

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

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

I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- B. Invocation/Pledge – Johnny Evans offered the invocation, which was followed by the pledge let by Jeff Massey.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners met for a special board meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, March 26, 2018.

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

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

- III. 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.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

- Highway 79 Corridor Authority Committee Appointment – Ted Everett addressed the board. The Washington County business resident selected today will be one of five members that will create the authority. They will oversee the general manager, and his assistant as well as being the checks and balance.

Amy Wiwi, Metric Engineering has agreed to accept the appointment.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to appoint Amy Wiwi to the Highway 79 Corridor Authority Board.

Commissioner Hawkins clarified that the committee would consist of a member appointed by the Holmes County Commissioners, and Washington County Commissioners, and the City of Bonifay will have their commission.

Marla Hayes, Human Resource asked Ted Everett if the general manager will be a voting member.

Ted Everett advised that the general manager will not be a voting member.

Attorney Milton informed the board that the financing for the project is tax increment financing. The City of Bonifay does not have any property taxes, therefore they will not be contributing financially.

Ted Everett advised the board that there will not be a tax increase due to this.

The City of Bonifay owns the water and sewer.

- Unredeemed Tax Certificates – Jeff Massey, County Administrator advised the board there are six parcels identified at \$3,000.00 and over totaling \$57,330.00, which he recommends to advertise.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to proceed with advertising the tax certificates

with the appraised value \$3,000.00 and over.

Commissioner Hawkins requested that a letter be sent out to the vendors advising that they can expect payment within thirty days.

Commissioner Bush suggested the letters should be printed on different color paper and inserted in all the payment envelopes.

- Fire Department – Jeff Massey advised the board that the Division of Forestry has a program in which they surplus equipment as a loan as long as needed. Two chassis have been identified to be useful for the fire departments. The stipulations are they are painted a color other than green, maintain them, and carry insurance on the trucks. The trucks would be used as tanker trucks, one in Caryville and the other in Orange Hill.

There were also generators identified for use with the stipulation of maintaining them.

The equipment will be inspected by the Florida Division of Forestry once per year.

Commissioner Abbott asked about the funding.

Rick Kerr, Fire Services advised that both departments have the funding in their budget.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent to accept the items noted listed on the document provided by Rick Kerr.

The items include the following:

1. 2 – 60 kilowatt generators
2. International Chassis
3. International Chassis
4. 5 Skid Units/225 gallon Poly Tanks with 22 HP Engine with Pump
5. 11 5 – Kilowatt diesel portable generators

The portable cascade systems, which generate the fireman's air packs is inoperable. \$1,407.66 is needed to fix the air packs.

The chiefs can cover \$707.66 and have requested board approval of \$700.00 to be spent from the public safety fund, which holds an estimated \$74,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to approve the expense.

Commissioner Abbott requested Rick Kerr check into the county owning the equipment.

Commissioner Kent seconded Commissioner Abbott's motion to approve the expense for the air packs.

Commissioner Bush requested an update on the computer contract.

Jeff Massey advised Commissioner Bush that he intends to provide the board additional information at the April meeting.

Commissioner Bush requested that if the position is advertised to look at someone who could possibly do some of the board finance work; not necessarily a finance officer.

Commissioner Abbott suggested the position include purchasing and inventory.

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

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved