

# Baldwin County Georgia



## COMMISSIONER CRAIG & CHAIRMAN WESTMORELAND CELEBRATE RETIREMENT



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## County Commissioner Henry Craig and Chairman John Westmoreland Conclude Terms



Commissioner Henry Craig and Chairman John Westmoreland are concluding their terms on the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners at the end of December.

Commissioner Craig served in the United States Army for 20 years with multiple assignments in Asia, Europe, and the United States. His military specialties were armor, aviation, and electronic warfare. While in the Army, he flew fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Commissioner Craig's military career included combat duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, among many others. From 1988 to 2008, Chairman Craig was employed by Continental Airlines. During his airline career he was a pilot and captain on Boeing 727, Boeing 757, and Boeing 767 aircraft.

Chairman Westmoreland served for 37 years with Federal Civilian Service of the United States Air Force. He started his career as a WG-6 Preservation Packer within the Directorate of Supply. Westmoreland then changed his career path to become a Draftsman. Once into this field, he applied his skills as a draftsman and gradually moved through the administrative ranks into a supervisory position where worked for 20 plus years over the Design & Drafting Section at Robins Air Force Base. He retired in April 2002.

Henry Craig was elected to the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners in 2012. He served as the Chairman of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners from 2019-2022. Craig served on the ACCG Board of Managers, Executive Committee, Economic Development and Transportation Committee, General County Government Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, Policy Council, and Revenue and Finance Committee. He also served as President of ACCG in 2023. He received certifications through ACCG in County Operations, Economic and Community Development, Leadership Development, Public Safety, Quality of Life/Social issues, and Revenue and Finance, among others.

John Westmoreland was elected to serve as the District 5 County Commissioner in 2012. In 2016 was re-elected to his 2nd term as the District 5 County Commissioner, during which he was elected to serve as chairman. Westmoreland served on the ACCG Economic and Development and Transportation Committee, General County Government Committee, and Lifelong Learning Committee. He received certifications through ACCG in County Operations, Economic and Community Development, Leadership Development, Public Safety, Quality of Life/Social Issues, and Revenue and Finance, among others.

Baldwin County is deeply grateful to Commissioner Craig and Chairman Westmoreland for their tireless service and devotion to our community over the past 12 years. We are certain Baldwin County is a better place to live and work because of their efforts.

## 2024 County Paving Project Now Complete



We are pleased to share that the county's paving work for this year is now complete. Some punch list items remain to be completed.

Baldwin County paved 15 miles of roads this year. The county now looks to prepare its list for 2025.



# Baldwin County Transit Reaches New Milestone



Baldwin County Transit has reached a new milestone! They have officially surpassed 10,000 rides for 2024 thanks to much dedication on behalf of the staff over the years. Baldwin County Transit won a national achievement award in 2021 for the county's response during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners increased service levels during that time, which was the opposite of the national response from public transit providers. Baldwin County Transit did see a dramatic decrease in school and discretionary trips during the pandemic, but saw a major increase in medical trips. Transit saw just a minor decrease in ridership during the pandemic.

With the pandemic behind us, Baldwin County Transit is even more prepared now to serve the community. The county has two new buses and a spare bus. In addition, a metal shed was constructed on November 21st to keep sunlight off the sensitive electronic equipment on the dashboards and windshields when the buses are not in use.

The Public Transportation Department is dedicated to providing transportation to all Baldwin County residents in wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Please call 478-445-2941 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a pickup. For more information on this service, please visit our website via [this link](#).



## Baldwin County Awarded \$700K for Lead Service Line Replacement Project



Baldwin County, one of only seven counties in the state, received \$700,000 to replace galvanized water lines from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA).

This fund awarded a total \$36,690,559 in loan funding to 28 communities throughout the state for lead service line inventory and replacement projects. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

allocated DWSRF funding to help water systems complete lead service line inventory projects and lead service line replacement projects. BIL investment in the water sector includes \$50 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems.

Baldwin County has previously received a \$150,000 grant to inventory its galvanized lines. That project has started and is expected to be completed within the next few months. Baldwin County will then proceed with replacing the galvanized lines thanks to the additional funds received.

## County Breaks Ground on Real Time Crime Center



The groundbreaking ceremony for the Baldwin County Real Time Crime Center was held November 6th.

The advanced technology of this center will improve the community's safety.

# Baldwin County Human Resource Director Tasha Dixon Receives New Certification



Tasha Dixon is now a Certified Human Resource Manager. She received this certification through the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government in partnership with The Georgia Local Government Personnel Association.

Tasha has advanced positions within the county over the last six years and is now Human Resource Director.