

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 22, 2015 Regular Meeting - Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

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

I. PROCLAMATION

Present at the meeting were Chairman Bush, Commissioners Brock, Kent, Abbott, and Gothard. Also attending the meeting were Clerk Bell, County Coordinator Corbin, and Deputy Clerk Brantley.

County Attorney Goodman was not present until further in the meeting.

A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush

B. Invocation/Pledge – County Coordinator Corbin/Chairman Bush

- II. ADOPT THE AGENDA – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the agenda with additions. Commissioner Brock added FEMA Coordinator. Commissioner Gothard advised item E. (Road Name Clarification) should include the approval of the road name, which is Rocky Road. The motion carried unanimously.**

- III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES – 11/12/14 – Workshop, 11/18/14 – Regular Meeting, 12/11/14 – Regular Meeting, and 12/16/14 Special Meeting

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and unanimously carried to adopt the above minutes.

Chairman Bush read the Board approved non-agenda section: The

Washington County Board of County Commissioners welcomes your input at the public comment or public hearing portion of this meeting. While your comments are appreciated, please be aware this is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations and derogatory and personal remarks. Profane or vulgar language is not permitted. In order to maintain respect for all points of view, the Board request not clapping, booing, or any other form of support or non-support be used. This is not a question and answer session. Further, it is the general policy of Washington County that no official action will be taken on items brought to the Board. However, the Board may at its direction direct staff to assist in looking into the matter. Please direct your comments to the Chairman and provide any documentation to the County Manager for disbursement. If you would like to address the Board, we would ask that you come to the podium, state your name, address, and topic you will be discussing. Please limit your comments to no more than three minutes. At the end of your time I will ask you to finish your thought and then to please take your seat. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated.

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.

1. Veronica Graham – Veronica requested the code enforcement committee be put back together. She has been pursuing having the parcel next to hers cleaned up, which contains abandoned mobile homes and is used as a dumpsite.

Chairman Bush acknowledged there is a need for code enforcement.

Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner addressed the Board on taking action to get an Administrative Judge to oversee hearings.

Commissioner Abbott spoke on code enforcement.

2. Edgar Searcy, 1190 Plum Avenue, Chipley – Mr. Searcy addressed the Board in reference to the restrictions on Paradise Lake, such as the size of the boat motor. The residents have put regulations on the lake but do not own it. He requested the Board address the concerns.

Chairman Bush addressed Mr. Searcy.

Commissioner Brock provided history and advised there is an agreement that states the public can use the facility. As he understands, the rules are for the landowners.

David Corbin, County Coordinator provided some history. The Board is in charge of selling permits and maintenance. The water is owned by the State.

Mr. Searcy expressed concern about the boat landing being in bad condition.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the Board address the issue when County Attorney Goodman is present.

The Board held discussion on the lake.

3. Mrs. Dykes, Sunny Hills addressed the Board in reference to restrictions in Sunny Hills regarding farm animals on property.

Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised they do not enforce the homeowner association restrictions.

Commissioner Gothard advised the deed restrictions are between the homeowner and Deltona. Deltona was previously contacted and advised they have no interest in enforcing the restrictions. The County has no authority to enforce the deed restrictions. This situation was previously looked into by County Attorney Goodman for clarification.

- Community Center – Mrs. Dykes expressed concern about the tables not being up when they use the community center.

Commissioner Gothard advised several people use the community center and after they do at times, the tables are taken down and put back in the closet.

The inmate crews buff and wax the floors and the tables need to be moved out. There is not any staff that can commit to setting up the tables every Friday.

Jackie Snowden advised that she has gone on her personal time and put the tables up before work, which are kept in a closet at the facility.

4. Kevin Gutter – Not present
5. Karen Schoen, Sunny Hills advised the Board, May 1 – 3 there is a conference scheduled in Sunny Hills. She requested the County ensure the area is clean and mowed during that time. She suggested the County compose a list of lands to be available during the conference. The conference is in conjunction with the Patriot Constitutional Group.

There will be a Common Core meeting in Jackson County, Saturday the 31.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for December 2014 totaling \$1,540,568.13
- B. Hospital FEMA Agreement
- C. Request approval for the revisions to the first three chapters to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners Policies and Procedures
- D. Clerical one Position for Public Safety
- E. Kate Smith Elementary School Permits – The Washington County School Board will only assume cost that Washington County Board of County Commissioners absorbs during the project.
- F. Road Name Clarification – Sherri Bryant will provide a road name (Rocky Road) in writing as well as a letter stating all family agrees to a new road name.
- G. State Homeland Security Grant
- H. 2015 Functional HAZMAT Exercise Agreement with Scope of Work
- I. SHIP Affordable Housing Advisor Committee Appointments
- J. FBIP Grant – Application will be submitted for Gin Lake
- K. FDOT Right-of-Way
- L. Goodwill Donation Box – Goodwill would like to place a donation box at the Washington County Recycling Center
- M. Financial Advisor Agreement
- N. CTST Project List
- O. City of Chipley Easement for Lift Station – The Board of County Commissioners would like to give permission for the City of Chipley to place a lift station on the Blue Lake property

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the consent agenda items.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- Jail Pole Barn – Chairman Bush advised the pole barn would be used for storage while building holding cells. There will not be any cost to the Board.

The Board, Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner, County Coordinator, and Deputy Rackard spoke on the above.

Mr. DeRuntz advised the pole barn would be an open pole barn.

Deputy Rackard advised the evidence is currently stored where the construction is going for the holding cells. The evidence will be relocated to the pole barn.

There was no opposition from the Board.

- Washington County Emergency Medical Service Grants – Jackie Snowden addressed the Board the Sheriff's Office plans to apply for the Emergency Medical Service Grants, which requires a resolution to be approved by the Board.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the resolution allowing the Sheriff to apply for the Emergency Medical Service Grant.

- Technical Revision to Washington County LHAP – Karen Shaw, Grant Coordinator advised it is the Boards discretion on whether to make

changes.

There was no motion to approve.

- Future Land Use Map and Land Development Code Amendments – Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board the recommendations that were provided to him by the Board have been made.

At the location of Hwy. 79 and Hwy. 280 there are two lots that the Board discussed removing out of that proposed commercial. One has a pit on it and one is vacant. There are two that have a residence on the property. It can be modified to clip the bottom part off and have it solid commercial or it can remain as the Board recommended at the workshop 1/21.

Chairman Bush advised since the lots are small on the bottom side, clip it off and do the North side. If the property owners next to the assisted living facility, not the pit, would like to build at a later time the Board should remember the fact that he was included and help him out.

Michael DeRuntz, referenced the map. He advised there wasn't a small scale amendment so that particular section would be commercial but all the other property around it will be taken out.

In reference to Hwy. 79, South of I-10 there was four lots that were removed from commercial as recommended by the Board.

In reference to the industrial area by Griffin Road, there was a lot that was taken out.

Commissioner Gothard addressed Mr. DeRuntz she is willing to make a motion but would like to speak first. After the workshop, she called 15 residents and went through different sections that are being

changed from agriculture to commercial. Of the 15 residents she called, none of them knew that the Board might be approving a change in reference to their land use.

Some of them advised they received something in the mail but did not know what it was and discarded it.

Commissioner Gothard expressed concern about the property owners not understanding what is being done.

Commissioner Gothard advised that she is not comfortable changing the agriculture/silviculture to commercial/industrial.

Commissioner Gothard made the following motion:

She advised that she was willing to offer a motion to accept all of the changes on the exhibits, except Hwy. 79 and Hwy. 280 commercial, Hwy. 79 and 284 commercial, Hwy. 279 and Holmes Valley Road, I-10 and Hwy. 77, South of Brickyard, between 77 and 77a, West Chipley Commercial Industrial, Northeast of Griffin, and Northeast of the County Industrial Park.

Chairman Bush clarified with Commissioner Gothard that she was removing everything that is going to commercial/industrial.

Commissioner Gothard advised from agriculture/silviculture to commercial/industrial.

It is less than 100 people. She advised she feels those property owners need to know what the Board is doing.

She suggested a letter sent to property owners when their land could

possibly be changed stating the change and how they would be affected.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board the generic letter that was sent out some property owners thought it was in reference to the spray field or the sod farm.

The ones that are left for approval are those that are owner petition and cleanups.

Commissioner Gothard suggested the Planning Commission or the Board reach out more effectively to ensure property owners understand.

Michael J. DeRuntz advised the property owners were notified by a couple of mailings, as well as notices in the paper, and public hearings in each of the communities, as well as the County Annex with the Planning Commission Board.

The review of the map should be done annually. The map has not been updated in at least 10 years.

Chairman Bush asked Mr. DeRuntz what are the ramifications of the approval being tabled until next month.

Mr. DeRuntz advised the Board there is a Community Assistance Grant and items need to be submitted in a timely manner along with all the documentation. If it is delayed, the time line is compressed to almost nothing.

Commissioner Abbott seconded Commissioner Gothard previous motion. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Brock voting no.

***Michael J. DeRuntz provided the Board the Future Land Use Map and Land Development Code Amendments via ordinance in the December 2014 meeting, where this item was tabled to bring back before the Board in January. The ordinances are 2015-1 and 2.*

Chairman Bush called a recess.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order – 10:50 a.m.

- Brunson Landing – David Corbin, County Coordinator addressed the Board in reference to the agreement he brought before them at the workshop 1/21.

There was discussion by the Board and County Engineer.

There was no motion to continue.

- Lost Lake Road – David Corbin, County Coordinator – Commissioner Abbott would like more history. He requested approval for him and County Coordinator Corbin talk with the church to obtain history.

Chairman Bush advised there is no need for a motion.

- FEMA Coordinator – Commissioner Brock suggested the Board hire help for FEMA. There have not been any funds received since last year.

Chairman Bush suggested the person be contractual.

Marla Hayes agreed and added the person could be hired on a temporary basis.

Commissioner Brock offered a motion the Board contract someone for FEMA to work with Road and Bridge and to oversee the FEMA work is done properly and in a timely manner.

County Attorney Goodman clarified the motion as, David and staff has the authority to release the bids for FEMA contract work.

Commissioner Brock agreed.

Commissioner Kent seconded Commissioner Brock's motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Goodman asked if the Board would like to rank or allow David to compose a committee to bring a name before the Board.

County Attorney Goodman clarified with the Board they would release the bid, select a committee, rank, and bring the Board a recommendation and contract for approval.

Chairman Bush agreed.

VII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS – None

VIII. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board he spoke with Dan Miner, City of Chipley, who advised he did not have an issue with

the lift station being located where the bathrooms are at Blue Pond. County Engineer Knauer asked Mr. Miner if the City would be willing to provide free tap and impact for water and sewer for the restroom located at Blue Lake.

Mr. Miner advised they would look into the issue, as well as work with the Board.

Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board they need an inter-local agreement with the City as identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

Shakey Joe Road – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the proposal from Preble-Rish to do Shakey Joe Road is 10%, which would be \$9,900.00. This includes the survey, design, permitting, and CEI. This is only for the paved section.

Commissioner Abbott offered the above motion, seconded by Commissioner Brock and unanimously carried.

- IX. COUNTY COORDINATOR – David Corbin expressed his thanks to County Staff and all associated working with the County.
- X. CLERK – Lora C. Bell, Clerk expressed her thanks to Staff.
- XI. DEPUTY CLERK – None
- XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the executive session could be scheduled after the February workshop, 2/18.

Dunford – County Attorney Goodman advised in 1987 there was an

agreement reached between the County and the Association for the public to purchase permits to fish in the pond, which includes rules and regulations.

Chairman Bush expressed concern on clarification needed in the agreement. Clarification includes exhibit B., which covers restrictions for homeowners and their successors.

David Corbin, County Coordinator suggested the Board allow County Attorney Goodman to seek clarification in order to have the issue settled.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board he would address Dunford at the February meeting.

Chairman Bush clarified the process would mean addressing the court to interpret their meaning of the agreement.

The Board, County Attorney Goodman, and County Coordinator Corbin discussed a possible process seeking clarification and history.

County Attorney Goodman advised, February 7, 3:00 a courthouse committee meeting is scheduled.

Jim Roberson, JRA provided the Board with an update on the courthouse. The schedule is ahead, drawings are 65% complete, within budget, fieldwork for historic survey complete, original drawings have been delivered in order to be sent to the Secretary of State's Office, and phase III site assessment (contamination issue) have been addressed favorably.

GAC is seeking a space for the courtroom mockup, and DMS has been kept updated.

Tom B. Director of Real Estate Development and Management advised the Board they support the project and plan to help in any way possible.

Jim Roberson, JRA advised the demolition could start March 1 at the old jail and the courthouse. The Board should consider a date for the groundbreaking.

Chairman Bush suggested the groundbreaking should be done on fresh ground.

Derwin White advised the Board the demolition would be a 4 – 6 week process. A groundbreaking date should be estimated around the middle of April.

Derwin White, County Attorney Goodman, Clerk Bell, County Coordinator Corbin, discussed items located in the Courthouse as well as pieces of the Courthouse.

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

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved