

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Workshop, Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1 Alan T Bush Chairman	DISTRICT 2 Joel Pate Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 3 Charles Brock	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott	DISTRICT 5 Lynn Gothard
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I. PROCLAMATION – Deputy Woolever

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - **Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to approve the agenda.**

Clerk Bazzel added bid awards for the removal of records from the Courthouse to the agenda.

Commissioner Brock added discussion in reference to Johnny Evans supervisor position.

Attorney Goodman advised Chairman Bush he would be discussing the status of the Courthouse.

The approval of the agenda carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- December Christmas Holidays – Chairman Bush – The 2014 Christmas holiday office closings are scheduled for Wednesday, 24 and Thursday, 25. The consensus of the Board is to leave the offices open December 24, and the offices close December 25 and 26.

Commissioner Brock asked for clarification of the Road and Bridge schedule during that holiday time.

Mr. Dallas Carter advised that the last 2 years he has not shut down Road and Bridge, leaving the option open for the employees that would like to work.

Attorney Goodman advised the Board if bonuses may be looked at a set forth plan/criteria has to be set in place per statute.

Attorney Goodman agreed that he and Human Resource would bring something back before the Board.

- “Fair Share” Donation Request for New Veterans Transportation Van – Chairman Bush – The Board discussed and advised County Coordinator Corbin to come back before the Board providing information of whether the funds are available to make the donation.

- Dixie Phonics Music Proclamation – Chairman Bush advised to put the proclamation on the agenda to be voted on.
- Real Estate & Planning Workshop – Michael J. DeRuntz, Washington County Senior Planner advised the Board Mr. Jim Town has proposed a workshop that would be directed toward the real estate and banking industry to help educate as it pertains to Washington County guidelines for planning purposes. Mr. DeRuntz advised the Board the Planning Commission supports the idea.

Chairman Bush commended Ms. Brandi on her excellent work with the board meeting packets.

- City of Chipley requesting a Letter of Support to the Florida Department of Transportation regarding SR 77 Chipley Alignment Alternatives Project re-initiated – County Coordinator Corbin recommended the above be put on the consent agenda.

Chairman Bush advised to put the letter of support on the regular agenda. The consensus of the Board is to change the language of the letter before submitting the letter of support.

- Michael Gordon Building Inspector Proposal – The consensus of the Board is for County Coordinator Corbin to have a bid ready for review at the March meeting.
- Reschedule March Board Meeting, Legislative Day March 27 – The consensus of the Board is to change the March regular meeting from March 27 to March 20.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board due to security issues the court patrons will enter through the side entrance going through the x-ray machine before entering court.

- TDC Vehicle – Commissioner Pate asked this item be pulled because it is still being worked on.
- Blue Lake Investigation Report – County Coordinator Corbin discussed the elevations with the Board.
- Chairman Bush clarified that if money were accepted from FEMA, flood insurance would have to be carried as a condition. Commissioner Abbott advised that he would like all the facts before making a decision. Commissioner Gothard requested the total cost to elevate and insure as well as the revenue that has been collected the past 2 years. Chairman Bush advised the inside of the building needs to be thoroughly cleaned out. County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board he would come back before them with cost estimates.

- Update on bypass Hwy. 77 – Mr. Tim Smith advised the Board that Mr. Ricky Branton, Hatch, Mott, McDonald will provide them an update on the status of the State Road 77 improvement project.
Mr. Branton updated the Board on the status of what exactly is being done on the project and advised letters are currently under review by the Department for notification of a public information meeting and public hearing, which will be held at the Town Hall in Wausau.
Mr. Branton introduced Sandra Lamb, Project Manager at the Department of Transportation.

Chairman Bush called a recess at 10:14 a.m., with the meeting being called back to order at 10:31 a.m.

- Storm Water and Equestrian Center – Chairman Bush advised the Board that Mr. Porter has previously expressed an interest in the Equestrian Center, which the Board previously put out to bid.
Chairman Bush advised that the public does not normally speak at the workshops but the Board and Mr. Porter both have concerns and would like to have a generic discussion without any accusations or monetary amounts.
Commissioner Gothard addressed Chairman Bush that she would like it on the record she objects to this because the Board made the decision the public would not be allowed to speak at workshops. There has also been talk of attorney's being involved.
Commissioner Pate addressed Chairman Bush that he feels it is improper. The meeting is for the Commissioners.
Chairman Bush advised Mr. Porter, with the concerns that have been expressed he would ask him to contact County Coordinator Corbin about his concerns.
- 2012-2013 Budget – Commissioner Brock addressed the Board in the 2012-2013 a page was included to change fees at Public Works but the page was not included in the 2013-2014 budgets. The fees are associated with driveways, culverts, and burying animals. The budget, which is annual was voted on and not the policy. When the 2012-2013 budgets ended, the page ended. In addition, there is an ordinance in effect that has not been changed.
Commissioner Brock advised the Board that he would like the fees changed.

Attorney Goodman advised the Chairman Bush for the Board to make a determination on what they would like the fees to be while he looks at amending the ordinance.

Commissioner Gothard requested the cost in order to make an educated decision setting prices.

Chairman Bush advised to include the fee schedule on the agenda.

- Falling Waters State Park – Mr. Dallas Carter advised the Board he received a letter from Falling Waters State Park requesting 2 loads spoil dirt.

The Board advised it is a Government agency.
Chairman Bush advised there should not be any problem with that.

- W.E. Riley Road – Mr. Dallas Carter advised the Board that he has received a request to maintain a road that the County did maintain in the past but quit.

Attorney Goodman addressed the Board if the public spent public dollars maintaining a road on a regular basis, by statute that is a public road.

Chairman Bush advised Mr. Dallas Carter that he has the consensus of the Board.

- Fire Tower Road – Mr. Dallas Carter advised the current owners put up a fence to keep loggers out. Mr. Dallas Carter advised that he will not go behind the fence but would fix it up to the fence. The road was previously maintained to the house.

Mr. Suggs provided the Board a history of the road conditions.

Commissioner Gothard requested to hold off on any consensus until County Attorney Goodman can research.

Attorney Goodman agreed to get more research from Mr. Suggs and Mr. Dallas Carter.

Commissioner Gothard requested Mr. Dallas Carter bring the road grading request before the Board.

- Bids for cleaning Courthouse records – Clerk Bazzel advised the Board the court evidence has been relocated from the Courthouse, which was around \$900.00.

Clerk Bazzel advised he received 2 proposals to move, clean, and store the records from the Courthouse to the Ag Building.

Clerk Bazzel requested the Board accept the low bid. The bids were from Servpro for \$53,980.00 and from Finch Fire-N-Water for \$26,156.09.

Clerk Bazzel advised the Board per statute at every meeting they should receive a revenue and expenditure report.

Clerk Bazzel addressed the Board in reference to foreclosed and county owned property and who is responsible of certain costs.

- Supervisor Position Public Works – Commissioner Brock suggested making Johnny Evans a permanent Road and Bridge supervisor. Johnny's previous position of grader and the one that filled that one which was backhoe would become permanent.

Chairman Bush advised Mr. Dallas Carter to let the Board know if his budget can absorb the increased cost.

Mr. Dallas Carter agreed.

- Courthouse Status – Attorney Goodman advised the Board that the Courthouse has been noticed on the state level. There have been several representatives visit Washington County, touring the facility. County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board by increasing some fees pursuant to Florida Statute along with some other potential funding mechanism the county could probably come up with \$1.7 – \$2.25 million.

A formal request has been made on behalf of Washington County for approximately \$6 million.

The Board has to plan for different scenarios in the case this is not approved.

Commissioner Brock addressed Chairman Bush for the public education. Washington County is seeking funding to build a courthouse.

IV. COUNTY ENGINEER

- Blue Pond – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the options are the finished slab could be raised, leaving a shorter ceiling, pull everything down, leaving a timber pavilion, or bulldozer and start over. In terms of raising the building, it is not possible.
- Orange Hill Highway CDBG – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he would be seeking a resolution, next Thursday to move forward with the Orange Hill Highway CDBG.
- Falling Waters Road – A 1.3 mile stretch, from State Park Rd., heading south is what is projected.

County Engineer Knauer identified the intersecting roads, which are Birdie Lane and Fairway Drive. He went on to show the Board where the roads are in relation to the vertical profile of the road.

The Board was given an image of the proposed road layout. FEMA is giving \$90,000.00 to make repairs.

A key factor is if the residences are going to be willing to work with the county in terms of right-of-way.

Chairman Bush suggested instead of a community meeting, to go see the landowners which right-of-way is needed.

The Board discussed applying for safety funds.

The consensus of the Board is for County Engineer Knauer to put together a package and submit for safety funds.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board they have a 6-7 year time period from when the county stopped accepting waste and the time the closure was approved by DEP. There is a possibility the county can get credit from when the county stopped accepting waste, which would reduce 6-7 years of monitoring.

- V. BID AWARDS – None
- VI. COUNTY COORDINATOR – Mr. David Corbin updated the board on the additional parking spaces, expressing thanks to Mr. Dallas Carter and Mr. Johnny Evans.
- VII. CLERK – Clerk Bazzel spoke earlier in the meeting.
- VIII. DEPUTY CLERK – None

- IX. COUNTY ATTORNEY – County Attorney Goodman spoke earlier in the meeting.
- X. ADJOURN - **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Chairman Bush