

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 24, Regular Meeting, Commission Board Room  
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alan Bush Chairman	Joel Pate Vice-Chairman	Charles Brock	Todd Abbott	Lynn Gothard

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- I. PROCLAMATION - Deputy Woolover
- A. Call to Order - Chairman Bush
  - B. Invocation - County Coordinator Corbin/Chairman Bush
- II. PUBLIC HEARING - Special Exception (Type X) and Development Review - Intellicom USA, LLC., 250' Guyed Tower, 5008 Burns Lake Road, Caryville, Florida
- Buddy Robinson, Value Concepts, addressed the Board as a representative of Linda Worthington, property owner, and Greg Boyd, Intellicom Wireless, USA. The leased area is a 100 x 100 site, which is located 1400 feet off Burns Lake Road.
- Value Concepts is asking the Board for a waiver on the landscaping. The location, type of tower, and proposed different cellular companies to use the tower were covered by Mr. Robinson.
- Michael DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the board a 10 x 10 space has been reserved for the county, along with a space on the tower reserved for an antennae for Washington County.
- Mr. John Foster expressed concern about any assurance that the pine trees will be there in the future.
- Chairman Bush advised the property owner's wishes and the condition that if the trees were cut they would be replaced with some sort of vegetation.
- Mr. Larry Brown expressed concern about if the county owns any property in that area and if the location is best.
- Chairman Bush advised that he is unaware of any property the county owns in that area, except a boat landing.
- Michael DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board a neighborhood

information meeting has been held, as well as a public hearing. The Planning Commission is recommending approval with conditions.

Chairman Bush closed the public hearing.

- III. ADOPT THE AGENDA - Commissioner Brock asked that the Department Re-Organization Chart removed from the consent agenda.  
**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to approve the agenda with the removal of the re-organization chart.**
- IV. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES  
March 19, 2014 - Workshop Meeting  
March 20, 2014 - Regular Meeting  
**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to adopt the above minutes.**
- V. NON AGENDA AUDIENCE - Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that "members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission." Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the board.

Attorney Goodman read a statement in reference to the non-agenda portion.

- Mr. Olack passed on speaking
  
- Mamie Justice addressed the Board in reference to the cost of grading being too high.

Chairman Bush advised the fees have recently been changed to \$50.00 for 30 minutes and \$100.00 for an hour.

- Ethyl Brown addressed the Board in reference to her property on Sylvania Road. She expressed concern of her driveway being washed away for the fifth time in 20 years.  
She also thought it was written since there are two active

churches on the road it would be paved.

Chairman Bush advised County Coordinator Corbin to go look at the property.

- Isaac Brown, Sylvania Road, addressed the Board in reference to roads with active churches taking priority to be paved. Chairman Bush advised that he is not aware of any policy that reflects that.
  
- Eddy Mosley, Monroe Sheffield Road, addressed the Board in reference to digging a pond out, which is located on his property in order to re-route drainage. Commissioner Gothard advised Eddy Mosley that she and County Engineer Knauer would check into his issue.
  
- Larry Brown, Monroe Sheffield Road, addressed the Board in reference to drainage issues that is causing his driveway to be washed out. He suggested the dirt that has washed down be transferred to his driveway but he was advised that the County does not provide that dirt anymore. Commissioner Abbott advised Larry Brown that the law is if the County digs the dirt, the taxpayers have an expense in it. The law is legally that cannot be done. Chairman Bush advised Larry Brown Commissioner Gothard and County Engineer Knauer would be available to check out the issue. Commissioner Brock advised Larry Brown giving spoil dirt is the Board's policy.

Hal Gore offered to answer any questions the Board may have on his bus shelter proposal.

County Attorney Goodman addressed Hal Gore that he does not have all the information he has requested to have a discussion on the issue.

- Eddie Davis addressed the Board in reference to 3157 Gainer Road, in reference to an ongoing drainage problem due to a culvert not functioning properly.

Chairman Bush closed the non-agenda portion of the meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for March 2014 totaling \$1,223,597.21
- B. Special Exception (Type X) and Development Review - Intellicom USA, LLC., 250' Guyed Tower, 5008 Burns Lake Road, Caryville, Florida
- C. Approval of the Washington County Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017
- D. State Aid Library Grant Amendment
- E. Proposal to Change Insurance Year from January 1 - December 31 to October 1 - September 30 to coincide with the budget year.
- F. Department Re-Organization Chart

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item F. per the request of Commissioner Brock.**

Chairman Bush called a 10-minute recess. 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order. 10:18 a.m.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

- Blue Lake - County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board of a quote to lock and key Blue Lake for \$41,000.00 or turn it into a pole barn for around \$8,000.00.

The Board discussed past revenue received, expense, elevation, and insurance options on Blue Lake.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to convert Blue Lake back to a pole barn, which would get rid of the potential health hazard. He suggested looking for funding sources to rebuild the building located**

further up the hill.

**Commissioner Abbott suggested the septic tank needs to be removed because it is in a flood zone.**

- Guardian Ad Litem - County Coordinator Corbin addressed the Board in reference to the letter of request received from Guardian Ad Litem to move to the blue house, located on Campbellton Hwy.

Chairman Bush suggested holding off on this in order to leave all options open for the recent change that has went on with the courthouse.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to table the issue above until May 2014.**

- Property Donation - County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board there is \$1,094.00 owed on the property located at Quail Hollow, which is 6 acres. He advised the Board it would be beneficial to accept this property.  
He does not see any benefit in the county accepting the other property.

Attorney Goodman advised the Board Wells Fargo is trying to donate the property, as is, which is typical. There is about \$1,200.00 in taxes owed on the property. It would be done quitclaim deed.

**Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to accept the property donation as well as proceeding forward with the donation agreement.**

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the second property referenced borders wetlands.

Mike DeRuntz, Senior Planner gave the Board an overview of the

property. The property would be good to be included in the county mitigation bank.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to accept the donation property and proceed with the donation agreement.**

The property donation parcel# is 5363-0006 - Poplar Drive.

Renaë Rountree, Library Director advised the Board she approached the Vernon City Council at the cities meeting with a list of repairs.

County Attorney Goodman, County Coordinator Corbin, and Renaë Rountree are going to meet with the mayor in order to review the health and safety of the building.

Renaë Rountree, Library Director advised the Board that Washington County has been approved to receive a grant through the American Library Association and The National Development for Humanities.

The name of the grant is Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry, which is about the decibel situation. The grant is for \$1,200.00, July 8, 2015.

- Reorganization - Commissioner Brock asked if the County is financially able to hire a Building Official. Commissioner Abbott responded, advising Commissioner Brock the funding is not there.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the current Building Inspector works on an as needed basis.

Commissioner Brock expressed concern about the Building Department being under the Building Official.

Marla Hayes, Human Resource advised the Board it is difficult for one person to be over 15 departments. The object is to make things better.

Commissioner Abbott clarified with the Board this change at this point is not including any wage increases.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to approve the reorganization chart. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Brock voting no.**

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the insurance agent has been bid out, with correspondence being received.

#### VIII. COUNTY ENGINEER

Baxter's Asphalt - County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the prices would be held until the projects are ready. The project overview had some errors.

Chairman Bush addressed the County Engineer Knauer on the final pay request language that was used, which should not have been. He also brought up the cost for Dorch Circle was excluded.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he spoke with the County Grants Coordinator who crossed out the text final and initialed it.

Falling Waters Road - County Engineer Knauer advised the Board of a recent community meeting that was held on Falling Waters Road. The entire project is around 1.2 miles with a cost to fix correctly of \$650,000.00. If the amount applied for in the grant is not approved, the most critical parts of the project will be addressed.

Commissioner Abbott advised the Board that he instructed the Road and Bridge Department to dig some ditches in order to alleviate some

of the water out of a resident's yard.

County Engineer Knauer and Commissioner Abbott discussed Falling Waters Road drainage issues.

Dallas Carter advised the Board to be careful on the scope of work listed in the PW.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board if the grant were approved, he would apply to FEMA for an alternate project on that specific PW.

Commissioner Brock brought up the safety of the hill on Falling Waters Road and the timeframe on approval of the grant.

Commissioner Brock addressed County Engineer Knauer in a pond located on Sylvania Road being backed up on a residence house.

County Coordinator Corbin and County Engineer Knauer agreed to go look at Sylvania Road.

Chairman Bush asked County Engineer Knauer to look at Joanne Hasty's area in reference to ditches.

The Board discussed drainage issues on Sylvania Road.

County Engineer Knauer offered to do a survey and provide a plan to re-route the water.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board in reference to mosquito pellets.

Lynne Abel advised that they do not have those on hand. The funding is based on mosquito count.

The Board discussed pumps for the drainage issue.

- IX. COUNTY COORDINATOR - Spoke earlier in the meeting
- X. CLERK - Clerk Bazzel addressed the Board in reference to starting the budget process. He expressed concern about the budget being transparent.

Contracts - Clerk Bazzel advised the Board the contracts are not located in one location. The goal is to have contracts scanned.

Fixed Assets - Clerk Bazzel advised the Board he is working on identifying assets.

Commissioner Brock asked the Board who has the authority to enter into contracts.

Clerk Bazzel advised the Board enters into contracts and the Clerk is the records custodian and Chief Financial Officer.

County Attorney Goodman recommended to the Board that all contracts come before the Board for approval.

- XI. CLERK - None

- XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY - County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the amount approved for the courthouse should be known by May. The architectural service are going to have to be re-bid, as well as considering construction manager.

Washington County received a positive verdict on the summary verdict in the Hal Kirk v. City of Vernon v. Washington County case.

County Attorney Goodman advised Commissioner Gothard per her request he will schedule an executive session to update the Board on Sunny Hills Volunteer Fire Department and Boat Lake in May or June.

XIII. ADJOURN - Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by  
Commissioner Pate and carried to adjourn.

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

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Chairman Bush