

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Washington County, Florida**  
**Board Meeting**  
**1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Tray Hawkins Chairman	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 5 Steve Joyner
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I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- B. Invocation/Pledge – Johnny Evans/Jeff Massey

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners met for a monthly board meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Present were Chairman Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Abbott, and Commissioners Bush, Kent, and Joyner. Also present were Jeff Massey, County Administrator, H. Matthew Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, PA - County Attorney, Shawna Faison, Executive Assistant to Lora C. Bell, Clerk, and Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk.

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

III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 1/17/2018 Special/Workshop
- 1/25/2018 Regular Meeting
- 2/5/2018 Special Meeting

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

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy
- B. Dell Computer Upgrades for Library System
- C. Rock of Deliverance Church Addition
- D. Review and approve for the submittal of Rural and State Grants for E-911 and Dispatch Center
- E. 319 Grant – Williams Road
- F. Vouchers – January 2018 totaling \$996,329.36

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

## VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. RAO Boundary Change – Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator advised the board the DEO has determined it is necessary for the counties and municipalities to execute a new memorandum of agreement. The memorandum is identical to the one that was done in 2015. The new boundaries are specified. It does not change any of the terms and conditions of the previous one, and it does not impose any financial consequences unless the board fails to execute it.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the RAO Boundary change.**

- B. Washington County Logistics Plan 2018 – Lynne Abel, EOC addressed the board. Due to the approval of the MOU with Wausau for a county staging area the plan needs to be updated to include that.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to authorize approval to update the Washington County Logistics Plan 2018.**

- C. Fire Prevention and Safety Grant - Rick Kerr, Fire Coordinator requested approval to apply for an AFG Grant for fire prevention for a fire safety smokehouse, which would be used during fire prevention at the schools and will be offered to Holmes County for use at their schools.

**Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to authorize applying for the fire prevention safety grant.**

- Ebro Fire Department Update – Rick Kerr updated the board. Ebro Fire Department currently has three(3) certified fire fighters on their staff, two(2) in school for Fire II, with a completion date of April and August 2018, and the (4) remaining members only have to go through a live burn and complete their task books.

With this information Rick Kerr asked the board to reinstate Ebro Fire Department’s funding; they are a functional fire department according to Ocala.

**Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to reinstate funding for the Ebro Fire Department from the Washington County Board of County Commissioners.**

VII. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer spoke following the public works supervisor.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – Johnny Evans addressed the board.

Johnny Evans requested approval to purchase an excavator. Three (3) local vendors were contacted for prices, with two (2) responding. The prices received were from John Deere for \$167,007.00. Tractor and Equipment provided a quote for Komatsu for \$196,700.00 with a manual thumb, and \$205,000.00 with a hydraulic thumb.

Commissioner Joyner advised the board that there are bridges that need immediate attention.

**Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to purchase the 210 John Deere from Beard Equipment for \$167,007.00, unless Caterpillar provides a lower quote in the next few minutes.**

Johnny Evans advised the board the equipment that was sold at the auction totaled \$215,127.00.

Commissioner Bush requested Johnny Evans look at the area of Ellen Road/Porter Pond on the southwestern section of the interchange when public works is in that location. There is a pond located there, which has become the county retention pond, per say.

Johnny Evans advised they would address the issue when in that area by using the excavator to clean the clay out of the pond.

County Engineer Knauer addressed the board.

- Bridge Inspection – The bridge inspections are complete. He suggested the closure of two (2) bridges. One (1) is currently being rebuilt, Ellen Road, and the other is Bonnie Lane.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the county could close Bonnie Lane.

Commissioner Bush advised the closure of the road may impact

access to the house that is located on the other side.

Johnny Evans advised the board they have placed a load of dirt in front of it as well as barricades in the location.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that his intent is to accompany Johnny Evans to each bridge and address the needs of the bridge, ensuring they are fixed correctly.

The bridges should be inspected once a year.

Commissioner Hawkins requested County Engineer Knauer prepare a cost to inspect the bridges annually.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board the bridges they looked at include Armstrong Mill, Sylvania, Gully Creek, Bonnie Lane, Kent, Ellen, Deadenning, and Carr Road.

Orange Hill Highway – County Engineer Knauer advised the board the revised cost estimate based on the final plans would be \$525,000.00 if it were bid out. \$140,000.00 of the cost is paving. The distance is 4,400’.

The consensus of the board is for public works to work on preparing the road for paving.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that he is currently working on the application for Williams Road for the 319 grant.

Commissioner Hawkins requested an update on the closure of the landfill.

Attorney Fuqua advised they are working on it and working with DEP.

Discussion was held on the parcel that is adjacent to the Mudhill landfill by County Engineer Knauer, and Commissioners Hawkins and Joyner. County Engineer Knauer advised that he intends to meet with Dawn Templin and the senior geologist with DEP.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested Commissioner Joyner work with County Engineer Knauer on the issue.

IX. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- Federal Inmate Funding -

Documentation has been provided to the board documenting specific use of federal inmate funding that is received by the sheriff's office. Sheriff Crews has provided a letter that states the funds would be used for fleet management and new police cars.

Jeff Massey estimated the revenue as \$100,000.00.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to increase the income of the board by \$100,000.00 and approve the transfer of the federal inmate funds to the sheriff to be used for transportation purposes as the funds come.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised the board the clerk's office cannot designate

how the funds are spent because the funds will be received and sent back out to the sheriff's office.

Commissioner Bush clarified that the revenue is an existing revenue stream. The board is designating how the funds should be spent when returned to the sheriff.

Attorney Fuqua advised the board the process is the board is designating an increase in that line item and the sheriff's budget will be increased by \$100,000.00 and transfer it over.

County Attorney Fuqua advised the board that they have received the signed ordinance from Gulf Coast Electric and the board did not sign it in December but it needs to be signed in December and the effective date will be March 1; that is when the collections will begin. The ordinance was previously approved. There are some slight modifications that were made clearing it up and making it better. The terms remain the same, 5%.

**Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to make the effective date for the Gulf Coast Electric franchise fee ordinance March 1.**

- X. CLERK – None
- XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Spoke during the county administrator section.
- XII. ADJOURN – **Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adjourn.**

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved