

Joint Milledgeville City Council and  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioners  
Called Council/Board of Commissioners  
Central Georgia Technical College  
54 Highway 22 West  
October 17, 2018  
10:00 AM

The Milledgeville City Council and the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners met in a joint called meeting on October 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Health Sciences Building of the Central Georgia Technical College located at 54 Highway 22 West. Elected Officials Present were Tommy French, Sammy Hall, Emily Davis, Henry Craig, Johnny Westmoreland, Mary Parham-Copelan, Collinda J. Lee, Jeannette Walden, Denese Shinholster, Walter Reynolds, Richard Mullins and Steve Chambers.

Others present were Mediator Ted Meeker, David McRee, Andy Welch, Brandon Palmer, Cindy Cunningham, Dawn Hudson, Barry Jarrett, Jimmy Jordan, Cedrick Davis, Wesley Orbitt, Raymond Dickie, Bo Danuser and Billy Hobbs.

Baldwin County Commission Chairman Tommy French called the mediation meeting to order on behalf of Baldwin County. Chairman French called roll with Commissioners Tommy French, Sammy Hall, Emily Davis, Henry Craig, and Johnny Westmoreland acknowledging their presence.

Mayor Parham-Copelan Called the meeting to order on behalf of the City of Milledgeville. The Clerk called roll with Councilmembers Collinda Lee, Jeanette Walden, Denese Shinholster, Walter Reynolds, Richard Mullins and Steve Chambers present.

County representatives Andy Welch and Brandon Palmer passed out information (Exhibit A) and Mr. Welch discussed the concepts of the Service Delivery Strategy and the Georgia Annotated Code Section the corresponded to the points he made. He stated that 33% of the revenue from the tax digest was generated from incorporated sources; he also discussed County funding of mutually beneficial departments like animal control and the library.

Mr. Welch discussed the next steps of action if a Service Delivery Strategy was not negotiated. He further stated that the County officials were there to mediate a good faith agreement beneficial to both governments.

City Attorney Jimmy Jordan stated that the City came with a good faith effort to negotiate funding equity and an agreement that would be beneficial to everyone. He further stated that a SPLOST agreement was important to get them all where they needed to be; if they could negotiate, they would be very close.

Meeting mediator Ted Meeker addressed the group giving his qualification for mediation. He stated that mediation was effective and didn't leave the outcome in the hands of a third party. He discussed the pitfalls of having to go to court as a result of failed mediation.

On behalf of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Sammy Hall to go into closed session to discuss pending or potential litigation. The County Clerk called roll with all commissioners voting in the affirmative.

On behalf of the City of Milledgeville, Councilwoman Denese Shinholster made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Richard Mullins to go into closed session to discuss pending or potential litigation. The City Clerk called roll with Councilmembers Collinda J. Lee, Jeanette Walden, Denese Shinholster, Walter Reynolds, Richard Mullins and Steve Chambers voting aye.

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners went into closed session at 10:21 AM in one room and the Mayor and Council went into closed session at 10:21 AM in another room. Both returned to open session at 5:03 PM.

On behalf of the City of Milledgeville, Councilman Richard Mullins made a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Jeanette Walden to reconvene in open session. The City Clerk called roll with Council members Lee, Walden, Shinholster, Mullins and Chambers present. Councilman Reynolds had to leave the meeting during the closed session due to a prior commitment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Shinholster and seconded by Councilman Mullins to adjourn the mediation for the day, to reconvene the negotiations in November and extend the Service Delivery Strategy deadline to June 30, 2019. The Clerk called roll with Councilmembers Lee, Walden, Shinholster, Mullins and Chambers voting aye.

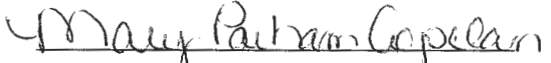
Councilman Chambers made a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Shinholster to adjourn. The Clerk called roll with Councilmembers Lee, Walden, Shinholster, Mullins and Chambers vote aye.

The called Milledgeville City Council was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

On behalf of the County, Commissioner Hall made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to adjourn the mediation for the day, to reconvene the mediation in November and extend the deadline of the Service Delivery Strategy to June 30, 2019. The County Clerk called roll with all member voting in the affirmative.

Commissioner Craig made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. The County Clerk called roll with all commissioners voting in the affirmative.

The Called Baldwin County Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

  
Mary Parham-Copelan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bo Danuser, Clerk