

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Washington County

1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428

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

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I. PROCLAMATION

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

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

III. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES – ***Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to adopt the minutes dated 1/16, 1/24, and 2/13, 2019.***

IV. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE – Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.014 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before the Board or Commission.” Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board.

- Charlie Brown thanked the board for the assistance the county has provided regarding the flooding in the Rolling Pines area, which has included sand bags and paving of roads. This has given access to homes.

He asked the board if there is a plan B.

Commissioner Bush requested that a letter be sent requesting that the drawdown of Deer Point continue until there is relief from the water tables.

County Administrator Massey confirmed with the board that he would ensure that the letter is sent.

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

- 1. Approval for the appointment of Berna Palmer to seat #3, Tourist Development Council

2. Approval to override the purchasing policy in the solicitation of bidders for the Visit Florida Tourism Recovery Grant. RFP's were sent out for all areas. Photography & public relations, digital and social media advertising, video creation and advertising, and rack card printing. Only one proposal was received for digital and social media advertising, and rack card printing. Proposals were not received for the remainder. The Tourist Development Council will solicit quotes from local vendors.

3. Approval for Chairman Hawkins to sign the Library Services Technology Act Grant Agreement (LSTA). The library has been awarded the grant for \$3,940.00.

4. Approval of January 2019 vouchers totaling \$1,687,886.45.

5. Approval of notification to the public regarding debris pickup. The final date for debris to be put roadside is March 15, 2019. The final pickup is April 15, 2019, and the final disposal/cleanup date is of all debris management sites is May 31, 2019.

#### VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- Benefit Administrators & Consultants (BENECON) Fred Bean, Vice President, Program Management and Jill Brewster, BENECON addressed the board in reference to BENECON's history and positive results from being a part of the program. The program is designed to provide Florida local government entities a way to reduce administrative expenses. Included in the program are transparency cost, savings, and more control for the entity over how the health program works. The goal of the program is to use a collective purchasing power to secure the lowest possible cost for employee health benefits.

Chairman Hawkins commented that instantaneous transparency is a huge help.

- Mosquito Control Services – Amanda Baker, Florida Department of Health suggested to the board that a county employee taking over the program would allow more time to be devoted weekly to the program, have a direct contact during storms, and additional access for the public.

In regards to the different tiers, the state doesn't match what the county puts into the program.

Chairman Hawkins confirmed that in order to go to the next tier it would be \$1,000,000.00, which would result in an additional \$9,000.00 from the state.

Commissioner Abbott questioned the cost of aerial mosquito control.

Lee Duke addressed the board. One aerial spray per year would not be enough. Spray would need to be done at least once per week, when there is a threshold, which is set by the state. The threshold is higher for aerial spraying.

Commissioner Bush advised that the mosquito control is currently done in Vernon and Chipley because they pay for it. The county doesn't pay in.

He requested that arthropod look at Shenandoah Boulevard, Rolling Pines, and Pine Ridge.

Lee Duke advised the board that FDAC has to approve the board's hire.

The board held discussion, which resulted in the following.

***Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to take over the mosquito control program October 1, 2019.***

VII. FEMA COORDINATOR – Kevan Parker addressed the board. There is a FEMA program available after an event that will assist with mosquito control.

The dates were confirmed as March 15 (last day to get it out), April 15 (last day to pick up), and May 31 (last day to reconcile contractor's invoices in to the Department of Transportation and all sites cleaned up).

The Florida Department of Transportation has asked all counties that fall under the program if they will be finished by the issued deadline.

They were advised no, regarding Washington County.

Debris has to be kept within the improved property and pick up is for eligible debris that is a direct result of the disaster.

A two-week extension has been approved by FEMA for Washington County and the City of Chipley in order to allow additional time to identify things.

March 11 has been set aside for site inspections for Washington County and the City of Chipley.

Currently Wheeler Emergency Management is working with FEMA to have temporary dirt approved.

The board held discussion with Kevan Parker about private property debris and guidelines attached by FEMA.

Commissioner Bush expressed concern about leaners and hangers that have been cut and have not been picked up.

Commissioner Abbott confirmed that this is a similar situation near his home.

Commissioner Bush requested that Everett and Old Mill Road be checked in regards to debris.

Kevan Parker advised the board that they are committed as a team to be finished with Washington County by the specified date.

***Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried that Washington County Board of County Commissioners approve of private property pick-up contingent along with FEMA guidelines, with the State of Florida Department of Transportation's funding mechanism.***

Kevan Parker confirmed that the motion is contingent on the Florida Department of Transportation and FEMA's approval.

Chairman Hawkins called a recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – Johnny Evans addressed the updated the board. The tractors discussed at the February 2019 workshop will be taken to the auction.

Johnny Evans requested board approval for the purchase of two John Deere 6105 E on state bid for \$65,599.18 each. They are located on the lot in mobile and the money to fund the expense is in the budget. The funds will be taken from large equipment and the revenue from the sale will be put back there.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried for the Public Works Department to purchase two John Deere 6105E for \$65,599.18 each.

IX. COUNTY ENGINEER – Cliff Knauer addressed the board.

- Obies Street – The pre-conference meeting was held yesterday with Roberts and Roberts, who will be ready to mobilize in a couple of weeks. The estimated completion time is one month.
- Cope Road – The Department of Transportation advised against advertising on Cope Road at this time. Advertising should wait until the notice to proceed and agreement are in place, which should be early July.
- Bonnet Pond Road - Currently waiting on comments from Bonnet Pond Road from the Department of Transportation.
- Yard Debris Solid Waste Permit – The permit has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Orange Hill facility.
- Buckhorn Boulevard – The survey is complete and the project is now in the design phase. Per Mr. Cramer the easement for the one-mile section of the Rhythm Development has new owners who haven't signed for the right-of-way. They have requested that the county fence both sides of the right-of-way for the entire mile, which is estimated at \$80,000.00 - \$85,000.00.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that the right-of-way is needed.

Commissioner Hawkins requested that a conference call be scheduled for next week, which he will attend.

- Old Bonifay Highway – The survey is complete.
- Culpepper Landing – Comments have been received from the Army Core, stating that they would like some of the impacts to be reduced. After their review of the county's application they believe that there will be significant impacts of four different species of muscels on Holmes Creek. They have sent a letter to Dr. Katherine Phillips, Fish and Wildlife requesting that a field review be done in the next 30 days to determine if a full muscle survey should be completed or if she feels the project could be built without impacts.
- Compacted Tires – Mary Margaret and Josh would like to bring a sample bail for the boards review.

County Engineer Knauer suggested the bails could be used for streambank stabilization and restoration.

The board requested that the sample be taken to the Recycling Center for their review.

- Brickyard Road – An application is currently in the process of being done for Brickyard Road to be submitted as a SCRAP project. The application will include a request for full base replacement in several areas, which will increase the price of the project.

Resurfacing the area would allow for the same problems in the near future.

The road was previously resurfaced in 2001-2002.

- Foxworth Road – The public meeting has been rescheduled. County Administrator Massey advised that the date is March 14.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that this road was submitted to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program mainly for work on the ditches.

- Crystal Lake – The completed survey was received this morning.

X. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- Econfina – The debris pick-up, which is being done by barge is near 3,000 yards.

- Tax Certificate/Deeds not redeemed by Property Owners – The tax deeds between \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 total 47, with a total of \$44,650.00. All the properties total \$209,950.00. There are 11 properties above \$5,000.00 with an assessed value of \$139,034.00.

***Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to proceed with tax deeds \$5,000.00 and up.***

- County Parking Ordinance – There is a state ordinance that covers what the county is seeking in reference to parking on the right-of-way, which requires signage to be put out and the sheriff to be notified.

Commissioner Hawkins advised the board that he would talk with Sheriff Crews.

- Employee Handbook Amendment for the Employer Portion of Insurance Payment to cease after 6 months leave of absence – An employee that is out and has exhausted their FMLA; The new agreement with United Healthcare states that an employee is not eligible to carry out insurance after 26 weeks/6 months when this occurs.

**County Administrator Massey requested board approval to amend the county policy to match the county's agreement with United Healthcare. – Commissioner Abbott, Commissioner Kent (Motion Carried)**

Commissioner Bush confirmed that it is consistent with other entities.

Marla Hayes, Human Resource advised yes. There are specific guidelines with United Healthcare that identify who is eligible for it.

County Engineer Knauer advised the board that he just received notification that the permit for the Orange Hill Pit will be issued by the end of the week. The Department of Environmental Protection also advised that Washington County qualifies for \$0.00 permit cost through them.

**XII. ADJOURN – Commissioner Abbott, Commissioner Kent (Motion Carried)**

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Deputy Clerk

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Date Approved