

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Washington County, Florida**  
**1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Tray Hawkins Chairman	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 5 Steve Joyner
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I. PROCLAMATION

A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins

B. Invocation/Pledge – Johnny Evans offered the invocation, which was followed by the pledge.

Present were Chairman Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Abbott, and Commissioners Bush, Kent, and Joyner. Also present were Jeff Massey, County Administrator, Glenna Hammack, Chief Deputy Clerk, Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk, and Fuqua & Milton, P.A.

Agenda Additions – State Medical Examiner’s Commission Reappointment Letter – Chairman Hawkins

II. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Sale of County Owned Property in Sunny Hills – Brandi Lowery, Planning advised the board that James and Kathy Gesslein have submitted an offer of \$1,800.00 to purchase 0.3 acres of county owned property located in Sunny Hills. The location is Unit 2, Lot 10, Block 268, which adjoins their property. The offer price is the full assessed value per the property appraiser’s website. Four adjacent property owners were notified by mail in January in accordance to the ordinance. The board has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. If the board accepts the offer it is recommended that the county attorney prepare a quit claim deed with the purchaser bearing all cost at the closing.

The board agreed to add this item to the consent agenda.

B. State Grant Application for GIS verification and updates – Clint Erickson, E-911 Coordinator requested board approval to use Michael Baker International for GIS services and 911 translations for the project at a cost of \$66,950.00. They will identify data anomaly’s that fail with a validation check system. Approval is needed to submit the grant to the state.

It is requested that Data Mark be a sole service provider through the state for providing software as a service. The company is through Michael Baker International.

The board agreed to list this item on the consent agenda.

C. 2019 – 2020 Contract for 911 Dispatch Equipment located at the Sheriff’s Office – Clint Erickson, E-911 Coordinator addressed the board. The most recent grant application includes a new company, which will require a new contract to be signed for a year

beginning February 1, 2019.

The board agreed to list this item on the consent agenda.

- D. Support for Ms. Washington County Pageant – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. For qualification purposes for the Peanut Festival preliminary a letter is required from the county commission.

The board agreed to list this item on the consent agenda.

- E. Jimmy Jones Property and Cedar Tree Landing – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. A neighboring property owner to Jimmy Jones' property has installed a fence on the county right-of-way blocking Mr. Jones from his property. It is suggested to give Johnny Evans authority to have the fence pushed down by way of a road grader.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board the county has maintained the area for years.

Commissioner Abbott expressed concern about employee's safety.

Chairman Hawkins advised that when the fence is taken down two deputies' will be present.

This item is for informational purposes. There is no action needed.

- F. Wolf Preserve Parking Issue – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board in reference to Wolf Preserve parking on Roche Road. The county right-of-way is being used for parking, which is a safety issue. There is a county ordinance that prohibits this.

It will be researched to ensure there is an ordinance in place before any action is taken. If the ordinance is in effect, Ms. Pingitore will be advised to proceed with issuing a letter regarding the parking issue. If there isn't an ordinance, one will be established.

- G. Disparity in Gas Prices Between Counties – Tray Hawkins, Chairman asked if the board would approve of sending a letter of support regarding the price issue of gasoline in the hurricane stricken area versus other portions of the state. The letter should be sent to CFO Patronis, Senator Gainer, Attorney General Moody, Representative Trumble, and Representative Drake.

The board agreed. There is not action required.

- H. Medical Examiner Reappointment – Chairman Hawkins requested board approval for him to sign a letter of approval for Mr. Jay Radtke, MD to be reappointed as the medical examiner.

The board agreed to list this item on the consent agenda.

III. FEMA COORDINATOR – Keven Parker, Wheeler Emergency addressed the board on items regarding FEMA and debris pickup.

As complaint calls are received, they are being reviewed and a list is given to the company at night.

There have been several complaints on the south end of the county where it appears there are outer areas that have not been addressed as they should.

Over all the process is going well. As of yesterday 807,000 cubic yards had been picked up. The original debris estimate for Washington County was 1,500,000.

There has been issues with residents not having much right-of-way to put storm related debris.

DOT has said that they would not approve expenses where the debris isn't the appropriate distance from the right-of-way, which they consider private property.

The options are to send an e-mail to DOT asking for permission or the property owners can move the debris closer to the right-of-way. The negative with this situation is that a debris truck has to make multiple trips.

Chairman Hawkins expressed his dismay about illegal dumping, questioning how can the county enforce this issue.

If illegal dumping is witnessed the sheriff's office should be contacted.

Attorney Milton addressed the board. He is unsure if the general public is aware that commercial property construction debris is not eligible for FEMA. It will not be picked up.

Kevan Parker advised that vegetative debris shouldn't be put in bags. C & D can be put in bags because it is going to the landfill.

Commissioner Kent asked if commercial included rental property.

Kevan Parker advised that is correct, along with apartments, funeral homes, rental property; anything that is commercial.

The issue of private property has not been pushed at this time. There is too much debris on the road at this point.

Chairman Hawkins addressed the board. Some residents have questioned why Washington County wasn't issuing right-of-way forms.

The board should wait until the state approves it before issuing forms.

Commissioner Bush advised the board that they will have to specify a certain date in which the residents will need to have their debris by the road.

Commissioner Joyner commented that the amount of saturation in the ground has affected residents being able to move debris.

Kevan Parker suggested that the county will be dealing with debris the next six months to a year.

Private property debris pickup requires a separate file per parcel.

Expanded right-of-way is an option the board could consider. The resident will complete a right-of-way form and the parcel doesn't have to be tracked.

The board also needs to consider what debris is allowable once private property is accessed.

Kevan Parker advised the board that he will be addressing why some stumps within the same vicinity have a red mark on them, establishing approval and some don't.

#### IV. PUBLIC WORKS – Johnny Evans addressed the board.

1. Equipment Lease – Lease quotes on equipment discussed at the previous meeting have been made. The decision is to purchase a CAT loader and grader, and John Deere rubber tire excavator (\$227,510.00 + \$4,065.00). The price quote was for one with a front blade instead of four outriggers.

Commissioner Joyner expressed concern about the availability of parts being hard to obtain for Caterpillar.

Commissioner Abbott confirmed that the equipment will be leased for three years and purchasing the equipment can be addressed at the end of that period.

Commissioner Joyner suggested obtaining a statement from Caterpillar that they can furnish the parts for a term of ten to fifteen years.

Johnny Evans addressed the board. \$70,000 was budgeted in rentals and leases for the mixer. The three new pieces of equipment total \$126,549.00 for twelve months. A budget amendment will be required.

Chairman Hawkins advised to list the equipment lease and budget amendment on the regular agenda requested that County Administrator Massey provide information where

the funds are coming from.

Beavers – Johnny Evans updated the board. Thus far six beavers have been retrieved. Two on Beaver Road, two on Odom Road, one at the EOC, and one on Union Hill.

In excess of six pipes have been installed in the last week. The roads that have been opened include Gilberts Mill, Williams, Porter Pond, and Deltona. The only roads that remain closed are those that are completely under water.

Chairman Hawkins clarified that on Ratcliff, and Rolling Pines; that area is high due to the aquifer. There is nothing the county can do.

Commissioner Joyner suggested Lynne Abel send a letter to those in the affected area notifying them that the issue will likely happen again at some point and adequate preparations should be made.

V. COUNTY ENGINEER – Cliff Knauer addressed the board.

- A. Haley Drive is part of platted subdivision. When it was platted a 50' easement was platted through the ditch. The roadway is platted with a 40' right-of-way. The surveyors have provided a cost of \$2,500.00 for the survey from where it dead ends into the zone AE area, which is on the north end all the way to the ditch behind the resident's house. The estimated area is 2,000'.

Commissioner Abbott suggested the survey be done from where it begins in the subdivision; start at Brickyard and go across Allison (east side) where it lets out.

County Engineer Knauer advised that he would bring a survey cost for the requested area before the board.

- B. Foxworth – Right-of-way is needed. Surveying one mile would be \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott requested to do the survey from Clayton back to Joyner until the interstate is reached.

County Engineer Knauer advised that he would bring a cost estimate before the board.

Tony, Southeastern Surveying will also provide a cost for the survey.

Commissioner Abbott suggested Hutchinson may need to be included as well.

- C. County Engineer Knauer informed the board that NRCS has been authorized to open their Emergency Watershed Protection Program which has been used for fixing flooding and drainage issues. This only happens after a natural disaster declaration.

Projects are due February 7 by a one-page letter per project. County Engineer Knauer requested all suggestions be given to County Administrator Massey by Thursday.

- D. Buckhorn – The survey is complete and the next step is design.
- E. Old Bonifay Highway – Surveying will begin this week.
- F. Cope Road – Advertising for resurfacing is the next step.
- G. Bonnet Pond – Still pending.
- H. Obie – Awaiting the response from DOT on the budget amendment.

Chairman Hawkins advised to proceed to negotiate in the best manner possible shortly.

Commissioner Abbott advised County Engineer Knauer that Sunday Road has to be addressed regarding repaving.

- I. SCRAP and SCOP – County Engineer Knauer advised the board the projects are due March 22 and Sunday Road would be eligible as a resurfacing project.
- J. CIGP – Chairman Hawkins advised the board that he thought the River Road extension had been submitted to CIGP.

Commissioner Bush commented that River Road was initially submitted as a SCOP project.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that DOT doesn't have River Road included in their approved five-year plan.

- K. Culpepper – Army Core and DEP comments have been received and responded to.
- L. Legislative Projects – County Engineer Knauer clarified the projects are Greenhead, Twin Pond, and the end of CR 284.

The SCRAP project is Brickyard.

Sunday Road, and the missing link for CR 284 can be submitted for SCOP.

Commissioner Abbott requested County Engineer Knauer provide the previous cost he had given them for paving Sunday Road.

County Engineer Knauer advised if one was done he would provide it.

Ronnie Bell, Waste Management addressed the board provided them with a check for \$1,250.00 for the Think Green Grant to enhance recycling education.

VI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- A. Probation and Parole Lease – The current lease is effective through 2020. The rental payment is \$3,709.39, 3,544 square feet, which is \$12.66 per square foot. The utility cost last year was \$7,800.00, maintenance cost \$1,800.00, and the insurance premium \$1,142.00.

After expenses the net will be at \$35,000.00.

The board is required to install carpet, paint, and items such as that. The flooring has been replaced. It is a county building.

Jim Town advised the board the cost per foot has variables but the range is \$10.00 - \$15.00 per square foot monthly. Utility cost aren't normally included.

Chairman Hawkins requested County Administrator Massey have more discussion on the offer.

- B. Building Permits – Brandi Lowery addressed the board. The current amounts that have been waived for electrical are \$7,344.00 and for roofing \$12,370.00.

There is no way to determine applicants applying for permits are due to hurricane related damage.

Commissioner Abbott commented that he would like the suspension of roofing permits extended.

After discussion the board agreed to resume fees February 1, 2019.

Brandi Lowery addressed the board. The money that is collected by the building department supports the daily operations.

Commissioner Abbott advised her that the board recognized that they would have to subsidize the building departments budget.

- C. Amnesty Day – County Administrator Massey addressed the board that he would like to schedule Amnesty Day for March 30, 2019.

There was no opposition from the board.

- D. Permit for Final Disposal – County Engineer Knauer addressed the board. Borings are being done and it should be submitted this week.

VII. DEPUTY CLERK –

- A. December Vouchers totaling \$1,576,709.39 – Deputy Clerk Brantley requested the vouchers be listed on the consent agenda.

The board agreed to list the December vouchers on the consent agenda.

VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Attorney Fuqua update the board. There will be remediation on the Gainey case February 28, 2019. The chairman will attend.

The Skipper deed is pending the death certificate.

IX. ADJOURN - *Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to adjourn.*

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved