

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 22, 2014 Workshop - Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

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

I. PROCLAMATION – Deputy Smith

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

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

1. Lease Trucks – Section – County Engineer – Commissioner Brock
2. Easement Abandonment by the County between the County and Robert and Norma Keller – Chairman Bush
3. Equipment Purchase – County Attorney Goodman
4. Spool Mill Road – Commissioner Brock – County Attorney Goodman advised he will address under his section

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

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- Design of State Highway 77 – Wausau Segment – Tim Smith, P.E. District Consultant Project addressed the Board in reference to the State Road 77 by-

pass project. The Department of Transportation has done some reevaluation in reference to the different alignments on the road. Recently the left side was looked at and cost savings were discovered to the Department as well as the taxpayers for \$10 million. At this time, nothing has been set. The alignment through town will be evaluated as well. A public hearing will be scheduled in the future where graphs and through-town options will be presented.

Commissioner Gothard addressed Mr. Smith in reference to the previous public meeting that was held, which she attended. She asked if property had been purchased for the right-of-way.

Mr. Smith advised no property had been purchased.

Commissioner Gothard addressed Mr. Smith in reference to The Department of Transportation suggesting the plan was set at the public meeting, when attendees asked them to consider a change. She asked why The Department of Transportation has decided this is not the best solution this far into the project.

Mr. Smith advised they are not saying that it is not the best decision. They have discovered that Florida Gas and Transmission is on both sides, which is a huge impact to the project. When the PD&E was first done, they did not know the impact would be millions. An agreement signed with FGT a couple of years ago essentially changed everything.

Commissioner Gothard asked how much money had been spent on a section of the project.

Mr. Smith advised Commissioner Gothard he does not know.

Commissioner Gothard expressed frustration at how at the meeting Florida Department of Transportation had advised the project had been studied and things were final.

Chairman Bush clarified that a study was what possibly suggested routing it back to the west side, as well as the bridge savings.

Mr. Smith advised the Board environmental impacts were an issue as well.

Chairman Bush suggested the east side would be better than the west side.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the Department consider using the road through 77 as a one-way and maybe building something the other way in a different location. She asked if all four lanes have to be together.

Mr. Smith advised they are looking at four lanes being together.

Chairman Bush asked what speed limit they are trying to maintain.

Mr. Smith advised 65 mph.

Commissioner Gothard expressed concern about the Town of Wausau being done away with. That is why she requested FDOT consider the straight way through Wausau being two of the four lanes. Does it have to all be together?

Mr. Smith advised during the PD&E they looked at the one-way pavers, the separation of it but there was no support of that.

Commissioner Brock clarified that Mr. Smith meant no support through town.

Mr. Smith advised that is correct.

Commissioner Brock addressed the Board he understand the different sides. He spoke on the roadway expansion that has gone through Vernon and took away the town. He is not sure if politics or money savings is the drive of the change.

He thought the road was going to the east side.

Scott Golden, District Design Engineer addressed the Board the road still can go east. The study that was done showed \$13 million in savings to go west. There might be an opportunity to lower the speed limit down to 45 mph typical section.

The purpose of them attending the meeting is to inform the Board they want to make the best decision possible for everyone in the county. Looking at \$13 million on a \$25 million dollar project is a substantial amount of money.

Where they stood with Florida Gas Transmission when the PD&E study was done versus today is completely different. Florida Gas Transmission has more authority when it comes to their right-of-way than Florida Department of Transportation. They are governed by federal laws and have eminent domain authority that super cedes the states in the domain authority.

If you build a bridge over an underground gas line, you will end up with a bridge out of nowhere with people wondering why they are driving over it.

Chairman Bush advised he is thankful there will be another public hearing.

Commissioner Abbott asked how significant the bridge would be if it has to be built.

Mr. Golden and Mr. Smith advised it would be 16-foot clearance.

Commissioner Abbott advised the savings being looked at is around 50%, which is significant to the taxpayers.

Mr. Golden addressed the Board they have a lot more information today, than they had 10 years ago.

Chairman Bush asked the Department of Transportation to come back before the Board after the public hearing.

Tim Smith advised they could do that.

Commissioner Pate asked Mr. Golden how many studies have been done in that area.

Mr. Golden advised the only thing they planned to go back and look at through the evaluation is the east, west, and through town issue. There was a one-way pair issue under the original PD&E that was not received very well by the public, which was the reason they discounted that one-way pair option. They have a little more flexibility on their design now than four to five years ago. He would like to look at tightening the speed to a 45 mph typical, in order to see if they fit that through the downtown area, without wiping it out. There are many historical places in Wausau.

It is not all about money but when you see a potential 50% savings on a project it is worth a second look.

Commissioner Gothard asked what year was the public hearing where the route was not well received.

The Department of Transportation employees advised 2006.

Commissioner Gothard advised she does not remember hearing about it but she does plan to get the word out this time.

- Manufacturing Month Proclamation – Ted Everett advised the Board this is coming from the Northwest Florida Regional Manufactures Council. In October, the Governor is going to declare October as a Florida Manufacturing month. They are requesting County Commissioners approve the 2014 Proclamation.

The Board approved to put the above on the consent agenda.

- Legitimacy of the Poplar Head Fire Department – Myron Pierce, Five Points Volunteer Fire Department Chief, addressed the Board when the Sheriff took over 911 he was provided a map per request that went back to around 2003. They said that Poplar Head was not legitimate. He provided the Board history of Poplar Head and his request to become a sub-station several years prior. His request was voted down years ago by the Board. During the last seven years, they have been responding to fires. He requested the Board vote that Poplar Head is a sub-station of Five Points.

Chairman Bush asked Mr. Pierce if he was being dispatched.

Mr. Pierce advised he is. The last map that he asked for he was told he is not legitimate.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board on the history Mr. Pierce spoke on, per board minutes. Originally, Orange Hill Water and Soil Conservation gave Mr. Pierce a pole barn in 2006 that he planned to use as a sub-station to store some equipment. At some point, he donated land and money that was going to be used to enclose the pole barn.

At some point, he needed \$15,000.00 to complete the pole barn. The sheet of

paper that Mr. Pierce passed out that shows the motion passed for \$15,000.00 was in reference to completing the building. There were some issues about permitting. Mr. Pate's name was mentioned in the Board minutes. December 2007, the motion failed to allow Poplar Head to be a substation for Five Points.

Commissioner Brock addressed the Board that he knows that Poplar Head was approved for a sub-station and advised that he attended the ribbon cutting. There was \$15,000.00 needed to finish the building. It was after 2008.

Mr. Pierce advised that he received the money in 2006. He was having trouble with the first inspector.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board the issue before them now is Mr. Pierce would like the funding maps changed. The minute history show the Board voted Mr. Pierce down to create the substation. The official map was never changed.

She advised the Board she knows the lines on the map have to do with the funding formula. The funding formula is based on the land area, addresses, population, and the volunteers, which are within those lines.

Mr. Pierce addressed the Board they looked at the funding formula and voted that down. Chipley would get another \$8,000.00, and Five Points, \$5,000.00. All through it was voted and he said he would run both stations from the funding he receives from Five Points. He can do it as long as his budget is not cut.

Commissioner Gothard clarified that the fire chiefs are who voted it down. The fire chiefs are a Board of the Board of County Commissioners. The group cannot make policy. It is a policy issue, where the Board needs to decide if

they would like to have another sub-station.

She advised that she is not saying she is for it or against it. The lines do affect the funding formula of the other departments.

Mr. Pierce advised he is running two stations on the funding he receives. If the funding formula was changed, Chipley, and Five Points would be affected but it was voted down.

Poplar Head is not a station on its own.

Chairman Bush asked Mr. Pierce who receives the funding for the area Poplar Head currently serves.

Mr. Pierce advised that Chipley receives the majority of it. Chipley has the most land area that they gave up. Wausau and Vernon gave up some as well. All the way through they have always called it a sub-station.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board he does not understand why Poplar Head is not legitimate. They are dispatched, funded, and provide service to the resident's.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board per the Board minutes, the Board voted them down.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board they voted last meeting to hire a Fire Coordinator and this would be a great job for him to get straightened out. Voting on it right now is not going to change anything Mr. Pierce is doing.

Mr. Pierce asked the Board if they want to tell all those people they have lost their fire insurance.

Commissioner Gothard advised they are not doing anything right now. He is

staying where he is.

Mr. Pierce suggested the Board tell the Sheriff.

Commissioner Gothard addressed Mr. Pierce that he did not create the map. The map was never changed because of Board action in 2007. The motion was denied to create the fire station.

Commissioner Gothard addressed Mr. Pierce that he is currently running without action of the Board. He can continue to do so without action of the Board until they have staff to make a recommendation.

Mr. Pierce asked the Board if he could continue running when the Sheriff has said that he is not legitimate.

Commissioner Gothard clarified that the Sheriff is dispatching Poplar Head and the issue is about a map. They have not changed their protocol for Poplar Head.

Mr. Pierce advised the Board he needs to be legitimate or he needs to close down.

Chairman Bush and Commissioner Brock advised they have no problem supporting Mr. Pierce.

County Attorney Goodman thanked Mr. Pierce for the service he provided the last seven years.

He advised the Board it would be prudent at some point to have the Sheriff or his staff to tell the Board why they are taking the position they are.

The Board approved to put the legitimacy of Poplar Head Fire Department on the agenda.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board he would like to hear from the Chiefs.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the inmate crews did a lot of work at Poplar Head Fire Department.

- 2014 Rural Works Program – Michael J. DeRuntz, Washington County Senior Planner addressed the Board each year the Board of County Commissioners makes a recommendation to the Regional Planning Council on the Rural Works Program.

He went over the roads listed in the five-year plan. Using the roads that are in the capital improvement plan the 2014-2015 proposals were created for the rural works program.

The Board agreed to put the 2014-2015 rural works proposal on the consent agenda.

- State Aid to Libraries Agreement – Renae Rountree, Library Director requested the Board include the agreement on the consent agenda. The additional funds of \$22,000.00 will be spent on items related to infrastructure.

The Board agreed to put the agreement on the consent agenda.

- DR-4177 Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – Lynne Abel, Public Safety Director advised the Board the Hazard Mitigation opens up when there has been a declared disaster in the state. The roads that are being looked at are portions of Gainer and Olie Road for draining projects. She requested approval for Cliff Knauer, County Engineer to complete the application for funding.

County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board that Williams and Rufus Road PW cost were significantly less than the cost on Olie and Gainer Road. He advised the Board he will need survey data and would provide the Board with a proposal later.

The Board approved to list approval for County Engineer Knauer to complete the application on the consent agenda.

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Update – Lynne Abel, Public Service Director advised the plan is due for review the summer of 2015. In the past DSI has done, the work and she requested that remain the same. She provided the Board with two quotes, one from DSI, \$4,500.00 and from Blue Sky Emergency Management Consulting, \$5,250.00.

The Board agreed to include the above on the consent agenda.

- Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy – Karen Shaw addressed the Board the Florida Department of Transportation has requested certain items in order to continue receiving funding for LHAP projects.

Karen Shaw advised the Board she submitted herself as the liaison.

The Board approved to include the Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy on the consent agenda.

Chairman Bush called a break. 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order.

- IV. COUNTY ENGINEER – Spoke further down in the meeting.
- V. COUNTY COORDINATOR – Spoke further down in the meeting.
- VI. CLERK

SunTrust Bank Debt Rate – Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in

reference to the SunTrust Bank Debt, which one being a taxable debt and the other a non-taxable debt. In October 2014, the bank had the ability to call the debt due to the way the loan was written. SunTrust has indicated that it was not their intention to call the debt, but to let the debt proceed forward as is. The Board needs to make a decision on whether to enter into a fixed rate on the tax-exempt debt portion or continue with the variable rate. If the Board chooses the tax exempt with the fixed rate, the payments are going to increase because the fixed rate is higher than the variable rate. There is also the security of knowing what the rate is over the next five years. Internally there has been discussion on leaving the taxable debts at the current variable rate but expedite payment on the taxable debt, which is around \$1,100,000.00. There is a \$100,000.00 as well as \$10,000.00, which SunTrust is currently holding in an account. The funds can be applied toward the debt.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board they might want to consider retaining a financial advisor to monitor the loan, especially if the Board chooses to go with a variable rate.

Bill Bogan suggested to the Board to retain a financial advisor. If the Board chooses to go with a fixed rate that would mean an additional \$70,000.00 per year, which is \$350,000.00 over five years. There was \$118,000.00 that is in SunTrust bank, which is not located on the books. It can only be used for debt. There is currently funding in the debt service fund. He suggested the Board apply \$400,000.00 and pay the taxable debt down, which would allow the payments to be accelerated on the taxable debt in order to get it paid off quicker. This would leave around \$200,000.00 in the debt service fund, which would allow the Board to be able to have monies to apply toward the interest rates should they increase. It is currently at 1.95%. If the variable rate does not increase to 3.3%, the Board is saving money. Historically the rates have not increased that quickly.

Mike Diehl, addressed the Board the rate is not like the variable rate mortgage, where it can only increase so much over the life of the transaction.

This actually goes back to a publicly traded bond issue that was out in the market and there was an economic collapse. The bank stepped in to help where they set up a program to essentially stay with the same amortization schedule that is stretched out over 20 years. The transaction that was originally set up was on a taxable piece and a non-taxable piece, which has to do with how the proceeds of the bond issue were to be used under certain IRS rules. Logically, it made sense to use the proceeds to be paid on the taxable debt first because that had the higher interest rate was the more expensive of the two. All the dollars have been directed reducing that particular debt burden. There is a tax-exempt piece, which principle amortization does not kick in until 2016.

The bank has agreed to roll over the loan for another five years, October 2019. The smaller of the two loans is where all the amortization has been occurring, estimated to be paid out 2016. Then you would change over to the tax-exempt loan. There was an extended interest only period on the tax-exempt portion. It was structured that way when the bank inherited it. It is a business decision for the county to consider changing from a variable rate to a fixed rate. The bank is indifferent.

Bill Bogan suggested getting the taxable debt paid off as well as hiring a financial advisor on retainer to watch.

Mike Diehl suggested the Board have a financial advisor. The \$118,000.00 is from funding that was left from the 2009 transaction, which is in a debt service fund that can only be spent on a return of the subject debt.

Bill Bogan advised the Board due to a billing issue the County was underpaying the loan, which is an issue that has been fixed.

Commissioner Abbott suggested to apply an additional \$120,000.00 to the loan, which would leave \$100,000.00.

Bill Bogan addressed the Board it is their decision and the Board has to decide their level of comfort.

If the Board hired a financial advisor on retainer that would be around \$5,000.00 - \$12,000.00 depending on whom it is. A good financial advisor will make contact just before it happens.

Mike Diehl advised he was not involved in the restructuring of the loan.

As the Board goes forward the amortization schedule can be sped up, but it would take some amendments to existing bond documents. There is no penalty as long as the Board stays in the variable rate mode. The amendments will cost due to some legal expenses.

County Attorney Goodman suggested the best option would be to leave it as is throughout all the options. If the Board is going to stay with a variable rate, he asked the Board to hire a financial advisor.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board she favors option 1.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board he feels comfortable leaving \$100,000.00 in the fund and hiring a financial advisor to provide them a report every month.

County Attorney Goodman clarified with the Chairman the direction is to 1) stay with the variable interest and paying as much toward the loan leaving \$100,000.00 in reserve, 2) prepare a RFQ for a financial advisor.

Commissioner Abbott advised he would like the financial advisor to look at all the finances.

County Attorney Goodman advised he would prepare a motion that includes the exact number to pay down, leave the variable rate as is, and prepare an RFQ for a financial advisor.

Chairman Bush advised to include the SunTrust loan on the regular agenda.

Commissioner Abbott asked if funding was included for financial/CPA in the Clerk's budget.

Bill Bogan advised no. There was funding included for a CPA that would work in the capacity that he is working in, but not a financial advisor. It was also included for handling assistance with fixed assets and other post-employment benefit requirements.

The County is required to file an arbitrage rebate calculation with the IRS as long as they have the outstanding debt. Those monies normally run from \$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00.

- EASEMENT - Chairman Bush addressed the Board in reference to an easement between the County and Robert and Norma Keller. Per the easement/agreement, the portion of right-of-way has been abandoned. The agreement states if the County abandons right-of-way for a continuous period of one year the property shall revert to the grantor free and clear from any and

all claims on the part of the grantee.

- HEALTHY WEIGHT COMMUNITY CHAMPION RECOGNITION PROGRAM – Karen Johnson addressed the Board the State Surgeon General has asked county health departments to inform county and municipal governments of an initiative called a healthy weight community champion recognition program. The county health department provides programs, such as Florida Clean Up, and Poof Day Plan.

The #1 cause of death for Washington County is cardiovascular disease.

Ted Everett advised the Board there is a program called “We Can.”

COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board they keep projects that are \$100,000.00 or less that are kept on the list in the event The Florida Department of Transportation has funds left over in the safety program.

Poplar Head Fire Department – Mr. Knauer advised the Board he was involved in time he donated to the fire department to do the structural design for the block portion of the building.

FRDAP – Florida Recreational Assistance Program, DEP grant will have funding available soon. There will be an application period during the beginning of next year.

Lucas Lake Road – County Engineer Knauer advised they are waiting on a notice to proceed from FDOT. When the notice to proceed is received, he advised he would like to reschedule the public meeting.

County Coordinator Corbin addressed the Board in reference to the notice to

proceed. There was wording in the FDOT contract that was not accepted. It is currently in the hands of the lawyers.

Commissioner Brock spoke on the contract price.

Karen Shaw addressed the Board the wording in the Boards contract stated if the bid amounts go over, the state would cover that amount. The state obviously cannot do that. Their attorneys are working on removing that language.

Roche Road – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board there was an estimated 95% attendance on the public meeting. Another meeting will be scheduled on Roche Road, when the notice to proceed is received.

Commissioner Brock addressed the Board it was set up for 2014, but the route it is going it will be closer to 2015. Lucas is set for 2015 but would be closer to 2016 or 2017.

County Engineer Knauer spoke on landowners that own both sides of the road right-of-way request change the layout of the road. The right-of-way plans cannot be finalized until the community meetings are held with everyone in agreement. At that point, the utility company can get involved.

The agreement for Wilderness, Roche, and Lucas Roads will be received at the same time.

Falling Waters Road – County Engineer Knauer advised an addendum is being done on the road 9/22/14 and bids are being taken on Wednesday.

Mudhill – The contractor was on site 9/22/14 patching, with a plan to finish

today.

LEASE TRUCKS - Commissioner Brock advised the Board he asked Cliff to get in writing that the county could lease trucks from a contractor to work FEMA with the county trucks and receive reimbursement.

County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board he received in writing from Steve Hyatt they would reimburse the county based on the unit prices that are in the PW.

Bid Projects – County Engineer Knauer advised everything has been submitted to FEMA to get approval in order to move forward with the notice of award.

Commissioner Brock asked how the financing portion is set up.

County Engineer Knauer addressed Commissioner Brock the contractor would submit pay request to the county, county pays the contractor, and wait on reimbursement from FEMA.

Chairman Bush suggested doing the projects in increments so the county would not put too much burden on itself.

Deputy Clerk Brantley addressed Chairman Bush that Deputy Clerk Odom had looked at the current funding and not all of them could be done at one time.

Chairman Bush asked if the PW's needed to be amended to reflect the work is being contracted out.

County Engineer Knauer advised that is what they have requested from FEMA as well as asking them to review the packages and make adjustments needed in order to issue the notice of award to the contractor.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board that she asked Deputy Clerk Odom if the Board had to draw out all funding in transportation immediately, how much would that be? The amount she was given was \$2,110,049.39. The monthly expenditures for public works are around \$360,000.00. She advised that she is unclear where the \$1,000,000.00 for the equipment and the \$2,400,000.0 for the jobs are coming from.

County Engineer Knauer advised that he had been under the impression the county could pay for the first pay request, submit for reimbursement, and by the time the next pay request was received, the reimbursement would be in.

The Board discussed the FEMA reimbursement process.

COUNTY COORDINATOR

- MSBU Assessment Roll – Mr. Corbin addressed the Board in reference to the MSBU assessment roll that the Chairman has to sign, which is a certificate. The Board has voted to approve the MSBU budget.

Billy Brock advised the Board he has compared last years to this year and there are no changes at the time. The Board has voted not to raise MSBU. As he understands, there is a conflict if the Tax Collector or Property Appraiser handles the assessment roll. The process is comparing the changed rolls from the Property Appraisers Office against last year rolls submitted to the Tax Collectors Office. If there are any changes on the Property Appraisers roll, they need to be added to the Tax Collector roll with the dollar figure in place.

Chairman Bush advised to put the above on the consent agenda.

- Fire Service Coordinator – County Coordinator Corbin advised the job

advertisement is complete for the Fire Service Coordinator. It will be advertised when the location of the funding has been identified. Per the resolution, the funding cannot come out from fire the fund.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board the contingency line item of the fire budget is locked down by resolution that can only be spent by certain people for certain things. The thought process is to hire a fire coordinator and let him look at all the resolutions.

County Coordinator Corbin would like authority from the Board to get the money and then work with the resolution and put the funding back wherever it is taken from.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board he would like to see the facts, figures, and where the money is coming from.

Commissioner Gothard asked the Board if the funding could come out of contingency until the resolution can be changed.

Commissioner Pate advised no, you could not take it out of contingency for salary.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the funding come from cash carried forward.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in reference to the fire budget historically rolling funding into the next year's budget that is split among the funding formula. There are different departments that have contingency.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board that she does not want to touch the money that the fire departments have set aside. The money she is referring to is taken off the ½ mil at the front end.

County Attorney Goodman advised he would try not to take any monies from this year from the fire departments.

At point, a determination was made that unspent contingency monies are rolled into the budget for the next year. That is what has been done historically.

Chairman Bush suggested funding the position before going through the interviewing process.

There was discussion about funds due from Pat Thomas Insurance Company.

Marla Hayes advised after discussion with finance that money could not be used, because the increased amount for insurance was not in the budget.

Commissioner Gothard clarified with Deputy Clerk Odom the funding could come from cash carried forward.

Deputy Clerk Odom advised in general.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board there is projected funding coming back from constitutional officers.

Marla Hayes addressed the Board on salary, which is a G-9 is \$20.29 per hour, with benefits it will be \$62,606.00 per year, a G-10 is \$21.90, which would be \$67,150.00 per year, and G-11 is \$71,708.00 per year.

Commissioner Brock suggested part-time.

Commissioner Pate spoke against using cash carried for job positions.

County Coordinator Corbin addressed the Board they voted on it so he will have to sit down with finance and find the money. Contingency or cash carried forward are the only two options he knows of.

Commissioner Brock spoke on hiring coming out of the fund of the department location.

County Attorney Goodman addressed Commissioner Brock that he anticipates the person that is hired will not only restructure the funding formula, other ways to pay for the position, and potentially a better way to use the ½ mil.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board that he would have liked the request to come from the fire departments for a fire coordinator.

Commissioner Abbott asked the Board to task County Coordinator Corbin to come back before the Board with a funding source.

Commissioner Brock spoke on getting the fire departments to do better in reference to their ratings.

Commissioner Abbott addressed Commissioner Brock the Commissioners are responsible for providing fire service for each household in the County.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board he wants the decision they make to be one that assists the fire departments.

Commissioner Gothard asked that the Board task County Coordinator Corbin to bring back a recommendation at the meeting Thursday.

Chairman Bush agreed.

Marla Hayes addressed the Board they have accomplished the job description and are ready to move forward when the Board gives the go ahead.

Chairman Bush asked what the classification should be.

Marla Hayes recommended G-10, which is \$21.90, \$67,000.00 yearly.

Marla Hayes also suggested starting at G-9, \$20.20 – \$21.90, allowing the salary to be based on qualifications.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board she would be comfortable starting at G-9.

County Coordinator Corbin recommended G-9.

- Juvenile Justice Rental of Old Guardian Ad Litem Building – County Coordinator Corbin requested permission to work with Juvenile Justice to rent office space.

Commissioner Gothard expressed concern about the income amount versus the county paying their utility expense.

Commissioner Abbott brought up cleaning is also provided by the Board to Juvenile Justice.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board she does not have a problem if they are receiving rent and paying the light bill but still coming out ahead. She has a problem when the taxpayers are paying over and above of what the rent

is covering.

County Coordinator Corbin suggested looking at all the agreements.

Chairman Bush advised to include the Juvenile Justice rent and the Fire Coordinator on the regular agenda.

Chairman Bush read Commissioner Pate's award he received from the Small County Coalition for outstanding work.

VII. DEPUTY CLERK

– 2015 Medical Examiners Inter-local Agreement – Deputy Clerk Brantley requested the yearly agreement be put on the consent agenda. The Board budgeted \$65,596.00, which is above. The agreement amount is \$62,004.00.

The Board agreed to put the above on the consent agenda.

VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Equipment Purchase – Dallas, Johnny, and David have worked on the specs with County Attorney Goodman working on the contractual portion. With respect to motor graders, the Public Works Supervisor suggested investing in John Deere. Beard Equipment Company provided the county with Florida Sheriff's Association of Counties bid contract. The cost for the motor grader with a 6 year, 7,500 hour power train hydraulic warranty, and Beard equipment one year travel time and mileage is \$203,163.50. The grader being purchased is a John Deere 670G motor grader.

The recommendation of Road and Bridge is to purchase three motor graders.

County Attorney Goodman discussed bids through the state contract.

Chairman Bush clarified the funding is there.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised there is a little over \$2 million, which would be half of it.

Commissioner Gothard clarified that included the \$360,000.00 per month.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board the Public Works Supervisor is also going to recommend the purchase of four MAC dump trucks, which is a little over \$1,080,000.00. With the dump trucks, the total will be around \$1,150,000.00. This is about \$70,000.00 short of what the Board allocated.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board he has no issues with it as long as the Clerk's Office/Board Finance is comfortable with the expense without jeopardizing the day-to-day operations.

Deputy Clerk Brantley asked Mr. Bogan if he wanted to speak.

Bill Bogan addressed the Board the transportation budget has revenue coming in next year that will be there to fund. There was only \$45,000.00 out of cash carried forward to fund next year budget. The rest of it was supposed to be coming in from tax revenues. There are still gas tax revenue and others that will be coming into that transportation fund to fund next year's budget. This money was coming out of the fund balance to fund the pieces of equipment.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board essentially where FEMA has reimbursed the County for the projects that have been done and the projects that are still to be done.

Bill Bogan advised that is correct. He addressed the Board that he had the

understanding some of the equipment would be traded in.

County Coordinator Corbin advised they have a plan they plan to produce.

Bill Bogan asked if it would be the \$1.5.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board it will not even be \$1,080,000.00.

Bill Bogan clarified that would be after the trade in is used. That was his understanding of where the money would come from but if it is somewhere different he is not aware of that.

Commissioner Gothard asked when the ad valorem money would start coming in.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised the end of November.

Bill Bogan advised it would be mid November, December. The state funding will be slow coming in right now because the state is closing their books. There is nothing to say that the negotiation of the purchase of the items cannot be done and have them delivered in November. The money is there but the question is how comfortable are you going to be trying to fund FEMA and other items. It may be that too many things are trying to be done at once. The Board may want to wait until November.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the trucks would not be in until an estimate of three months.

Bill Bogan addressed the Board if that is the case, by the time you order and they are received it should not affect public works.

Deputy Clerk Brantley asked if they are going to be ordered in this budget year.

County Attorney Goodman advised that he is expecting approval 9/25/14.

Chairman Bush addressed Bill Bogan that he has given him the assurance that he was looking for that they can go ahead. If there is no issue with the Board, he offered to put the purchase of the trucks and graders on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Brock questioned the finalized number of trucks.

County Attorney Goodman clarified the purchase is three John Deere motor graders and four MAC dump trucks.

County Coordinator Corbin clarified that is the recommendation of Dallas and Johnny.

County Attorney Goodman addressed Chairman Bush if there is no problem when it is ready for the consent agenda Thursday the figure will be closer to \$1,500,000.00 than it is \$1,080,000.00, which is what the initial estimate was.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board the funding when the equipment is sold will be coming back in the fund.

Johnny Evans addressed the Board there are three pieces of equipment at the yard that have not been moved in years that they would like to auction. The equipment consists of the pan, excavator, and shoulder machine. The excavator was a spare and would cost quite a bit to have back running 100%. There is nothing wrong with the shoulder machine but it is not being used. It

is not feasible for public works to use it unless they are building a road.

County Attorney Goodman suggested County Coordinator Corbin bringing a potential equipment list before the Board of equipment he plans to auction.

The purchase amount and specs will be ready for the meeting Thursday. The truck prices are around \$140,000.00 each.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board in reference to the motrim machines seeming to be broke down every week. He is not sure if this is something they could trade for or if they need to back off on the dump trucks/road grader and apply more money to that. He understands they are spending to the limit of their comfort zone.

Chairman Bush suggested keeping it as is. The tractors are fine but it is the motrim equipment that needs replacing. It is not a significant cost such as purchasing a grader. He would say to address it when the money from the trade-ins is received.

County Attorney Goodman clarified the purchase cost with Commissioner Gothard. He does have to go over some specifics on the warranty with Johnny.

County Attorney Goodman went over the process in getting to the purchase price.

Sunny Hills Lots – County Attorney Goodman advised the Board he was approached by Jim Palmer in reference to Sunny Hills lots the county previously bid. Mr. Palmer has a potential buyer that has brought an offer to the county on forty lots for \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott asked if the lots were the same size.

Mr. Palmer addressed the Board they are going to vary somewhat but the majority are the standard 80 x 125.

Commissioner Gothard addressed County Attorney Goodman she thought they could not accept offers.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board if they do, they would need to go back. He cannot hide an offer from the Board. If the Board plans to go forward, he would have to go through the process of getting it going again. He feels the bids could be prepared to attract better offers.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board he is interested in giving the lots away free if they could have them build on it within twelve months and get them on the tax roll.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board he was not overly excited about the bid.

Commissioner Brock advised to carry on.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board he would provide a letter to Mr. Palmer.

911 Addressing – County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board they were able to meet with the Sheriff staff. Clint Erickson, Mike DeRuntz, Commissioner Gothard, and County Attorney Goodman participated. The 911 addressing is currently in a mess. The issue was brought up with the recent request for an address change. It has been brought out that there are other

issues that need to be dealt with. One of the larger issues that need to be dealt with is the greens signs that are being distributed by the road and bridge department that are not being provided to 911 for their addressing purposes. The blue signs represent private roads and the green public roads. An issue the Board is going to cross is there are many people with green signs that he is not sure should be green but blue.

The Board needs to decide if how would like to proceed with the residents with green signs as far as changing them or grandfathering them in.

The Board held discussion on this issue.

Major Randy Brown addressed the Board as far as the Sheriff's Office is concerned is public safety and liability due to incorrect signage. Since this has been brought to the Sheriff Departments attention, Clint Erickson is currently riding the county looking to revamp the 911 system.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board the statute says that if you grade a private road a certain length of time it shall be deemed dedicated to the public.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board that they need to get a process in place where 911, county departments, and the County Coordinator sign off on a road name being issued.

Currently there is not a process in place.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board it is an internal process but when it is put into effect the Commissioners will be contacted. He did not want them to be blindsided.

The policy will be corrected and brought to the Board for approval.

The Board discussed a county maintained road list.

Commissioner Gothard suggested using a county maintained road list from road and bridge and comparing it to the 911 database.

Major Randy Brown advised the Board they have excellent equipment but the equipment is only as good as the information that is in the system.

Spoolmill Road – County Attorney addressed the Board in reference to Spoolmill Road per Commissioner Brock’s request. Dallas Carter advised County Attorney Goodman of his concerns in a meeting that also included County Coordinator Corbin, and Johnny Evans. Dallas expressed concern about a property owner that was going to give the county right-of-way. He wanted to ensure he had all of the adjoining property for what was going to be given.

The property owner is now not sure if he would like to give the property away.

Executive Session – County Attorney Goodman advised an executive session would be called Thursday.

- IX. **ADJOURN – Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved