

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
August 28, 2014 Regular Meeting - Commission Board Room  
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

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

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I. PROCLAMATION – Major Brown

Chairman Bush, Commissioners Pate, Brock, Abbott, and Gothard were present at the meeting. Also attending were County Attorney Goodman, County Coordinator Corbin, Tammy Kelly, Executive Assistant to Harold Bazzel, Clerk Ad Interim, and Deputy Clerk Brantley. Harold Bazzel, Ad Interim was not present.

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush
- B. Invocation – County Coordinator Corbin/Chairman Bush

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard and carried to adopt the agenda.**

AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 1. Asphalt – Commissioner Brock
- 2. Spoil Dirt – Commissioner Pate
- 3. Fire Coordinator – Commissioner Gothard
- 4. Contract – 911 Equipment – County Attorney Goodman
- 5. Agreement Proposal with JRA – County Attorney Goodman

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA – **Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to adopt the agenda with the above additions.**

III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

July 22, 2014 – Budget Workshop  
July 23, 2014 – Budget Workshop  
July 24, 2014 – Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2014 – Special Meeting  
August 13, 2014 – Regular Meeting

**Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brock and carried to adopt the above minutes.**

IV. 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.

There were no comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for July 2014 totaling \$1,835,696.89
- B. Washington County School Board Half Cent Sales Tax to be placed on general Election Ballot
- C. State Housing Initiative Partnership Program Annual Reports
- D. Adoption of an MOU and Proclamation to make Washington County a Florida Paddling Trail Blueway Community
- E. Equestrian Center Park, 2610 Daniels Lake Road, - Cell Tower Lease Agreement Negotiation
- F. September Workshop Date Change to September 22
- G. Recommendation for Unifirst to provide Washington County with all uniform needs
- H. Grain In Aid Agreement for Courthouse Facilities
- I. Life Management Invoice for \$11,479.07

**Commissioner Pate offered a motion to adopt the consent agenda.**

Commissioner Brock questioned if the proposed area had been looked at. He suggested the cell tower not be put in a location that would affect the property if the county ever decided to sell the property.

Mike DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the agreement at this point is only for negotiations.

County Attorney Goodman clarified consent agenda item B to the Board. Item B should be resolution for Washington County to place the half-cent sales

tax/surtax on the November 4, 2014 election ballot. Recommendation is approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Brock suggested a half cent to be placed on the ballot for Emergency Services.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board is only acting as a procedural mechanism. He advised he would report to the Board in September on an emergency half-cent sales tax.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board on previous discussion of an MSTU or MSBU for Emergency Services.

**Commissioner Brock seconded Commissioner Pate's previous motion to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.**

- Public Works – Johnny Evans suggested the Public Works department purchase five dump trucks and two graders.

The Board discussed the resale value/resale plan.

Commissioner Brock brought up the fact that bush cutters are worn out.

Johnny Evans advised the Board the plan is to bid the purchase of the trucks and graders.

Commissioner Gothard requested Johnny Evans come back before the Board providing price and equipment projected to sell.

County Attorney Goodman advised the options are to mass bid or purchase off state contract.

Dallas Carter advised the Board the State would not allow leased trucks to

haul with the county fleet because things can get confusing. The PW can be contracted out only.

Dallas Carter advised the Board the invoices for Live Oak have to be submitted for reimbursement per a letter received from Bill Cleckly.

Commissioner Abbott commended Public Works on their recent milled asphalt work on Dragon Fly Lane and Kutchins Mill Road.

## VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- Washington County Public Library Read 2014 Recap – Renae Rountree went over the summer program, marketing, and the adult reading program. She advised the summer reading program results are sent to the state.

Commissioner Abbott suggested a community sign.

Renae Rountree advised the library is checking into collaborating with the TDC to advertise on their website next year.

- Local Housing Assistance Program – Kathy Ahlen, Regional Planner West Florida Planning Council suggested to change the following:
  - In reference to purchase assistance, change the maximum award from a tiered award to a maximum of 10,000.00 for any unit that applies for assistance
  - Mobile homes are a category of eligibility housing along with an applicant that is assisted under the strategy is ineligible to receive additional ship funding during the lien period that is assigned to the specific property
  - Emergency housing strategy would assist very low and low-income families
  - Change from a grant to a deferred payment loan for a five-year period that is forgivable at a rate of 20% each year over the five-year period as well as being loaned at a 0.00% interest rate

- Assistance eligibility where previous assistance has been received from another entity

Commissioner Abbott suggested including any known liens

Chairman Bush advised to leave some of the language in place

Commissioner Gothard questioned on purchasing assistance in reference to homeowners eligible to reapply for further assistance after the current loan period.

Commissioner Gothard clarified that purchase assistance could be given for a home, issue a lien, and after that lien is done an individual can request purchase assistance again

Kathy Ahlen advised rehab assistance.

Kathy Ahlen advised that in reference to moving mobile homes, Florida Statutes state that cannot be done, which she is appealing.

Chairman Bush advised that he is in agreement with all the changes that were discussed at the workshop that were brought back today, with the exception of funds being used to move a mobile home.

Kathy Ahlen clarified with the Board that they do not want to include the part about limiting the funding but to state any known.

Chairman Bush advised that is good wording.

Kathy Ahlen received confirmation that the Board would like to use SHIP funds to assist purchasing brand new mobile homes, repairing mobile homes per the state statute, but not for moving them. This can be included in the county/staff policy.

Kathy Ahlen advised the Board they can accept the recommended changes and she can come back before the Board in six months.

**Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brock and carried to accept the recommendation by Kathy Ahlen and Northwest Florida Regional Planning Council to adjust Washington County policy to reflect their recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board and County Coordinator Corbin thanked Kathy as well as the West Florida Planning Council for the work they have provided.

- Variance Request – Maximum Digital Sign Area – Mike DeRuntz, Washington County Senior Planner advised the Planning Commission has reviewed the variance request and has recommended approval. The Planning Commission requests to keep it as a special review because of the individual locations of signs.

Chairman Bush advised The Department of Transportation has previously reviewed for safety measures and concerns. The City of Vernon recommended approval via a letter.

The Board discussed the variance request.

Mr. Griffin spoke on the ordinance, on premise signs, and billboards.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and unanimously carried to approve the variance.**

-Variance Request – Minimum Side Building Setback Requirement – 354 Crystal Lake Drive, Chipley, Florida – Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner –

Michael DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the above variance for Crystal Lake Drive. At the planning meeting, the Planning Commission was advised that there were objections to the variance request.

Michael DeRuntz provided a review of the area for the Board as well as the property owner's property that objected to the variance.

There was discussion among the Board and Mr. DeRuntz in reference to the variance request.

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board in reference to the variance request. Jeffery Williams addressed the Board in reference to the variance request.

Cory Davis addressed the Board in opposition to the variance approval.

Regina Espy, landowner, addressed the Board in reference to the variance that she has requested.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to deny the variance based on the neighbors/adjoining property owners disputing the variance.**

Mr. DeRuntz requested they need to meet the 10-foot side yard setback for health and safety reasons as per the land development code be included in the motion.

Commissioner Brock requested Mr. DeRuntz follow up on the enforcements that have been done in violation of the variances. He requested to know if violations have been torn down.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Bush called a 10-minute recess. 10:42 a.m.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in reference to a previous request of him to draft the outline of a resolution in reference to funds being appropriated to a certain economic development project.

County Attorney Goodman went over the resolution. The resolution includes a plan to use the funds that will come due December 2015 to get the project pipe property back in the hands of the county. The second goal is any funds remaining after project pipe property has been obtained would be set to go toward economic development. On an annual basis the excess of the \$96,000.00, which is unpledged from the project pipe buy back will be held in a line item, which would be held by the Clerk of Court. The Board has the final approval of the funds being spent.

The resolution is set to be in effect until changed by another Board.

County Attorney Goodman read the draft resolution.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate to accept the resolution.**

Chairman Bush expressed concern about not losing sight of what industry may be looking for due to the concrete property already being somewhat developed and possibly available.

He also suggested not acknowledging the property in the resolution.

County Attorney Goodman offered to amend the resolution removing the property out of it. He advised in 2008-2009, the Board made a promise to repurchase the property.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the previous contract with the Board and Pipe Co. would be dealt with it.

Commissioner Abbott suggested the need to prepare for future growth. County Attorney Goodman suggested to remove (a) and include that a proposal with respect to any monies that are coming forth.

Commissioner Gothard advised she likes the way the resolution is currently written.

Commissioner Abbott advised that is not what he sees when he reads it.

Terry Ellis addressed the Board and advised that he is comfortable with the resolution whether modifications are made to it or not.

Commissioner Brock advised the Board he is in support of economic development and will continue his support.

Chairman Bush advised he supports the idea but not with the current wording.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board that the resolution will read without mention of project pipe, and the \$96,000.00 and change will include allocation for economic development purposes. The economic development group or the Board can appropriate the funds on the pipe project or any other project.

**Commissioner Abbott amended his previous motion to strike the counties desires to enter into negotiations with the concrete company to purchase real property being located with parcel# 00-1044-003.**

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board he is going to strike purchase of real property, which is section 1(a).

Commissioner Abbott advised he is good with that change.

The motion carried unanimously. 5 – 0

Spoil Dirt – Commissioner Pate addressed the Board that spoil dirt has to come out of the roadside ditches. If that is the way it will be done, he offered to make a motion.

Commissioner Gothard asked how much each person would be given.

Commissioner Pate advised as much as they get out of their ditches. If you get it out of the ditches and it is clean, go ahead and do that but if you go in and get it and it is not mixed up with two different soils that is not ditch dirt.

Commissioner Abbott advised the Board has talked about the issue previously this year. The attorney has advised the Board of the law. The law says that if you put any expense from the county into it, which would be digging it out, you cannot give it away.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board the issue in Florida is giving away something of value to a private individual for private purposes. He advised the Board of their options.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board of their options.

County Attorney Goodman advised in reference to Commissioner Pate's motion, if the Board is going to clean the ditch, the Board needs to make the determination the dirt that is being left for public use/private use is essentially worthless/spoil dirt. The determination needs to be made that it is cost effective. Even if it is spoil dirt and it is moved from one end of the county to another, there is a cost there.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, that ditch dirt/spoil dirt, each resident in the county that calls in and gets on a waiting list can have dirt delivered by request when the county is working in that area are allowed two loads per year.**

**Commissioner Gothard seconded the motion. She clarified that it is two loads per year, per resident, and only the dirt that is pulled out of the ditches.**

**County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board that part of the motion was the Board has made the determination the spoil dirt that is being pulled is essentially worthless.**

Dallas Carter addressed the Board if it is not worth anything, why are people requesting it.

Roll Call Vote

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| Commissioner Gothard | Yes |
| Commissioner Abbott  | No  |
| Chairman Bush        | No  |
| Commissioner Pate    | Yes |
| Commissioner Brock   | Yes |

**The motion carried 3 to 2.**

Chairman Bush clarified the policy will be two loads per year, per parcel.

Commissioner Brock advised it is a residents 911 address.

County Attorney Goodman suggested the dirt policy be updated in the county policy.

- Asphalt – Commissioner Brock requested the material money be changed from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for the year 2014-2015.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried for material money to be moved from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for budget year 2014-2015 to come out of FEMA funds. The motion carried unanimously.**

- Fire Coordinator – Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board for the past 14 years fire department discussions in reference to coordinating has been before the Board with nothing being identified as to what the Board wants to do.

Recently the fire marshal came before the Board, did courtesy inspections, and was very blunt about there being serious problems with the fire service in the county. There is currently Coordinators for Emergency Management, EMS, and 911. There are 11 fire departments with more than 100 volunteer firefighters that do not have a coordinator to coordinate services, bulk purchasing, standards compliance, liaison to the Board, and someone that is knowledgeable in the fire department field. The fire departments deserve the same leadership that the rest of emergency services have in the county.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board after meeting with Johnnie she found there is a little over \$64,000.00 in the fire fund, which is where the Board previously charged \$250.00 if the fire departments went out. It was stopped because of a law change. The funds have been sitting for years.

Commissioner Gothard requested the Board hire a fire coordinator,

which would be county wide. He would work with the fire chiefs, liaison to the Board/Sheriff, if that is decided upon at some point. He would look at those issues that the Fire Marshall brought up, while finding a way to coordinate some of the services and how some of those things can be done in a timely manner.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion to use the \$64,000.00 to hire a fire coordinator per the county salary scale that would be a department head. The coordinator would report to David unless/until the Board goes with the Sheriff. The money from the fire fund would fund the coordinator for the first year. The funds can be budgeted the next year or the coordinator will save enough money to cover his salary for the next year.**

Marla Hayes addressed the Board per Tuffy Dixon there is a grant that will help to pay a portion of the salary.

County Coordinator Corbin advised it is for a year.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board in the future she plans to offer stipends to the volunteer firefighters. There has to be somebody in charge bringing the fire departments in compliance.

Chairman Bush asked Major Brown if there had been talk between him, the Sheriff, and the fire department about a fire coordinator.

Major Brown advised not as of yet. The subject has come up as well as he thinks the Sheriff and Commissioner Gothard have discussed it but there have been no long-term discussions or anything concrete. The main goal is get to the MOU and contracts done.

Attorney Goodman provided the Board an update. There was a meeting an estimated six weeks ago with the Sheriff, his staff, and a member of one of the fire departments to discuss the first draft of the MOU. After the meeting, the Sheriff indicated he did not want to take the fire departments until the annual contracts are negotiated.

There was a meeting with the fire association and themselves last week. The feel of the conversation was open, and straightforward. County Attorney Goodman advised the Board it is his intention unless the Board directs him otherwise to negotiate the annual funding agreement with the association members with the help of the Sheriff and his staff as well as negotiating the MOU with the Sheriff.

The next anticipated step is a meeting with the Sheriff, his staff, and a representative of the fire association to negotiate as a whole.

If the Board proceeds forward with a fire coordinator, there has to be some clarity on how the coordinator is going to interact if the Board proceeds with handing the fire departments to the Sheriff.

Chairman Bush advised the Board that the one thing that he has heard from the fire departments is they did not have the opportunity to speak. It should be something that is discussed to determine what their needs are before filling a position. It would also be good to have discussion with the Sheriff's Department to determine where the reoccurring funds might come from for the position rather than a one-time event.

Commissioner Abbott advised he was not clear on the motion.

Commissioner Gothard advised the motion is to hire a fire coordinator that would be a county employee that would coordinate with all of the fire chiefs in the area, and help them get in compliance. If the Board does the MOU, just like Clint or Randy Truette, they would move over to that just like the two that have already been sent over there. If at some point the Board decides the Sheriff does not want to do it and the Board would like to take it back then it would be pulled right back over. There would be Coordinators for EMS, 911, and Fire that would work for the county.

Chairman Bush asked where he would be housed.

Commissioner Gothard advised that would have to be worked out.

Commissioner Brock asked if the Board is in a contract with the Sheriff to switch management of the Fire Department. Could the fire department stay under the county?

Commissioner Abbott advised yes.

Commissioner Brock addressed the Board he supports a fire coordinator position.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board he was the only commissioner that was against placing the fire department under the Sheriff in the beginning due to it being the county's responsibility.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board they previously approved to send EMS, 911, and Fire to the Sheriff. The E-911 and

EMS was done separately which was approved around April/May.  
The fire negotiation is different.

Commissioner Gothard asked Commissioner Abbott if he feels if the Board hires the Fire Coordinator the fire departments should be kept under the county.

Commissioner Abbott advised he does.

County Attorney Goodman advised the first issue being, is the Board going to rescind its motion on advising him to get the fire department under the Sheriff. Currently that motion is effective. If the Board is going to do this, they should get the fire departments back and then make the motion.

Commissioner Abbott addressed County Attorney Goodman that he has provided the Sheriff different drafts of the MOU, but he has not been responsive.

County Attorney Goodman advised that is not correct. He has been responsive.

The Sheriff did not want to take it incomplete but for the change over to be clean. He wanted the MOU with them done as well as an MOU with the individual fire departments re-done and did not want it done without the county's support.

Commissioner Abbott advised his reason for making that statement is because, he knew the contract had been handed to the Sheriff and the Board was waiting to hear something at the following board meeting but did not hear anything.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board of the draft timeline.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion to rescind the motion to send the fire departments to the Sheriff, which will keep the fire departments in the county.**

Chairman Bush advised it shows instability on the Board to go back and forth. Initially the transfer was done without the fire departments input, per the fire department. Once it was understood, there was only one fire department that addressed him with displeasure of the move.

He advised he feels the Board needs to keep the fire departments wishes in mind.

Commissioner Gothard advised Chairman Bush a year ago the Fire Marshall visited the Fire Chiefs in Wausau to advise them of the new rules. Nothing has been done, a year later.

The Board is taking the liability.

The Fire Marshall has come before the Board and advised there are serious problems. It is the Boards responsibility to manage that.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board he feels when the Board voted to give the fire departments to the Sheriff they were taking something that appeared to be a problem, because the Board did not want to manage it and handing it to him.

Chairman Bush addressed Commissioner Abbott that he does not

agree with that.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board he felt the Board was taking emergency services and putting them underneath the person that manages the bulk of the emergencies and has the structural ability to manage those resources. That has been the problem with the fire departments.

Commissioner Brock suggested the Board was passing the responsibility to the Sheriff when the Board is responsible.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board the first time he has met with the fire departments was the week prior to this meeting and it is clear there is a communication gap between The Chiefs Association and the Board. It is imperative to have a continued line of contact/communication.

Commissioner Abbott advised the way he sees it structured is the Coordinator would work for the Chiefs.

Commissioner Brock spoke on the percentage being less than it is greater of certain fire departments making most of the calls. Several fire departments do not make calls but they receive the allotment and use it as they want.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board the state mandates says the County Commissioners are responsible to provide fire service for Washington County, not the Sheriff. The Board has no jurisdiction for the Sheriff.

In his opinion, if he were going to be responsible for it, he would like

to have input over it. He feels the same way about addressing, and EMS.

Lynne Abel addressed the Board she feels it is important the Board understand that policies need to be set in place and followed. Policies set in place that is not followed ties everybody's hands. If the Board is responsible, the Board makes the policy and then the Board follows the policy, which makes clear lines to work with. It is when the lines are blurred, as they have been, is possibly, why the Board is not seeing any progress. The fire chiefs are united in some opinions and realize there are changes that need to take place.

Chairman Bush referenced the fire coordinator not being discussed at the workshop. The fire chiefs have not had an opportunity to speak from the last workshop to now.

Commissioner Brock asked Major Randy Brown to speak.

Major Brown addressed the Board with all due respect, the Sheriff is not here and he does not want to step on his toes and say things that he would perhaps like to say himself if given the opportunity. He did agree to take the fire departments because of his love for his community. It did not add any funds to the Sheriff's budget, or anybody's salary.

The other two entities that have come under the Sheriff Department made a smooth transition. With respect to the decision of the Board, certainly he or the Sheriff would respect that.

In reference to if the Sheriff would like to see a fire coordinator hired, he feels the Sheriff's first priority would be to help the employees in the county that have not had a raise in 6 – 8 years.

Commissioner Abbott spoke on what he feels the responsibility of the Commissioners is for the emergency departments.

Chairman Bush brought direction back to the motion made previously by Commissioner Gothard.

**Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion.**

County Attorney Goodman clarified the motion was to rescind the vote to take it back to the Board.

**Roll Call Vote –**

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| <b>Commissioner Gothard -</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Commissioner Abbott -</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Chairman Bush -</b>        | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>Commissioner Pate -</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Commissioner Brock -</b>   | <b>Yes</b> |

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion to hire a fire coordinator and pay him out of the fire fund at the salary that is set for department heads.**

County Coordinator Corbin addressed Chairman Bush they do not currently have a classification for a coordinator and would have to come up with one.

Marla Hayes advised they could do that.

Chairman Bush asked Deputy Clerk Brantley if she was familiar with

the \$64,000.00 that Commissioner Gothard referenced.

Commissioner Gothard advised it is in the fire services fund.

Chairman Bush clarified the position would be one time unless funding is found.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board it will fund him until next year. If the Board chooses for the following year, it can be budgeted.

Chairman Bush clarified the motion is to hire a fire coordinator at the department head level with the monies that will come out of the \$64,000.00. There is no reoccurring budget being addressed and it will be initially funded from the \$64,000.00 in fire services, which will report to David.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board all the cost for that position would need to come out of the \$64,000.00.

Commissioner Gothard clarified the motion is to hire a fire coordinator.

**Commissioner Brock seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote –**

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| <b>Commissioner Gothard -</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Commissioner Abbott -</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Chairman Bush -</b>        | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>Commissioner Pate -</b>    | <b>Yes</b> |

**Commissioner Brock -**

**Yes**

VII. COUNTY ENGINEER –

Cliff Knauer, County Engineer advised the Board that bids have been taken on zones 1 – 5. They are set up for 120 days substantial completion and 30 days to complete punch list items.

Zone 1 Bids – C.W. Roberts \$641,839.16, Roberts & Roberts, Inc., \$445,915.90, GAC Contractors \$812,488.08, and NFL Construction \$635,994.32.

Zone 2 Bids – C.W. Roberts \$286,261.20, Roberts & Roberts, Inc. \$168,455.90, GAC Contractors \$361,024.76, and NFL Construction \$230,245.41.

Zone 3 Bids – C.W. Roberts \$1,033,713.50, Roberts & Roberts, Inc. \$520,770.30, GAC Contractors \$1,028,131.25, and NFL Construction \$964,332.25.

Zone 4 – C.W. Roberts \$1,037,640.95, Roberts & Roberts, Inc. \$761,301.94, GAC Contractors \$1,350,024.45, and NFL Construction \$1,225,463.92.

Zone 5 – C.W. Roberts \$807,222.84, Roberts & Roberts, Inc. \$581,808.50, GAC Contractors \$926,131.68, and NFL Construction \$834,219.20.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to accept the low bid on all five zones, which is Roberts & Roberts, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.**

Truck Rental/Lease – County Engineer Knauer advised after making contact with FEMA he was advised Washington County's PW's are written for

aggregate surface by the cubic yard and they were not written up as force account. If the county would like to rent trucks by the hour, the pay would still be \$27.00 per cubic yard.

County Engineer Knauer advised he would get the information in writing.

Falling Waters Road – Drilling has been done on Falling Waters Road, and soil testing is currently being done. At a minimum 12 inches below, the base will have to be excavated because there is more clay than sand. The legals for the right-of-ways are currently being worked on.

#### VIII. COUNTY COORDINATOR –

County Coordinator Corbin requested two representatives to view the Van that the county helped purchase for the Veterans Service in Tallahassee.

Chairman Bush advised to work it out.

Burnt Stock Landing – County Coordinator Corbin requested the Commissioners attend in representation of the county.

County Website – County Coordinator Corbin advised he is currently working on the website and planning to get RFQ's.

Marla Hayes advised the Board Pat Thomas Insurance Agency advised the premium for automobile and property came in \$24,193.00 under last year. In addition, Pat Thomas will present the Board with a check for \$20,330.00 for a refund for the current year.

Open enrollment went well.

Sexual harassment training is scheduled for 9/17 at 10:00 and 11:15.

MOT Training – The fee will be waived for Washington County this year which is a \$150.00. Normally the price is \$160.00 but they are allowing it to be done for \$115.00 per student. The potential dates are 10/10 and 10/17. It is 16 hours and will be done in two Fridays.

Commissioner Brock requested the court order that mandates the sexual harassment training.

Marla Hayes advised there is not an ending date.

County Attorney Goodman advised Commissioner Brock the Board could petition the court to amend the order to allow the discontinuation.

- IX. CLERK – None
- X. DEPUTY CLERK – None
- XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY –

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board Clint Erickson, E 911 has requested to purchase items for E 911. The request is made through a purchase agreement.

Mr. Erickson addressed the Board in reference about the grant applied for to upgrade dispatch equipment.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard and carried unanimously.**

JRA Proposed Contract – County Attorney Goodman went over the proposed contract with the Board in reference to exhibit C., which covers fee for services. The agreed upon fee is 6.7%. The fee is \$609,307.00.

County Attorney Goodman recommendation is to approve the contract and compensation schedule.

Jim, JRA advised the Board the additional services that will be providing that are usually flagged as outside the basic fee by DMS is security, communications technology, signage, and graphics.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brock and carried to approve the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.**

Jim, JRA advised the Board that a phase 3 environmental has to be done, which will determine the extent of contamination that is at the site.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board he is delivering a letter to Ted Everett requesting the CRA consider giving grant assistance for the demolition of the old jail.

XII. ADJOURN

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Chairman Bush and carried to adjourn.**

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

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Minute Approval Date