners serve on.

SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Rendleman acknowledged everyone involved in researching and creating the TIF District and commended everyone for their hard work.

Chairman Underwood noted Historic Blakeley Authority's progress with obtaining funding sources for an interpretive center and additional amenities.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Hicks noted David Conner has one item to discuss in an executive session; Mr. Conner is enroute to the meeting at this time.

It was decided the meeting would be recessed until Mr. Conner arrives.

RECESS

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

Resolution #2024-111 Authorizing Baldwin County To Join The State Of Alabama and Other Local Governments As Participants In Current and Future Opioid Settlements Related To Cardinal Health And Cencora F/K/A Amerisourcebergen Drug Company

David Conner with Blackburn & Conner, P.C., County Legal Counsel, said he has one item for the Commissioners to discuss in an executive session regarding opioid litigation and recommended the Commission convene in an executive session, in accordance with Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7A, to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees; and to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action.

Mr. Conner made the oral declaration that the discussion is appropriate for executive session and it is anticipated the executive session will last approximately 20 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT OF PRE-MEETING WORK SESSION

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie, in accordance with Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7, to adjourn into an executive session at 8:47 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes to:

- 1) discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees; and
- 2) to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Matthew P. McKenzie, Billie Jo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman Underwood said the April 16, 2024, Baldwin County Commission Work Session meeting is adjourned into an executive session at 8:47 a.m.

Billie Jo Underwood