

Baldwin County Commission

Baldwin County Commission Regular
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
8:30 AM



Baldwin County Administration Building
County Commission Chambers
322 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

District 1 – Commissioner James E. Ball
District 2 – Commissioner Joe Davis, III
District 3 – Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood
District 4 – Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Wayne A. Dyess, County Administrator

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A WELCOME, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: 4 - Commissioner James E. Ball, Commissioner Joe Davis III, Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, and Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Absent: 0

Also present were, Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, and Rebecca Gaines, County Attorney.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and introduced Reverend Richie Nobles, Pastor, Crossroads Church of God, Bay Minette, Alabama, who appeared before the Commission and led the Commission in prayer. After the Pledge of Allegiance led by Zachary Hood, Emergency Management Agency Director, the Commission transacted the following business to-wit:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2019, Regular meeting.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

B CONSENT

Motion by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

BA ADMINISTRATION

BA1 Baldwin County Board of Human Resources - Board Appointment [19-1574](#)

Related to the Baldwin County Board of Human Resources, Board of Directors, take the following actions:

- 1) Accept the resignation of Mr. Bruce Stone as a member, effective May 15, 2019, and thank him for his prior civic service as a member of the board; and
- 2) Appoint Ms. Cindy Haber as a member, to the vacant place seat formerly held by Mr. Bruce Stone, for a pro-rata reduced six (6) year term, said term to commence July 2, 2019, and expire September 1, 2019.

BA2 Baldwin County Commission District No. 2 Planning (Zoning) District Board of Adjustment (Greater Eastern Shore Baldwin County Area) - Board Appointments [19-1565](#)

Related to the Baldwin County Commission District No. 2 Planning (Zoning) District Board of Adjustment (Greater Eastern Shore Baldwin County Area), take the following actions:

- 1) Reappoint Mr. Brandon Bias as a regular member (Planning District 15 designee) for a three (3) year term, said term continuing from November 7, 2018, and expiring on November 7, 2021; and
- 2) Appoint Mr. Kenneth Mark Frenette, Jr. as an alternate member to Mr. Blayne Pierce (Planning District 10 designee), to fill the vacant place seat formerly held by Mr. Richard T. Darden, for a pro-rata reduced three (3) year term, said term commencing July 2, 2019, and expiring on November 7, 2019.
- 3) Remove the name of Mr. Carl Torbert as a regular board member (Planning District 26 designee), leaving the place seat vacant.

BA3 Baldwin County Commission District No. 3 Planning (Zoning) District Board of Adjustment (Central Baldwin County Area) - Board Appointment [19-1566](#)

Related to the Baldwin County Commission District No. 3 Planning (Zoning) District Board of Adjustment (Central Baldwin County Area), take the following actions:

- 1) Appoint Mr. Belmont Tommy Springer, Jr. as a regular member (Planning District 12 designee), to fill the place seat formerly held by Ms. Peggy Pittman Branch, for a pro-rata reduced three (3) year term, said term commencing July 2, 2019, and expiring on January 2, 2022; and
- 2) Thank Ms. Peggy Pittman Branch for her former civic service as a regular member (Planning District 12 designee) (term expired January 2, 2019); and
- 3) Accept the resignation of Mr. Adam Pasqual Bertolla as a regular member (Planning District 12 designee), effective June 26, 2019, and thank him for his former civic service; and
- 4) Remove the name of Mr. Raymond Gates as an alternate board member (Planning District 31 designee), leaving the place seat vacant.

BA4 Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation and Development Council - Board Appointments

[19-1573](#)

Related to the Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation and Development Council, take the following actions:

- 1) Reappoint Mr. Blaine Chastain to serve as a member, said term to commence July 2, 2019, and expire November 8, 2022; and
- 2) Appoint Commissioner James E. Ball as proxy member to the place seat formerly held by Commissioner Frank Burt, Jr., said term to commence July 2, 2019, and expire November 8, 2022; and
- 3) Reappoint Mr. Frank Trione to serve as a member-at-large, said term to commence July 2, 2019, and expire November 8, 2022.

BA5 City of Bay Minette - Annexation Notification

[19-1514](#)

Authorize placement of Legislative Act #2019-362 and City of Bay Minette Resolution #0119-01, annexing property into the corporate limits of the municipality of the City of Bay Minette, Alabama, into the minutes of the July 2, 2019, Baldwin County Commission meeting with proper notification to the following departments/organizations:

Baldwin County Commission Departments:
Baldwin County Commission
Baldwin County Building Inspection Department
Communications/Information Systems Department

Baldwin County Environmental Management/Solid Waste
Baldwin County Highway Department
Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department

Elected Officials:

Baldwin County Revenue Commission
Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Other Agencies:

Board of Registrars' Office
Emergency 911
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

BA6 City of Fairhope - Annexation Notification

[19-1542](#)

Authorize placement of the City of Fairhope's Annexation Ordinance No. 1650 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1253 known as the Zoning Ordinance into the minutes of the July 2, 2019, regular Baldwin County Commission meeting with proper notification to the following departments/organizations:

Baldwin County Commission Departments:

Baldwin County Commission
Baldwin County Building Inspection Department
Communications/Information Systems Department
Baldwin County Environmental Management/Solid Waste
Baldwin County Highway Department
Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department

Elected Officials:

Baldwin County Revenue Commission
Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

Other Agencies:

Board of Registrar's Office
Emergency 911
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

BA7 Consideration for Rescheduling Certain Baldwin County Commission Meetings in September 2019 and October 2019

[19-1576](#)

Adopt Resolution #2019-112 which approves the following:

1) The September 17, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Baldwin County Commission is rescheduled to instead, be held and conducted on Friday, September 20, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers in the Baldwin County Administration

Building as located at 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama.

2) The October 17, 2019, Road and Bridge Division Meeting of the Baldwin County Commission is rescheduled to instead, be held and conducted on Friday, October 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., in the Auditorium in the Baldwin County Central Annex Building as located at 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsedale, Alabama.

BA8 Optimist Club of Perdido Bay 33rd Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run

[19-1585](#)

Approve the requested route for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay's 33rd Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run on September 2, 2019, beginning at 7:25 a.m. and ending at 9:45 a.m. Said request will close a section of Perdido Street from the intersection of Widell Street to the intersection of County Road 99 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office will provide assistance for this event.

BC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

BC1 Alabama 200 Bicentennial Exhibition

[19-1561](#)

Take the following action:

1) Authorize the Chairman to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Daphne, a municipal corporation of the State of Alabama, as the Lessor and Baldwin County Commission as the Lessee for the Baldwin County Bicentennial Steering Committee to use the Daphne Civic Center on November 11, 2019, for the Alabama 200 Bicentennial Exhibition.

BD BUDGET/PURCHASING

BD1 Competitive Bid #WG19-35A - Purchase and Delivery of Pre-cast Concrete Restroom Building at the Bicentennial Park Located in Bay Minette, Alabama for the Baldwin County Commission

[19-1552](#)

Award Bid #WG19-35A for the purchase and delivery of pre-cast concrete restroom building at the Bicentennial Park located in Bay Minette to CXT, Inc., as listed below and authorize the Chairman to execute Contract:

Pre-cast Concrete Restroom Facility: \$50,000.00

Additives:

ADA Compliant Drinking Fountain: \$ 3,600.00

4-Gallon Electric Water Heater: \$ 350.00

Alternates:

Electric Hand Dryers: 2 x \$625.00 \$ 1,200.00

TOTAL \$55,200.00

Delivery Time: 90 to 120 days

BD2 Competitive Bid #WG19-38 - Provision of Hydraulic Mulches for the Baldwin County Commission [19-1553](#)

Award Bid #WG19-38 to the lowest bidder, Evans & Company, Inc., for the provision of hydraulic mulches as per the Award Listing.

BD3 Competitive Bid #WG19-39 - Annual Sand Removal, Sifting and Disposition of Sand from County Right-of-Ways onto the Beach on the Fort Morgan Peninsula for the Baldwin County Commission [19-1554](#)

Award Bid #WG19-39 to CrowderGulf, LLC, as per the Award Listing for the annual sand removal, sifting and disposition of sand from County right-of-ways onto the beach on the Fort Morgan Peninsula and authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract. (Effective date of Contract begins on the same date as its full execution for twenty-four months with a twelve (12) month renewal option).

BD4 Competitive Bid #WG19-40 - Provision of Emulsified Asphalt (Bituminous Materials) for the Baldwin County Commission [19-1555](#)

Award Bid #WG19-40 for the provision of emulsified asphalt (bituminous materials) to Blacklidge Emulsions, Inc., as per the Award Listing.

BD5 Competitive Bid #WG19-41 - Provision of Off-site Printing, Imaging and Mailing of Tax Notices for the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner [19-1557](#)

Award Bid #WG19-41 to the lowest bidder, Peregrine Corporation, for the provision of off-site printing, imaging and mailing of tax notices as per the Award Listing.

BH COUNCIL ON AGING

BH1 Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) - Host Agency Agreement [19-1568](#)

Approve the Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Host Agency Agreement between South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) and the Baldwin County Commission from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

BJ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)

BJ1 Provision of Fire Department Identification Cards by Baldwin County Commission through its Emergency Management Agency to Fire [19-1589](#)

Departments in Baldwin County

Approve the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to prepare and distribute standardized identification cards to all Baldwin County Firefighters to aide in preparation for response to major incidents. A draft copy of the ID card has been finalized for commission approval and is attached to the agenda item.

BK ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

BK1 Recycle Bin - Mullet Point Park

[19-1577](#)

Approve the removal of the Baldwin County owned and maintained recycle bin, located at Mullet Point Park in Fairhope, Alabama, due to dumping of materials other than recyclables from boaters and fishermen.

BL FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

BL1 Banking Services Award

[19-1571](#)

Take the following actions related to banking services:

- 1) Award the Baldwin County Commission basic banking services to Hancock Bank for a period of July 2, 2019, to July 2, 2022, at an interest rate tied to the 90-day treasury bill plus 0.10%; and the Commission's Earnings Credit Rate (ECR) a floating rate indexed to the Fed Funds Rate minus 0.50%. As of June 1, 2019, the Fed Funds Rate is 2.50%, therefore, the current rate would be 2.00%; and
- 2) Award the Baldwin County Merchant Services to Hancock Bank for a period of July 2, 2019, to July 2, 2022, with a discount rate of 0.0% and transaction fee of \$0.10.; and
- 3) Award the Baldwin County Commission banking services for idle funds up to \$20 million for a period of July 2, 2019, to July 2, 2022, to The First Bank of Baldwin County with the interest rate set at the 3-month Daily Treasury Yield Curve Rate Index (The Index) Plus 0.13% (The Margin), floating. (Interest Rate as of 06/03/2019 would be The Index of 2.31% + The Margin of 0.13% = 2.44%).

BM HIGHWAY

BM1 Authorization to Auction Three (3) Baldwin Regional Area Transit System Vehicles on Govdeals.com

[19-1579](#)

Approve Baldwin Regional Area Transit System (BRATS), through the Clerk/Treasurer, to auction the three (3) BRATS buses listed below on Govdeals.com at a minimum bid price of \$1,500.00 per vehicle with allowable bids in \$250.00 increments:

Vehicle # - 7

Vehicle Year - 2007

Vehicle Model - Freightliner
Vehicle Vin - 4UZAACBW07CY89116
Vehicle Type - RAIL
Mileage as of 04/2019 - 158,660
Tag# - 35980
Bill of Sale Date - 2/2/2007
Seat Capacity - 22
Condition - Poor

Vehicle # - 59
Vehicle Year - 2007
Vehicle Model - Ford
Vehicle Vin - 1FDWE35L17DB36569
Vehicle Type - MV
Mileage as of 04/2019 - 149,400
Tag# - 25206
Bill of Sale Date - 9/27/2007
Seat Capacity - 11
Condition - Poor

Vehicle # - 66
Vehicle Year - 2007
Vehicle Model - Ford
Vehicle Vin - 1FDWE35L87DB36567
Vehicle Type - MV
Mileage as of 04/2019 - 153,050
Tag# - 26684
Bill of Sale Date - 11/6/2007
Seat Capacity - 11
Condition - Poor

BM2 Highway Department (Area 100) - Purchase of a Vibratory Plate Compactor

[19-1580](#)

Authorize the purchase of a Vibratory Plate Compactor in the amount of \$7,550.00 with remaining Fiscal Year 2019 Equipment Capital Funds (Line Item 53111.5560).

BO PERSONNEL

BO1 CIS Department - Employment of Two (2) Communications Technician III Positions

[19-1547](#)

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the employment of Jordan Teague to fill the open Communications Technician III position (PID #5295) at a grade L-EL (\$20.723 per hour/\$43,103.84

annually); and

2) Approve the employment of Joshua Barr to fill the open Communications Technician III position (PID #5212) at a grade L-EL (\$20.723 per hour/\$43,103.84 annually).

These actions will be effective no sooner than July 8, 2019.

BO2 Sales, Use, and License Tax Department - Employment of One (1) Revenue Clerk I Position

[19-1525](#)

Approve the employment of Tracey King to fill the open Revenue Clerk I position (PID #5446) at a grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually) to be effective no sooner than July 8, 2019.

BO3 *Emergency Management Agency - Title Change for Assistant EMA Director

[19-1524](#)

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the title change of the Assistant Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director to Deputy EMA Director; and

2) Approve the position description for Deputy EMA Director.

BO4 Highway Department (Foley) - Voluntary Demotion of Employee into Laborer Position

[19-1526](#)

Approve the voluntary demotion of Cleophus Byrd from the Landscape Technician I position (PID #4042) grade G-12 (\$17.436 per hour/\$36,266.88 annually) in the Parks Department (144/57200P) to fill the open Laborer position (PID #910) at a grade E-18 (\$16.910 per hour/\$34,964.80 annually) in the Foley Highway Department (111/53113) to be effective no sooner than July 8, 2019.

BO5 Probate Office - Employment of Four (4) License Revenue Officer I Positions

[19-1529](#)

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the employment of Linda Kenser to fill the open License Revenue Officer I (PID #3017) grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually); and

2) Approve the employment of Tamatha Graves to fill the open License Revenue Officer I (PID #2092) grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually); and

3) Approve the employment of Kelly Mooney to fill the open License Revenue Officer I

(PID #757) grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually); and

4) Approve the employment of Zantaria Westerfield to fill the open License Revenue Officer I (PID #2097) grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually).

These actions will be effective no sooner than July 8, 2019.

BO6 Solid Waste Department - Personnel Changes

19-1530

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the employment of Nathan Shiver to fill the Solid Waste Technician position (PID #3020) at a grade G-EL (\$12.967 per hour/\$26,971.36 annually); and

2) Approve the promotion of Eugene Philyaw from the Solid Waste Technician position (PID #5230) grade G-11 (\$17.012 per hour/\$35,384.96 annually), in the Magnolia Landfill (54300), to fill the open Landfill Equipment Operator II position (PID #5390) at a grade H-10 (\$18.238 per hour/\$37,935.04 annually) in the McBride Landfill (54330); and

3) Approve the promotion of Matthew Harper from the Solid Waste Technician position (PID #5229) grade G-08 (\$15.806 per hour/\$32,876.48 annually), in the Magnolia Landfill (54300), to fill the open Landfill Equipment Operator II position (PID #509) at a grade H-07 (\$16.930 per hour/\$35,214.40 annually) in Biosolids (54205).

These actions will be effective no sooner than July 8, 2019.

BO7 Solid Waste Department (Eastfork Landfill) - Creation of Positions

19-1563

Take the following actions:

1) Approve the creation of a Landfill Equipment Operator IV position (PID #TBD) (grade J range: \$35,726.08 - \$58,489.60 annually); and

2) Approve the creation of a Landfill Equipment Operator II position (PID #TBD) (grade H range: \$29,631.68 - \$48,642.88 annually); and

3) Approve the creation of a Scale Attendant (PID #TBD) (grade G range: \$26,971.36 - \$44,231.20 annually); and

4) Approve the updated position description for Landfill Equipment Operator II; and

5) Approve the updated organizational chart for Solid Waste; and

6) Adopt Resolution #2019-110 amending the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Budget (Resolution #2018-118, adopted September 18, 2018) to authorize the movement of

\$61,153 from Solid Waste Fund - Fund Balance to Eastfork Landfill - Salaries.

These recommendations will cost approximately \$127,402.08 annually in salaries, and will result in a budget amendment of \$61,153.00 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2019.

BP PLANNING AND ZONING

BP1 Proposed Amendments to Statute Pertaining to Boards of Adjustment

19-1581

Authorize the County Commission Chairman to sign a letter to the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation requesting amendments to the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Enabling Statutes as they pertain to the Boards of Adjustment.

C PRESENTATIONS

CA GENERAL

CA1 Presentation of Life Saver Award by Sheriff Mack to Corporal Justin Correa and Deputy Kris Horn

19-1388

Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack appeared before the Commission and said it is good to be before the Commissioners this morning on a good note. He has some good reports and a couple of good stories to share with the Commission this morning. Sheriff Mack introduced Deputy Kris Horn and Corporal Justin Correa and asked that they join him at the podium. Sheriff Mack said today, he will present two Life Saver Awards on behalf of the Sheriff's Office to three Deputies. The Life Saver award is an award bestowed upon a Deputy Sheriff who literally saves the life of another or intervenes in a situation that saves the lives of others. Sheriff Mack said the two stories he will share with the Commission today literally happened in May and June. Sheriff Mack commented on the event on May 15th when Deputy Horn and Corporal Correa assisted the Town of Silverhill's Police Department on a med assist call and their use of the Automated Electrical Defibrillator (AED) during that call. Sheriff Mack presented the Life Saver award to Deputy Horn and Corporal Correa and congratulated them.

Sheriff Mack invited Deputy Horn back up to the podium and introduced Deputy Zach Dinkins and commented on events that happened on June 7th where the Deputies responded to a call of an attempted suicide. Sheriff Mack presented the Life Saver award to Deputy Dinkins and congratulated both.

Sheriff Mack said he will be back within the next month because since these incidents, Sheriff's Deputies have saved two more lives using an AED. The total cost to equip the Sheriff's Deputies with the AEDs was approximately \$75,000.00 which came from discretionary money the Sheriff's Office had from different accounts. Sheriff Mack said it was obviously money well spent in the fact that it has already saved three lives. Sheriff Mack said he wants to again congratulate the men for what they have done and the lives they have saved. He appreciates

all of the Deputy Sheriffs and all they do. They are, most of the time, the first responders that get to situations. Sheriff Mack thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Commissioner Ball said he reiterates his thanks to Sheriff Mack for what he does and for what his staff does. They are first on the scene and the frontline of protection for the County. In a world when police officers are under public scrutiny, these types of things are what he likes to share. Commissioner Ball said there is so much that is not shared, but when the Deputies save lives and the Commissioners receive good reports, it makes everything better in his mind. He is proud to be a part of Baldwin County and he is very proud to have Sheriff Mack as Sheriff. It is the entire Sheriff's Office team that makes this work, they are top notch. Commissioner Ball said hearing the stories has made his day.

Commissioner Davis said having a member of his immediate family in law enforcement, they are often first on the scene in a neighboring county. Commissioner Davis said he would like to tell the Deputies here and their colleagues out on the job how much the Commissioners appreciate not only what they do, but how they do it. He wished there could be more news of the good stories and less news of the things that are either misunderstood or incomplete. Commissioner Davis said he feels better every day in Baldwin County knowing the Deputies have the citizens' backs and the Commissioners' have the Deputies' backs.

Commissioner Underwood thanked Corporal Correa, Deputy Horn and Deputy Dinkins and said Baldwin County is a great place to be and because of them, they make it even better. Someone recently asked her why so many people were moving to Baldwin County and she replied it is a great place to live. She believes people feel safe here and it is because of guys like them and the fact that they are able to make the decisions Sheriff Mack spoke of. Commissioner Underwood said she appreciates them and knowing they are out there protecting the citizens makes everyone feel safe.

Chairman Gruber thanked the Sheriff's Office employees and said the Commissioners have a Sheriff's Office they are proud of. The staff cares about other people and that is what it is all about. The Sheriff's Office employees do a fantastic job. Sometimes, people are unhappy with the decisions they make, but they are there to assist the public. Sometimes it is not good and sometimes it is great like the incidents talked about today where lives are saved. Chairman Gruber said as Commissioner Davis stated, a lot of this never gets out to the public to show how good the County's law enforcement is. They are out there as frontline defenders and are most times the first ones there. Their quick response to these matters can save someone's life. Chairman Gruber said he appreciates them, and he feels Baldwin County has one of the best law enforcements around, bar none. It has good leadership and good people who are dedicated to their job,

they all do a fantastic job. Chairman Gruber thanked Sheriff Mack and the Deputies.

D PUBLIC HEARINGS

E COMMITTEE REPORTS

EA FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

EA1 Payment of Bills

19-1510

Motion by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to pay bills totaling \$11,867,396.79 (eleven million, eight hundred sixty-seven thousand, three hundred ninety-six dollars and seventy-nine cents) with the exception of Vendors 34 and 104, which are listed in the Baldwin County Accounts Payable Payments - July 2, 2019, for a revised total of \$11,866,665.11.

Of this amount, \$8,846,047.42 (eight million, eight hundred forty-six thousand, forty-seven dollars and forty-two cents) is payable to the Baldwin County Board of Education for its portion of the County Sales and Use Tax.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to pay Vendor 34 in the amount of \$128.47.

Vendor 34: Ball, James E. - \$128.47

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 1 - James E. Ball

Motion by Commissioner BillieJo Underwood, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to pay Vendor 104 in the amount of \$603.21.

Vendor 104: Davis, Joseph Lee III - \$603.21

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 1 - Joe Davis III

EA2 Notification of Interim Payments Approved by Clerk/Treasurer as Allowed Under Policy 8.1 [19-1511](#)

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, informed the Commission that the Baldwin County Commission Interim Payments - July 2, 2019, made by the Clerk/Treasurer totaling \$5,047,049.83 (five million, forty-seven thousand, forty-nine dollars and eighty-three cents) are a part of the record.

EB ROAD AND BRIDGE DIVISION

F ELECTED OFFICIAL REQUESTS

G OTHER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

GA ADMINISTRATION

GA1 *Baldwin County Board of Equalization - Submission of Nominees to Represent the Baldwin County Commission [19-1567](#)

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, said there is a replacement for Item GA1. As the Commissioners may recall from the last meeting, this item is for the Board of Equalization's appointments. The Commissioners provide three nominees to the State to serve on the board. During the last meeting, there were two names presented. Today, a third name has been added as a nominee.

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, in conformance with Section 40-3-2, Code of Alabama (1975), to nominate the following three (3) persons for consideration by the Alabama Commissioner of Revenue, with the approval of the Governor, for one (1) of said nominees to serve as a member of the Baldwin County Board of Equalization:

Nominee #1 - Mr. Ray Moore
Nominee #2 - Mr. Leland A. Baggett
Nominee #3 - Mr. Jimmy Junkins

Further, authorize all County Commissioners to sign the applicable nomination form (Official Report - Nominations for the County Board of Equalization - Term beginning October 1, 2019) for submission to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

GA2 Baldwin County Commission Promotional Items

19-1516

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to take the following actions:

1) Pursuant to the authority as set forth by Section 45-2-161 of the Code of Alabama 1975, adopt Resolution #2019-118 of the Baldwin County Commission which:

a) Appropriates and expends not more than \$5,775.00, from the "Commission Discretionary Fund," and in Baldwin County Fiscal Year 2018-2019, to purchase Baldwin County Promotional Items from BCC Discretionary Fund - 51990.5342 which purchase of said Baldwin County Promotional Items is, in the judgment of this honorable county governing body, worthy, in the best interest of the county, and will promote the economic well-being of the citizens of the county by and through the strengthened promotion of Baldwin County, Alabama, within and without said county's borders which will benefit the overall economic largesse of Baldwin County, Alabama, by advertising and promoting its resources, including, but not limited to, its recreational, industrial, seafood and agricultural industries; further, said increased promotion strengthening the furtherance of potential tourist activity benefiting the county's economy; and

b) Determines a public purpose will be served through the dissemination of the aforesaid Baldwin County Promotional Items to the general public free-of-charge in an effort to promote Baldwin County, Alabama, within and without said county's borders which will benefit the overall economic largesse of Baldwin County, Alabama, by advertising and promoting its resources, including, but not limited to, its recreational, industrial, seafood and agricultural industries; further, said increased promotion strengthening the furtherance of potential tourist activity benefiting the county's economy.

2) Related to the aforementioned, authorize the Purchasing Officer to issue a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$5,775.00 to The Promoter to accomplish the purchase of the Baldwin County Promotional items.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

After the motion and before the vote, Commissioner Davis said he visited the Alabama Visitors Center on his recent return trip from Florida. He has a bag of material for

staff to review in order to be consistent and continue to promote the County and all the County has that tourists and friends need to know about.

GO PERSONNEL

GO1 Commission Administration - Creation of a Public Information Coordinator Position

[19-1562](#)

Motion by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, seconded by Commissioner James E. Ball, to take the following action:

- 1) Approve the creation of a Public Information Coordinator (PID #TBD) (EC-07 range: \$44,476 - \$70,450 annually); and
- 2) Approve the position description for Public Information Coordinator.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

H COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

I ADDENDA

J ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, said the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Strategic Plan has been released. He and Wanda Gautney, Purchasing Director, have discussed this and there are some people who are interested. As this moves forward, he will keep the Commissioners informed on the progress of the RFP.

K COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Rebecca Gaines, County Attorney, said there is no report from the County Attorney, at this time.

Chairman Gruber said David Conner, County Attorney, is not here today. His daughter has some health issues and he had to take her to Birmingham this morning. Chairman Gruber asked everyone to keep her in their prayers and thanked Ms. Gaines for standing in for Mr. Conner.

Ms. Gaines said it is a pleasure to be here.

L ANNOUNCEMENTS

M PUBLIC COMMENTS

N PRESS QUESTIONS

O COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ball wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and said he is glad the Commission was able to give the employees an extra day off. He has received nothing but positive feedback from the employees who are appreciative of that. Commissioner Ball said the City of Bay Minette will have its fireworks display on Wednesday, July 3rd, at dusk at the new sports complex. This will give everyone the opportunity to go out and see them again on the 4th of July. Commissioner Ball encouraged everyone to have a safe holiday and prepare for traffic delays.

Commissioner Davis said he echoes Commissioner Ball's comments. He wants the public to be mindful of the people around them. The Golden Rule still works; if people treat others like they would like to be treated it would cover most of the things they are challenged by. Commissioner Davis said he wants to remind everyone about the upcoming Census. It is very important that everyone is counted in the County and the State because it will have an impact on the State and Federal funding. Baldwin County is the fastest growing county in the State and it is very important to make sure everyone is counted. Commissioner Davis asked everyone to remember what the 4th of July stands for and the freedom everyone has. If the citizens had someone to reach out and help them along, like he did, he encourages them to try to do the same thing. If everyone does that it will be an even better place here in paradise.

Commissioner Underwood said she is excited because it seems like it has been a week-long celebration for the 4th of July holiday. Her hometown of Summerdale started last Saturday night with a fireworks show. This allowed the residents to go to the "big" towns and cities to see the actual 4th of July fireworks. It seems like the 4th of July started a little early. Commissioner Underwood said when she thinks back to what the 4th of July really means, she realizes this is the country's independence, everyone is free. It is so great and she is proud to be an American. She has already attended some patriotic services and when she hears the songs, they give her "chill bumps." Commissioner Underwood said she is proud to be an American, where at least she knows she is free. Thank God for the United States of America.

Chairman Gruber thanked staff for their hard work in getting the agenda together. It does not seem like a big one, but it takes a lot of work to get it done. Also, staff was able to pull together the agenda for the next meeting. They usually have more time to do it. The next meeting agenda should be published by this afternoon. He thanked the Department Heads for quickly submitting their agendas. Chairman Gruber wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and asked that they remember its true meaning.

Chairman Gruber asked Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, to explain the traffic situation at the new Buc-ees.

Mr. Nunnally appeared before the Commission and said he and Chairman Gruber

talked yesterday after his phone call with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Mr. Nunnally said Buc-ees has been a complete success. It had one of the most successful thirty (30) day opening periods for any Buc-ees. However, with success comes challenges. The challenges that location is facing, is traffic. There has been so much traffic generated that it is backing up on County Road 68, which backs up on the Baldwin Beach Express, which backs up on Interstate 10. Over the weekend, the traffic was backed all the way up on Interstate 10 to Highway 59. There was also traffic back-up issues on Highway 287 in Bay Minette, getting off Interstate 65 on to the Gulf Shores Parkway. Mr. Nunnally said in his conversation with ALDOT he said creating the Baldwin Beach Express II would fix this. Staff is still pounding that message to ALDOT and is trying to get participation. He wanted to let the Commissioners know that with success and as the fastest growing county in the State there comes issues that staff has to deal with.

Chairman Gruber thanked Mr. Nunnally and said it is interesting and mind-boggling that one place could create that much traffic. A lot of the traffic is also due to people traveling to the beach. The County has some planning to do to work and figure out how to help solve the problem along with ALDOT, because it is both of their problems.

Mr. Nunnally said ALDOT and the County are working closely with Buc-ees to solve the issues. Some of the issues will be internal for Buc-ees to determine how to get the visitors in and out of the private property and off the road more efficiently. Mr. Nunnally said Buc-ees is running some scenarios to determine how to make it happen. ALDOT is discussing widening the east/south off-ramp. There are some things currently being discussed. Mr. Nunnally said most will either be done on Buc-ees' property or ALDOT's property. There will not be a lot done on the County's property. If there is, he will keep the Commissioners updated.

Chairman Gruber said this is something that the Commission will be interested in seeing what happens.

Commissioner Davis said he saw where Buc-ees is looking to either acquire or lease additional property to create additional parking. This will help get the people to and from the site and help with additional parking.

Mr. Nunnally said Buc-ees has purchased that property on the southside of County Road 68 that will create additional parking for its employees. He asked how many employee parking spaces this would be and was told there are 100 employees who work daily in the store. Mr. Nunnally said 100 spaces will be freed up when the employees start parking across the street.

P ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner James E. Ball, seconded by Commissioner Joe Davis, III, to adjourn the July 2, 2019, Baldwin County Commission Regular meeting at 9:07 a.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, BillieJo Underwood, and Charles F. Gruber
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Chairman Gruber said the July 2, 2019, Baldwin County Commission Regular meeting is adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles F. Gruber", written in a cursive style.