

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 16, 2016 Special 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 Woolover
- 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 Brock.

Commissioner Gothard was not present.

Also attending the meeting are as follows:

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney

Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court

Hank Hamilton, County Administrator

Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Bush requested to include discussion of the courthouse plaque on the agenda. The other agenda items are:

Courthouse Power Easement

Project Game Change

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

- II. 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.

There were no comments from the public.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- Courthouse Power Easement – Jeff Goodman, County Attorney advised the Board the easement is a standard easement from Gulf Power in order to run electricity to the courthouse.

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

- Project Game Change – Ted Everett, Executive Director - Chamber of Commerce – Jim Town addressed the Board in reference to the letter of support, which is to show support of recruiting an economic development project that would bring forth jobs in our corridor. The City of Bonifay and Holmes County have previously approved letters of support.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the letter of support for project game change.

- Courthouse Plaque – Chairman Bush advised the Board he had been contacted by Mrs. Galloway in reference to including Ms. Cook's name on the courthouse plaque. Her term would have carried through if she hadn't resigned due to sickness. This inclusion would explain why Harold Bazzel would be listed on the plaque as an interim. Linda Cook's name would be included with deceased listed by it.

Commissioner Bush passed the gavel.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion to include Linda Cook's name on the courthouse plaque.

Commissioner Abbott advised he does not have an issue with adding her name to the plaque. He expressed concern about bringing the issue before the courthouse committee advising that he would like to refrain from voting until it is brought up before the courthouse committee, because it consists of several people.

Commissioner Brock seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brock asked about the previous process of names to be included on the plaque.

County Attorney Goodman addressed Commissioner Brock, when the committee was asked what names to include on the plaque they ultimately decided not to have any input on the plaque suggesting that be under the purview of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Abbott clarified that there would be (3) Clerk's names included on the plaque.

Commissioner Kent advised that it would reflect a timeline as to why Mr. Bazzel's name is listed.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brock - Yes

Commissioner Kent - Yes
Commissioner Bush - Yes
Commissioner Abbott - Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved