

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m., 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 – Sheriff Haddock

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Special Exception X and Development Review – Placement of a 195-foot Monopole Cellular Tower - 2041 Pioneer Road, Chipley, Florida – Mr. DeRuntz, Washington County Senior Planner advised the board a public hearing has been held as well as a neighborhood information meeting. There has not been any objection. The Planning Committee voted to recommend approval with conditions.

Mr. Roger Simpson, Employee with Smart Link, addressed the board with any questions they may have.  
Commissioner Brock expressed concern about add-ons.

There were no public comments. Chairman Bush closed the public hearing.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Chairman Bush added a letter of support for the Salvation Army from Washington County.

Commissioner Brock added 2012-2013 budget.

Commissioner Brock added the appointment of a committee to the Water Management Board to serve Washington County.

Commissioner Abbott advised Commissioner Brock that he understands that Mr. Gary Clark is currently representing Washington County.

Attorney Goodman advised Chairman Bush discussion from the Judiciary has been scheduled for 11:30 in reference to the courthouse under the County Attorney section.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to adopt the agenda with the additions. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

November 26, 2013 – Special Meeting  
December 12, 2013 – Regular Meeting  
December 23, 2013 – Special Meeting  
January 15, 2014 – Workshop

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to adopt the above minutes.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised Chairman Bush that it had been brought to her attention by Commissioner Pate a correction needed to be made to the November 26, 2013 minutes in reference to the motion to adopt the agenda.

Chairman Bush advised that he would look for a motion to accept the minutes with the alterations.

**Commissioner Pate seconded Commissioner Abbott’s motion to adopt the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE – Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statue 286.0114 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commissioner.” Each individual shall have three minutes to speak on the proposition before the board.

Attorney Goodman read the rules of order regarding the non-agenda audience section.

Herbert J. Kuntry Carter requested the Board recognize Dixie Phonics through proclamation.

Stan Porter addressed the board in reference to a watershed issue that is running in to Twin Lakes that has caused the water to be murky. Northwest Florida Water Management suggested fixing the problem with silk fencing and haying bales. Mr. Porter asked what the board is going to do about cleaning up the lake.

Stan Porter advised the board he is interested in the 40 acres at the Equestrian Center. He offered to trade the lake for the Equestrian Center in both of their current conditions. If the board were not interested in a trade he advised the board that he would like to enter into an agreement such as lease with an option to buy.

Chairman Bush asked if there were any comments on the issues coming before the board. There were not comments from the public.

Chairman Bush closed the non-agenda audience portion.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for December 2013 totaling \$990,839.98

B. Special Exception X and Development Review – Placement of a 195-foot Monopole Cellular Tower – 2041 Pioneer Road, Chipley, Florida

- C. Tax Deed Letter to Ken Naker, Tax Collector – The County shall apply for a Tax Deed on all County-held Certificates per Florida Statutes 197.502(3)
- D. Hiring of new E-911 Coordinator Clint Erickson
- E. Canvassing Board Appointment of Commissioner Bush and Commissioner Gothard to serve as the back up
- F. Inter-local Agreement for Oversight of Services between the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and the Washington County Sheriff’s Department

Commissioner Abbott requested items D. and F. be pulled from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items D. and F. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

- Inter-local Agreement – Commissioner Abbott asked the Board to consider hiring a 911/Emergency Management Coordinator that is under the Board of County Commissioners. He would like to hold back on the agreement and the staff member at this time.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board she had previously suggested hiring an Emergency Services Coordinator but it was not supported by the Board.

Sheriff Haddock advised the Board he is looking at updating the 911 software. He would like to see what is best for the community.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate for no action to be taken on item F. (Inter-local Agreement for Oversight of Services between the Board and the Sheriff) and D. (Hiring of E-911 Coordinator Clint Erickson) at this meeting.**

**Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner Gothard -</b>	<b>No</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>No</b>
<b>The motion failed 3 to 2.</b>	

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard and carried to accept item F. (Inter-local agreement). The motion carried unanimously.**

- Hiring of new E-911 Coordinator, Clint Erickson – Chairman Bush advised the interviews were held prior to the draft agreement by the Public Safety Director and a group put together by her.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard, and carried to hire the new E-911 Coordinator, Mr. Clint Erickson. The motion carried unanimously.**

County Coordinator Corbin and Sheriff Haddock agreed to start an inventory.

- State Inspection – Randy Truette advised the Board the EMS had an unannounced inspection from the Bureau of EMS, which the department passed with no deficiencies.
- Washington County Annex - Chairman Bush referenced the recent changes at the County Annex. He commended David Corbin, Robert Pettis, Curtis, and John.

Chairman Bush introduced Mr. Harold Bazzel, Washington County Interim Clerk.

- Monthly Compensation County Engineer Knauer – Commissioner Brock suggested compensation for gas mileage.  
County Engineer Knauer asked the board for authorization to bill the board for Planning Commissioner meetings/workshops with Mr. DeRuntz approving the invoices.

Commissioner Abbott suggested the Board allow County Engineer Knauer a maximum of \$600.00 monthly.

County Attorney Goodman advised Chairman Bush that he would work with County Engineer Knauer.

Mr. DeRuntz advised the Board, County Engineer Knauer’s help is invaluable.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion to pay County Engineer Knauer \$600.00 retainer fee.**

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board, County Engineer Knauer’s agreement with the County would need to be amended.

**Commissioner Gothard seconded Commissioner Brock’s above motion to pay County Engineer \$600.00 monthly retainer fee. The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer updated the board on the CDBG Project on Orange Hill Highway. A Fair Housing workshop is set for January 30 at the County Annex.

FEMA Paving Contract – There were five bidders, which are as follows:

1. Anderson Columbia - \$60,600.00
2. GCUC - \$45,375.00
3. GAC - \$38,000.00

4. Baxter's Asphalt - \$30,450.00
  5. CW Roberts - \$42,400.00
- County Engineer Knauer recommended Baxter's Asphalt Bid.

County Engineer Knauer advised it includes Kinsey Lane, Dorch Circle, Whittington Road, Bonnett Pond, County Road 277 Inter Section, Pioneer Road and an alternate bid for an additional 50 tons to be used in some other areas.

County Coordinator Corbin suggested asking County Engineer Knauer to write something to be publicized in the local newspaper as far as what is going on with permits.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pate and carried to accept Baxter's bid of \$30,450 with an alternate of \$10,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.**

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board Falling Waters Road surveys are done and the design is being worked on.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the public meeting for Roche Road in Vernon has been held.

County Engineer Knauer suggested a meeting for Lucas Lake Road be held like the one for Roche Road.

Lucas Road has been moved from 2017 to 2015.

Commissioner Brock asked if the Board would go along with it if he could convince a Contractor to build the road upfront for a year and half until the money comes.

County Engineer Knauer advised there is no need in that.

Chairman Bush advised County Engineer Knauer he has the consensus of the Board to move forward with what was done for Roche Road to be done on Lucas Lake Road.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he is currently working on an updated paving matrix.

County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board on the Chipley and Mudhill Landfill. The cost of Chipley's landfill is \$19,032.00. Mudhill requires more work. He submitted a 2014 Landfill Services proposal to the Board.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard and carried to approve the proposal contract submitted by Preble-Rish to**

**provide the landfill services for 2014 for the Chipley and Mudhill Landfill. The motion carried unanimously.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised \$30,000.00 was budgeted with \$11,285.00 being spent this year.

Chairman Bush advised Deputy Clerk Brantley to pull the invoices to ensure the codes are correct.

Chairman Bush clarified with County Engineer Knauer that he is making an effort for the large projects such as Dorch Circle and Cooks Mill Pond Road be done first.

County Engineer Knauer advised that is correct.

- 2012-2013 Budget – Commissioner Brock addressed the Board in reference to the increase in fees for Public Works in the 2012-2013 budget. The fees included carried on to the current budget.

Commissioner Brock addressed the board the fees should have reverted to the original after that budget was finished because the policy was never changed.

County Attorney Goodman expressed concern if the Board chose to roll the fees back effective the current budget, which would mean possible reimbursements.

The issue is the amount the majority of the Board would like to set the fees.

The Board agreed to table the issue until the workshop.

- Water Management Committee – Commissioner Brock addressed the Board in reference to appointing a committee to represent Washington County.

Commissioner Abbott requested a letter from Water Management with Chairman Bush advising the letter state what it expects from the committee.

IX. BID AWARDS – None

X. COUNTY COORDINATOR – Mr. David Corbin reminded the Board of Legislative Day.

Mr. David Corbin thanked the staff and public during transition.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board, Legislative Day is March 27, which coincides with the March board meeting.

Chairman Bush advised to address the issue at the February workshop.

Mr. David Corbin advised the Board of a complaint on Falling Waters Road which has been addressed.

Mr. David Corbin advised the Board the Crystal Lake project is at the end with Mr. Dallas Carter doing some remaining roadwork.

- XI. CLERK – Mr. Bazzel expressed his thanks to the staffs support with the transition.

Mr. Bazzel advised the evidence room has been inventoried and the items are ready to be moved to a secure area.

- XII. DEPUTY CLERK – None

- XIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Attorney Goodman advised that he is reserving the remainder of his portion to the Judiciary and courthouse discussions, which is scheduled for 11:30.

Chairman Bush called a recess until 11:30.

Call to Order – Chairman Bush

Attorney Goodman advised the Board task A, which was to remove all employees from the courthouse has been done.

Task B is to establish where Washington County is going in reference to the Courthouse. The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the facility.

By request, Mr. Donofro provided the Board with an opinion of probable cost to renovate the courthouse and a preliminary opinion of probable construction of a new Courthouse. With respect to renovations, alterations, and additions the estimate is around \$4.5 million.

The estimate for a new courthouse facility is based on 30,000 square foot at \$250.00 per square foot.

Mr. Donofro advised the Board the current square footage is 20,000.

Judge Patterson addressed the Board, as a representative of the judiciary system suggesting to them to do nothing is not an option especially when it comes to security issues. The Board has to determine if the existing courthouse has reached its useful purpose.

Clerk Bazzel suggested to the Board to look toward building a new courthouse if the funding can be found.

Attorney Goodman advised the Board the committee needs direction as to what the Board would like to do.

**Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried that the Board supports the committee in proceeding forward with seeking**

**funding for a new courthouse at its current location. The motion carried unanimously.**

Judge Patterson advised the Board the judicial employees support the Board as an active partner.

**XIV. ADJOURN – Commissioner Pate offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to adjourn.**

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

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Chairman Bush