

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 23, 2016 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 Vice-Chair	Charles Brock	Todd Abbott	Lynn Gothard

- I. PROCLAMATION – Deputy Lee
 - A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush
 - B. Invocation/Pledge – County Administrator Hamilton/Chairman Bush

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners met on the above referenced date with the following members present: Chairman Bush, Commissioners Kent, Abbott, and Gothard.

Commissioner Brock was not present.

Also attending the meeting are as follows:

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney

Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court

H. Hamilton, County Administrator

Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk

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

- III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES –
 - May 18, 2016 Workshop
 - May 26, 2016 Regular Meeting**Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gothard and carried to approve the above listed minutes.**

- 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 standard statement in regards to public statements.

Benita Crittendon, 5108 Longlake Ridge addressed the Board in reference to Greenhead Road as a follow-up to her previous address of the Board. The current FEMA project with the road will not fix it and road maintenance will have to continue.

Mrs. Crittendon advised the Board that she and other residents contacted the Board of Water Management, who have over the years spent millions improving those attractions along the Greenhead Road that requires direct access by the Greenhead Road but they have not considered the maintenance of the road leading to those attractions. They seem to be open to opening dialogue with the Department of Transportation.

She asked the Board to lead the contact with Water Management.

She also requested the Board not forget Greenhead Road and to give it the proper attention and put it back at the proper priority on the road matrix list that it held prior.

If the matrix had remained as it previously was it would fall in line after Roche and Lucas.

Commissioner Abbott advised the stipulations with FEMA projects are to fix

the roads to pre-existing conditions.

He suggested a commissioner or Mr. Hamilton's staff be appointed to look into the issue by reaching out to the State and Water Management.

The road matrix is calculated and changes due to needs.

Mrs. Crittendon advised that it changes with elections.

Commissioner Abbott agreed.

Mr. Hamilton advised that he has been contacted by Water Management.

-George Card, III., 1171 1st Avenue, Chipley advised the Board he is addressing them as a follow-up to when he previously addressed the Board asking did the City and the County come together about the road that he lives on.

There has been patching done but that does not hold up. The road is in a deplorable state.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board, the City paved the western half but the eastern did not get paved.

Chairman Bush requested that Mr. Hamilton contact Dan Miner and see what they would be willing to do in order to assist.

Mr. Hamilton advised that he is scheduled to meet with Mr. Miner and will address the issue with him.

Tommie Andrews addressed the Board, advising that about 20% of the road was done. It does not reach the first block.

The city tore the roads up when they came in to install the sewages and the roads were not repaired correctly.

He advised that he has not brought it up at the city meetings that he has attended because he thought the county was going to take care of it. It was his understanding that the city and the county were together.

The location is exactly as it was.

Commissioner Abbott advised that they would obtain an estimate in order to see what can be done.

Mr. Andrews asked if they needed to follow-up.

Chairman Bush advised that County Administrator Hamilton will follow-up.

Alex Quintana, representative for Gwen Graham, Congresswoman, advised the Board the congresswomen will hold a workshop with the Small Business Administration in Quincy on June 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 at the UF and Education Center.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request for approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for May 2016 totaling \$3,430,192.16
- B. Debris Management Plan Resolution
- C. Local Mitigation Strategy Resolution
- D. 2015-2016 Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement Amendment
- E. EMPG Annual Contract
- F. EMPA Annual Contract
- G. Wheeler Emergency Management Task order 6 – Month 2
- H. Equipment Repair – Thompson Caterpillar grader repair in the amount of

\$30,270.14

- I. Career Source Chipola Appointment – Reappointment of Darrin Wall for a 3-year period to Career Source
- J. Tri-County Airport Authority Board Member Approval – Ty Peel (5 year term), Curtis Snell (5 year term), Norman Rich (2 year remaining in current term), Sydney Snell (1 year remaining in current term), Alan Williams (1 year remaining in current term).

Mr. Hamilton advised that Holmes and Jackson County will use the same voting procedures, which will include 5-year terms starting this cycle.

He requested to appoint 2 for the 5-year cycle and then stagger the other 3 in order to get them in line.

- K. Pitney Bowes Lease – Mr. Hamilton advised there is no room to negotiate with the pricing because it is a state contract, although the length of the terms are not set.
- L. Sunset residential impact fees for 12-months - June 22, 2016 – June 22, 2017
- M. Employment of Public Works Director – Tom Terrell
- N. Recapitulation of 2015 Assessment Tax Roll - \$525,875.37
- O. USDA
- P. Amendment to Code Enforcement Provisions
- Q. Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Service Contract
- R. Courthouse Committee Recommendations – Purchase of security equipment from Security Detection quote# 2200 for the front entrance, approval of interior signage schedule, landscape plan provided by Lawnsapes Inc., purchase of furniture, exterior sign provided by GAC contractors, and proposed landscape boundary wall between the church and the courthouse
- S. Courthouse Plaque – To include: Alan T. Bush, Joel Pate (2014), Charles Kent, Charles Brock, Todd Abbott, Lynn Gothard, Clerk Harold

Bazzel (2014), Clerk Lora C. Bell, Honorable Christopher Patterson, Honorable Colby Peel, County Attorney Jeff Goodman, a special thanks to the taxpayers of the State of Florida
County Attorney Goodman advised that JRA and GAC should be included on the plaque.

Item S. was pulled

T. Washington County Fire 50/50 Forestry Grant

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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- Courthouse Plaque (Item S.) – Addition of JRA, Architect and GAC, General Contractor

County Attorney Goodman advised the current and former county administrator should be listed on the plaque

Commissioner Abbott advised to get approval from the judges before including their names on the plaque.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the names referenced on the plaque at the new courthouse.

- Opportunity Florida – Antonio Jefferson, Opportunity Florida Chairman introduced himself to the Board. Opportunity Florida is a regional economic development organization that is a value added organization to the efforts that are being done in each of the 9 counties that are represented by Opportunity Florida. Included are as follows: Washington, Holmes,

Gadsden, Franklin, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, Calhoun, and Gulf Counties as well as the City of Freeport.

Mr. Jefferson provided history of Opportunity Florida as well as offering their services to the Board.

Commissioner Abbott asked if Opportunity Florida had a method of advertising vacant properties in Washington County throughout the United States.

Mr. Jefferson advised yes that is soon to come.

VII. FEMA COORDINATOR – None

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR - Johnny Evans advised Commissioner Abbott that he has received concerns of a pit being opened on Clayton Road.

Commissioner Abbott advised that he has received calls of concern as well. Someone has sent out an anonymous letter.

IX. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board that he will have a cost estimate for the intersection of Brickyard the week of June 27, which he will provide to Mr. Hamilton.

Chairman Bush asked about the parking spaces at Gin Pond.

County Engineer Knauer advised there are 52 spaces.

Commissioner Gothard asked about the ending date of the work on Greenhead Road.

County Engineer Knauer advised the contractor should be finished this

Friday.

Commissioner Abbott asked about the banks of sand.

Commissioner Gothard advised that she and County Administrator Hamilton looked at the area. The intent is to allow the Public Works Director to compose a plan. County Engineer Knauer has previously advised what needs to be done.

Chairman Bush, County Engineer Knauer, and Commissioner Gothard discussed the parking area at Gin Pond.

County Engineer Knauer advised the Board all the pine trees will be removed in the location where you pull straight ahead.

Commissioner Kent asked County Engineer Knauer if he had looked at a sink hole.

County Engineer Knauer advised that it appears to be where the sewer was directional bore underneath the road and suggested to discuss the issue with Dan Miner.

Commissioner Kent asked if the area would need to be fixed now.

County Engineer Knauer advised that 2 grants were applied for on Kirkland Road to resurface the entire road but there has not been confirmation of approval.

The road needs to be fixed soon by saw cutting the entire area out.

X. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- Impact Fees – County Administrator Hamilton advised the ad valorem figures requested at the workshop cannot be provided because that is the millage rate versus the taxable value after the co's issued.

- Deltona Corporation – County Administrator Hamilton advised the Board per discussion at the workshop the Deltona Corporation taxes are \$367,000.00 delinquent. There are \$50,000.00 in excess of penalties.

- Dirt Pit – County Administrator Hamilton advised the Board the dirt pit on Clayton Road is estimated at .43 per cubic yard if the land is purchased at the asking price. It is estimated at .45 per cubic yards if it is contracted out. There is also the option of negotiating the sell price.

- Guettler & Guettler – County Administrator Hamilton advised the invoice for striping would be adjusted from around \$90,000.00 to \$60,000.00 once River Road has been removed.

Commissioner Abbott asked County Administrator Hamilton his suggestion in reference to the dirt pit.

County Administrator Hamilton suggested to use contractors at an estimated .45 per cubic yard, or negotiate the price with the owner. If the price does not go down, use a contractor and possibly negotiate with them.

Commissioner Kent suggested at that price it is not feasible.

Commissioner Abbott agreed.

Commissioner Gothard suggested County Administrator Hamilton

contact the owner in order to see if he is interested/willing to negotiate the price.

There was additional discussion on the pit.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board in reference to prior Board approval to pave a portion of Shakey Joe Road, totaling \$138,000.00.

Deputy Clerk Brantley confirmed the amount.

Chairman Bush advised the Board that he later decided to use the funds for striping and would like approval to stripe River Road along with the other striping projects on the Guettler & Guettler invoice.

Happy Hill Road is in district 3 (Commissioner Brock), which is also included in the paving contract with Guettler & Guettler.

The total cost is estimated at \$90,000.00

There was no opposition from the Board.

Commissioner Bush handed the gavel over to Commissioner Kent.

Commissioner Bush added discussion to add the striping of River Road to the 3 additional striping projects, Douglas Ferry, Pate Pond, and Happy Hill.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion to add River Road to the striping contract. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion for discussion asking if it is coming out of the same fund.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised it would come from transportation funds.

Commissioner Bush advised that everyone had paving projects and that is where that came from with the exception of one of the initial projects that came out of different funds.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised the project was covered by impact fees.

- Veronica Jones asked if the road was a milled road and had the road been striped.

Commissioner Bush advised that the road is paved and has been striped.

Commissioner Kent clarified with the Board that the funds that Commissioner Bush was spending were old funds that were previously approved.

He advised they all had projects.

Commissioner Kent brought the Board back to the motion on the floor.

The motion to add River Road to the striping invoice from Guettler & Guettler carried 4/4.

XI. CLERK – None

XII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – None

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

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved