

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting 9: 00 a.m. - 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

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Present at the meeting were Chairman Bush, Commissioners Kent, Abbott, Gothard, and Brock. Also attending the meeting were County Attorney Goodman, County Coordinator Corbin, Deputy Clerk Brantley, and Clerk Bell. Deputy Clerk Odom replaced Deputy Clerk Brantley at the later portion of the meeting.

I. PROCLAMATION – Sgt. Hagans

A. Call To Order - Chairman Bush

B. Invocation/Pledge – David Corbin/Chairman Bush

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Alcohol Ordinance – Chairman Bush advised this is an effort to combine several ordinances, and create one comprehensive ordinance.

County Attorney Goodman went over Washington County's history in respect to certain limitations.

An overview of the draft ordinance includes the following in reference to the unincorporated area of Washington County.

- 12 a.m. – 7 a.m. changed to 12 a.m. – 4 a.m.
- Distance regarding license premises the distance has been changed from 2000 feet to 500 feet of any church. The distance included in the ordinance is measured by the shortest route, ordinary pedestrian route on a public thoroughfare from the main entrance of the place of business to the main entrance of the church.

There has been discussion among the Board on the language in

reference to how the distance is figured.

- Bottle Clubs – unchanged
- Board intends to adopt Florida Statute 562.45(2)(a) as it pertains to the sale of alcohol or intoxicating beverages in relational distance to public or private schools
- Maintain the language of ordinance 2006-14
- Residence restrictions have been eliminated – Section 7

County Attorney Goodman read the Board approved non-agenda section statement: 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.

1. Forrest Smith, Director of Missions advised the Board he does not support easier access to selling alcohol in Washington County.

2. Alan English advised the Board he does not believe the alcohol ordinance is a valid point for discussion.
3. Robert Long advised the Board he is in favor of the Board consolidating the ordinance. He suggested consolidating in the most restrictive as well as advising he is appalled at the distance removal for residence.
4. Orren Shumaker – No Comment
5. Jim Hynes – No Comment
6. Robert Knight advised the Board when alcohol laws are relaxed crime increases. He suggested starting standards to move them away from churches and children.
7. Heidi Cook expressed concern about the definition of distance, removal of resident's voice, as well as the possibility of increase in wrecks. She asked the Board to consider extra protection in the case of over indulgence.
8. Lloyd Lykins addressed the Board from law enforcement as well as a Sr. Pastor's view. He expressed concern about the main entrance of an establishment could be changed in reference to distance. He suggested the distance be measure from property line to property line.
9. Ron Lamar – No Comment
10. John Dingwall suggested the increased availability of alcohol increases alcohol related crime.
11. Leslie Dingwall does not see any positive outcome in allowing easier access to alcohol.
12. Seth Ward addressed the Board he does not think the alcohol ordinance is a good proposal. He does not want a bar near a church or children.  
He asked the Commissioner if they would like a bar near their residence.
13. Greg Sloan suggested the proposed ordinance would not have any positive benefit.
14. Tim Patton advised the Board he feels the draft ordinance is

- directed around the inter-state and Blue Lake area. The ordinance removes the voice of the people. He also expressed concern about the changes in distance, which would create drastic, unintended consequences. He recommended the current ordinance remain.
15. Richard Burk, President of Hell Fighter Motor Ministries, spoke to the Board about the results of alcohol. He does not see the positive effect of the draft changes.
  16. Geraldine Burch spoke to the Board from a child's perspective on the results of alcohol on families. She asked the Board to vote against the draft ordinance for the children.
  17. Randy Wilson, Church Pastor suggested the draft ordinance is about revenue. He feels the perimeters should be pushed back.
  18. Brett Butler addressed the Board the ordinary path or travel between two buildings is vague. He suggested better planning for an early morning event, instead of backing up the time. The residence restriction removal does not protect churches and residents as was talked about in the previous workshop. Mr. Butler encouraged the Board to vote no.
  19. Mike Orr requested the Board leave the ordinance as it is. If that cannot be done, he suggested the Board include property line to property line as the boundary and he supports 2,000 feet as the distance.
  20. Alan English addressed the Board that he has not heard any comments in support of the change. It is ludicrous the conversation is being held.

Chairman Bush closed the public hearing after the comments and called a recess at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m.

- B. Special Exception Type V and Development Review – Placement of a Sand Pit Excavation – Michael J. DeRuntz, Planning Commission advised the Board Gerald Vickery, Engineer submitted an application for Travis Corbin.

Gerald Vickery advised the Board the property is a 10-acre parcel that Mr. Corbin has requested to develop to extend an existing 10-acre pit. He went over the suggested property with the Board.

Chairman Bush opened the floor to the public.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Brock asked for clarification if the setback is 50 feet.

Mr. DeRuntz addressed Commissioner Brock. The land development code was amended from the requirement of a 500-foot buffer to a 100-foot buffer. They are proposing a 50 foot buffer around the pit because the existing pit is 50 foot and using a 100-foot would leave a minimal area to excavate on the 10-acre site.

- C. Capital Improvement Plan – Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board the comprehensive plan under policy 1-5 includes the Board annually updated the capital improvement plan, which has not been done in several years.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the updated plan, which could be used to meet the needs of Washington County.

There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Bush closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

Chairman Bush asked for corrections or alterations to the agenda.

King Kutter – Commissioner Brock added

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the agenda.**

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 Commissioner.” Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board.

Karen Schoen clarified with the Board she is not the producer of the Red, White, and Blue Festival. Due to unexpected events, there will not be any entertainment at the event, but the educational and competition events will continue.

Any signs will be relocated to individual’s property with permission of the property owner.

Commissioner Abbott expressed concern about if the Board should pursue having the properties available since the event has been scaled down.

Karen Schoen advised that part has not changed and would like the properties showcased.

Commissioner Abbott requested Steve contact County Coordinator Corbin in

order for an informed decision to be made about staff being available in reference to the Board owned properties.

- V. MINUTES – 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/23, 4/8 Special Meeting, 4/8 Fire Workshop, and 4/15 – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the above listed minutes.**

VI. CONSENT

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for March 2015 totaling \$2,182,623.76
- B. West Florida Planning Council Inter-local Agreement
- C. Animal Control Resolution – Recovery increased from \$50.00 to \$65.00, flat rate of \$150.00 will be changed for bite quarantine
- D. Road Name Request – Georgia Tilton – Tilton Hill Drive – Mrs Georgia Tilton has submitted a request to name a road on her property, parcel 3725-00001.
- E. County Property Sales Resolution – At the 2/26/15 meeting, the Board moved to proceed with the sale of a list of approximately 370 properties owned by the County in the Sunny Hills Mixed Use Development. Prior to the advertisement of the sale of the County Property, a resolution per the requirements Section 125.35 of the FL Statutes must be approved by the Board.
- F. Amended Inter-local Agreement for Medical Examiner Services – Dr Michael Hunter resigned and the amended agreement includes services with Dr. Jay M. Radtke.
- G. National Public Works Week Proclamation
- H. FEMA Coordinator Contract – Wheeler Emergency Management Consulting

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by**

**Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the consent agenda.**

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

- Jim Roberson, JRA advised the Board they are officially in the construction phase with the approval of the GMP, 4/8. The deconstruction will begin the week of 4/27. The construction will begin late June or early July. 5/7 the Steering Committee will make a recommendation, which will be brought before the Board. All permits and applications have been submitted. Formal approval will be presented to the City of Chipley at their 5/12 meeting. The schedule is currently a month ahead.
  
- Alcohol Ordinance – Chairman Bush suggested the Commissioners take additional time in order to take in the public comment unless any other Commissioner feels strongly about it.

Commissioner Abbott asked with it being on the agenda does it have to be voted on today.

County Attorney Goodman advised the matter could be table. He encouraged the Board to put it on the agenda when they are prepared so the public can be noticed that the Board may take action.

Commissioner Gothard asked if the ordinance would be on the May workshop agenda.

Chairman Bush advised to include the alcohol ordinance on the workshop agenda in May.

- Special Exception Type V and Development Review – Placement of



**Sand Pit – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to except the special exception for the sand pit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried unanimously.**

Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner advised the Board the Planning Commission included a condition, which was the development agreement, shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioner. The development agreement has not been prepared or presented yet.

The special exception approval would need to include the approval of the development review. There is a bond and a letter of credit that needs to be taken care of.

**Commissioner Abbott rescinded his previous motion.**

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to approve the special exception with the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the conditions that need to be met. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Brock voting no.**

- Capital Improvement Plan – Michael J. DeRuntz, Senior Planner – **Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the capital improvement plan.**

Note – Michael J. DeRuntz prepared ordinance 2015-3 for approval of the capital improvement plan. The above motion approves this ordinance.

- King Kutter Road – Commissioner Brock requested County Engineer Knauer provide a set of specs for King Kutter Road in order for it to be under contract.

Commissioner Abbott clarified it is the low water crossing on the road.

Commissioner Brock agreed.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried for County Engineer Knauer to complete specs to make the repairs to King Kutter on the low water crossing. The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS – Johnny Evans advised the Board they previously tasked him with looking into a tack wagon. He has looked at a 600 – 1,000 gallon, which range from \$15,000.00 to just above \$20,000.00.

He advised the Board a spreader truck would be needed to spread the sand, which he has not found.

The Board held discussion on asphalt.

Chairman Bush advised Johnny Evans to continue his research.

Johnny Evans advised the Board his mo-trim is not in service and Dallas' is not in good shape. He provided the Board a price from Alamo for \$112,000.00 and Tiger was a little over \$120,000.00.

He requested the Board consider approving the purchase. The size is 6105D John Deere.

The Board and County Coordinator Corbin held discussion.

**Commissioner Kent offered a motion the Board look into purchasing a mo-trim from Alamo.**

Dallas Carter suggested purchasing two.

**Chairman Bush seconded the motion for discussion.**

Chairman Bush called a recess.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order.

Clerk Bell advised the Board there is \$2.3 million in the Road and Bridge account. There is \$1 million on hold for PW's waiting to come. The monthly expenses, including overtime is estimated at \$300,000.00 per month, which is based on November figures.

**Commissioner Kent rescinded his motion.**

**Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brock to purchase two mo-trim's from Alamo.**

Johnny Evans advised the Board the price is via Sheriff's bid.

County Coordinator Corbin asked for clarification from the Board the old mot-trim could be auctioned with the trucks.

Chairman Bush advised any old equipment that is not going to be used, send it.

IX. COUNTY ENGINEER –

County Engineer Knauer provided the Board maps, which included each zone.

He also passed out bid tabulations.

The notice of award and agreement are ready to be signed by the Chairman.

The FEMA project strategy is set up for 60 days. The anticipation would be the contractor invoicing after the first month and a final invoice the second month. The first project would be district 2, which is around \$168,000.00.

He advised the Board to use the new FEMA Coordinator in requesting the funds for the projects.

He suggested to the Board to lengthen the contract to prevent being hit with the cost of more than one project at a time.

Commissioner Abbott spoke in reference to financing.

County Attorney Goodman advised that is set for the May workshop.

County Coordinator Corbin suggested requesting a delayed invoice, which could exclude financing.

Commissioner Gothard advised she does not want the delayed process.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the projects are estimated to be complete over an 8 to 9 month span.

Griffin Road Improvement Project – County Engineer Knauer advised

the Department of Transportation agreement has been executed, which is estimated around \$99,000.00 - \$100,000.00.

The estimate to contract the road is \$130,000.00. The engineering cost are \$16,500.00. The scope of the project is removal and replacement of the areas of base failure throughout the project limits, regarding the shoulders on the roadway to provide proper drainage, resurfacing of the existing 20-foot roadway and the installation of new thermoplastic striping with reflective paving markers, evaluation of existing signage with recommendation to meet current standards, and evaluation of the settlement North of box culvert with geotechnical testing.

**Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve County Engineer Knauer's estimate to compose a package to take the Department of Transportation regarding a grant to perform the surveying, plans, work on Griffin Road, and to handle the contracting of Griffin Road. The CEI work is being donated. The motion carried unanimously.**

Small County Improvement Grant Program – 50/50 grant, which can be used for building a bridge, new road, widening, resurfacing, and drainage. County Engineer Knauer asked the Board if they were interested in applying.

Commissioner Gothard suggested Aquarius Road.

County Engineer Knauer advised Commissioner Gothard he would contact her.

The Board held discussion on the length and projected cost to finish Shakey Joe Road.

County Engineer Knauer estimated the cost at \$300,000.00.

County Engineer Knauer clarified his direction from the Board is to contact David Corbin, County Coordinator on the SCRAP projects.

Gin Pond has been submitted for the FBIP grant.

Commissioner Abbott addressed County Engineer Knauer in reference to the condition of Jewel Road. He advised he was informed by a resident in reference to a bad drop off on the road.

County Engineer Knauer advised he has submitted for a permit through the Army Core and would check the status.

Commissioner Kent advised County Engineer Knauer that he received a call on Rock Hill Road due to drainage problems.

David Corbin, County Coordinator, and Johnny Evans will meet with Cliff in reference to the drainage problem.

Commissioner Gothard requested Cliff's input on how the FEMA Coordinator could be utilized.

County Engineer Knauer suggested to use the FEMA Coordinator for the reimbursements, project close outs, and tracking all projects.

If Debbie were going to continue doing what she is doing, then that

would more than likely limit the FEMA Coordinator.

- X. COUNTY COORDINATOR – David Corbin, County Coordinator suggested the Board set a date for the courthouse ground breaking.

County Attorney Goodman advised July.

Chairman Bush advised Mr. Corbin to wait until next month.

Plaque – County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the Steering Committee is requesting names to be included on the plaque.

The Board and County Coordinator discussed names.

County Coordinator Corbin clarified the consensus of the Board is to include Commissioner Pate and Ad Interim Clerk Bazzel's name on the plaque.

10,000.00 District Money Increase – The Board held discussion on the increase in district money that was discussed in the workshop.

**Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Chairman Bush to accept County Coordinator Corbin's recommendation to increase the Commissioners district maintenance money by \$10,000.00.**

**Commissioner Abbott – Yes**

**Commissioner Gothard - No**

**Chairman Bush - Yes**

**Commissioner Brock - Not Present**

**Commissioner Kent - Yes**

**The motion carried 3 to 1, with Commissioner Gothard voting no.**

- *Note – The funds should be transferred from FEMA funds.*

Meeting - County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board he has a meeting set up for the drainage survey at 10:00 a.m., April 23.

December Meeting – The Board changed the December Board meeting from December 17 to December 10 and cancelled the workshop for December 16. This change is due to a conflict.

Commissioner Gothard asked County Coordinator Corbin what is his decision on the land sales in Sunny Hills.

FEMA Coordinator – County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board the FEMA Coordinator is going to check with Debbie Riley in reference to what is pending and work on that.

Jason Wheeler advised the Board he would work toward closing out FEMA projects and ensure funding is reimbursed as quickly as possible.

In reference to 4138, the challenge is the State is in flux on whether they are going to keep their state contract and that is generally who writes the close out pw's.

Jason Wheeler advised the Board DR-4177, which are fixed estimates and there is no way he could attach his time.



- XI. CLERK – Clerk Bell suggested included a budget overview in the May workshop.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board that Public Works week is May 17 – 23.

- XII. DEPUTY CLERK – None

- XIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – None

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

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved