

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 23, 2015 Regular Meeting - Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush Chairman	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Charles Brock	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott	DISTRICT 5 Lynn Gothard Vice-Chair
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I. PROCLAMATION – Deputy Woolover

Present at the meeting were Chairman Bush, Commissioners Kent, Abbott, and Gothard. Also attending the meeting were County Attorney Goodman, Clerk Bell, County Coordinator Corbin, and Deputy Clerk Brantley. Commissioner Brock was present via polycom.

A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush

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

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA

- Move Roche Road from the consent agenda to the regular agenda – Chairman Bush made the request per County Engineer Knauer. The request to re-bid should be delayed (2) two weeks.

Add on the consent agenda a special budget meeting 7/28 at 9:00 located in the County Board Meeting Room.

III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

- June 10, 2015 Workshop
- June 25, 2015 Board Meeting

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve minutes dated 6/10 and 6/25.

County Attorney Goodman clarified the due date for the millage is 8/4. County Attorney Goodman added to the agenda, consent for an addition

to refinancing with w 3rd party lender. Due to the Board of County Commissioners being the lessor, the Hospital would like approval from the Board.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to list the above addition on 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 Commission.” Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the board.

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.

- Alex Quintana, Representative of Gwen Graham's office, reminded the Board the Congresswoman is located at the Washington County Public Library every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Wesley Hall, 3340 Peppervine Place addressed the Board in reference to the condition of Orange Hill Road and Quail Hollow Road. He requested input from the Board as to how they plan to fix the road.
- Veronica Jones addressed the Board on behalf of Mary Ann Pelletier and Country Oaks Volunteer Fire Department providing history of the fire department.

She advised the Board Mrs. Pelletier is requesting the Board proceed with the purchase and sale of the property of which the fire house, community and learning center are located on.

- Patricia Story – Not Present

Chairman Bush closed the non-agenda section of the meeting

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for June 2015 totaling \$2,479,680.24
- B. SunTrust Negotiation
- C. Dental Cash Fee Schedule
- D. Local Mitigation Plan Update Award
- E. Tentative Budget Hearing 9/2/15 at 5:05 p.m.

F. Final Budget Hearing Date 9/15/15 at 5:05 p.m.

G. Courthouse Threshold Inspector – JRA Architects and GAC

Contractors have approval to hire a Courthouse Threshold Inspector to perform necessary inspections for construction of the Washington County Courthouse.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the consent agenda omitting the previous removal of item H. Roche Road Re-bid.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- 2015-2016 Insurance Renewal Proposal – Robin Riley, Brown & Brown, Public Risk Insurance Agency along with Brian Burch, Florida Blue addressed the Board.

Brian Burch announced to the Board they are able to offer a rate hold to Washington County Board of County Commissioners at the current rate plans for the budget year 2015-2016.

Robin Riley advised the Board the current dental coverage is with the Standard and they have offered a rate increase of 6%.

Guardian is the only insurance carrier that is competitive, matching the Standard 6% increase on the low plan and on the high plan it is a rate hold.

The increase in dental is from utilization claims.

The vision insurance has a (2) two year rate guarantee until 2016.

The basic life has a rate guarantee until 2016. The additional life insurance is \$2.00 per month for \$10,000.00 benefit.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to approve the employee benefit insurance renewal as proposed with continuation of benefits with Standard Dental.

- Courthouse Exterior Color – Jim Roberson, JRA Architects – not present
- Expansion of the Holmes Creek Paddling Trail – Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator advised the Board County Attorney Goodman has composed the MOU. The change from the workshop to now, includes outlining each county’s responsibility.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the agreement clarifies that each county is responsible for their own trail. The agreement also gives staff flexibility by adding reasonable language.

Each county has a (60) sixty day notice to exit the MOU in which the other counties as well as the state will have to be notified.

Commissioner Brock expressed about the proposal causing congestion and large boats on the creeks.

Commissioner Gothard advised Commissioner Brock the agreement states, in general the party will cut a path no larger than 6 ft., which would be wide enough for small boats to pass.

Chairman Bush requested a motion to designate the Choctawhatchee River as a Blueway. **Commissioner Abbott offered the motion with Commissioner Kent seconding the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Brock voting no.**

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the expansion of Holmes Creek

Paddling Trail. Commissioner Brock voted no.

- Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Contract – Lynne Abel, Public Safety Director advised the Board, FDM has requested that an agreement be signed in reference to the local mitigation contract. This is to ensure that there are no payments made before all deliverables are received. The State as well as County Attorney Goodman has reviewed the agreement.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve entering into the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

- Courthouse Exterior Color – JD White advised he is waiting for Jim Roberson to do the mock-up. The Board agreed to list the courthouse exterior color on the agenda for August. JD White advised the Board at this point the color selection will not hold up anything.

VII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR –

Dallas Carter advised the Board they are currently working on FEMA 4177. The deadline is 11/6 before an extension has to be requested. After FEMA 4177 is complete the direction will be toward FEMA 4138.

Public Works is also working on clearing and moving fences on Roche Road.

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board they will be working on PW's until they are finished before moving.

Commissioner Brock confirmed with Dallas that there are (3) three trucks running on each side.

Dallas advised that is correct and they are in the process of hiring another driver.

Commissioner Brock expressed concern about trucks not being used.

Dallas advised all the trucks are running by using different employees.

Commissioner Brock advised all the trucks running will increase production.

Chairman Bush called a recess.

Chairman Bush called the meeting back to order.

VIII. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer updated the Board on the following:

- Kirkland Road – The application for County Coordinator Corbin is ready. An installation of pipes will drop the flood elevation an estimated 16 – 18 inches, which should help with flooding. The work cannot be started until the permits are received, which is estimated at around (60) sixty days.
- FEMA – (2) two roads in zone (2) two are prepped for rock
- King Kutter – Bids will be taken on 8/3.
- Griffin and Shakey Joe Road – Griffin and Shakey Joe Road are negotiated within budget. Griffin is \$149,996.08 and Shakey Joe Road is

\$89,941.88.

County Engineer Knauer advised that he would like to proceed with issuing the agreements in order to issue the notice to proceed.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to proceed with the Griffin and Shakey Joe Road projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bush clarified what is being paved on Shakey Joe Road is the section that is currently paved.

- Shakey Joe Road – County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board the end of the pavement on Shakey Joe Road to Fortune Pond Road is 1.6 miles. He described the work that needs to be done. There is an 800-foot section, where the ditch needs to be moved out and widen the road. The contractor would use the base that is there and shape, pack, and pave it. The cost is \$180,000.00, which is for 1.6 miles. If the Board chooses to go past the mile that would mean significantly more widening. This would leave 6/10 of a mile unpaved, which will take tremendous work to prepare to pave.

Chairman Bush suggested paving the 6/10 of a mile.

Commissioner Brock suggested paving the entire road correctly.

County Coordinator Corbin advised both roads are problem areas.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the additional bid for (1) one mile of

roadway on Shakey Joe Road while the contractor is there doing the resurfacing.

Chairman Bush advised County Engineer Knauer and Dallas Carter are going to analyze the remainder of the 6/10 and come back before the Board. This would mean the road could possibly be paved to Fortune Pond.

Commissioner Brock asked how much down time would it mean for Public Works with the employees preparing the roads.

Chairman Bush advised the first section will not mean any. The following 6/10 is what would mean county workforce.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the paving of Quail Hollow Road that is approximately 7/10, to Orange Hill (non-paved section).

County Engineer Knauer clarified this would mean getting pricing for the contractor to compact the existing sand clay, recycle, and get density on that material. Then it will be paved to the inter-section.

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. COUNTY COORDINATOR –

County Coordinator Corbin advised the Board his negotiations with Mrs. Pelletier resulted in the amount of \$80,000.00, which is for an acre + and buildings.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Property Appraiser has the property listed in Country Oaks Volunteer Fire Departments name.

Mrs. Pelletier advised it is included in the deed that it reverts back if it fails to be a fire department.

Commissioner Gothard advised she could not find it recorded that it reverts back.

Commissioner Gothard advised she does not have an issue with purchasing the 1.46 acres of land.

County Attorney Goodman advised if the Board agrees to a contract price he would draft a contract. A part of that process would be obtaining title insurance. He assured the Board there would be clear title. If the proposed seller cannot pass title, there will not be a closure on the property.

Mrs. Pelletier advised the Board in 2011 Pippin Appraisal done an appraisal and the state also has a value on the property as well. Those (2) two figures were divided in half and that is how the sale price was figured.

Commissioner Gothard advised she does not have an issue with purchasing the dirt, but does have an issue with the Board purchasing the buildings because she feels most of the buildings were put on the property with tax dollars and donations.

Mrs. Pelletier disagreed, advising that fund raisers were done, and there were donation from the County School Board.

Commissioner Gothard advised Orange Hill Soil and Water Conservation

put in the pole barn and the well on the property.

Mrs. Pelletier advised the well was put in by the corporation.

Commissioner Gothard advised the inmates closed in the building. The library was a building donated by the School Board. All of these things are funded by tax dollars.

Commissioner Gothard advised the Board paid the matching dollars on (2) two of the trucks.

Commissioner Gothard suggested a purchase price of \$10,000.00.

There was additional discussion in reference to the purchase of Country Oaks Fire Department, which included the Commissioners, Veronica Jones, and Mrs. Pelletier.

Commissioner Gothard advised she is not interested in purchasing the land and buildings for \$80,000.00.

There was no motion to purchase.

X. CLERK – None

XI. DEPUTY CLERK – None

XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Use of Real Property for GAC – County Attorney Goodman advised the Board the hospital is looking at a change in financing. The potential lender asked for consent to leasehold mortgage.

County Attorney Goodman read the lease.

Marcey Black, Chief Financial Officer Northwest Florida Community Hospital advised they are in the process of refinancing debt in order to obtain a lower interest rate. The debt is for the medical building that was built in 2012. The current lien holder is Regions.

Commissioner Brock offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to authorize approval for the Chairman to sign the lease.

Janet Kenny addressed the Board.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board GAC and The City of Chipley will enter into an agreement for use of real property in order for additional parking.

He advised the Chairman does not need to sign.

JD White advised the area will be fenced.

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

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved