

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

May 15, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Hawkins called to order the board meeting of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. on 5/15/2019 at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida. The invocation was given by Johnny Evans, which was followed by the pledge.

### **II. Attendees**

The following persons were present: Chairman Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Abbott, Commissioners Kent, Bush, and Joyner along with County Administrator Massey, County Attorney Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., Clerk Bell, and Deputy Clerk Brantley.

### **III. Public Hearing**

- Future Land Use Amendment for 33.8 acres of land at the southeast corner of Bedie Road and Duncan Community Road – Steve Cramer addressed the board in reference to the FLUM amendment submitted by Milton Peel. The Washington County Board of County Commissioners conducted a transmittal hearing March 21, the amendment was forward to Tallahassee and approved. The public hearing held today is for approval of the amendment.

### **IV. Adopt the Agenda**

Agenda Addition – Resolution for the Communication Committee meetings to be changed from monthly to quarterly per the request of the committee – Chairman Hawkins

MOU – Davy Odom – County Administrator Massey

**Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to adopt the agenda as stated.**

**V. 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. – None

The board recognized Karen Shaw, Wendy White, Fred McSwain, Deidra Pettis, Ginny Miles, and Jackie Snowden for their assistance with a SHIP project on the weekend, which was done on their own accord and with their equipment.

#### **VI. Adopt Previous Minutes**

- April 25, 2019 Board Meeting
- May 2, 2019 Special Board Meeting

**Commissioner Bush, Commissioner Kent (Motion Carried)**

#### **VII. Agenda Items**

a) Future Land Use Amendment for 33.8 acres of land at the southeast corner of Bedie Road and Duncan Community Road – Steve Cramer, Planner advised the board the planning commission and staff recommend approval of the ordinance. The ordinance was read by title.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to adopt the FLUM amendment for Bedie Road and Duncan Community Road.**

b) Blazing Hooves 4-H Club Schooling Show at Daniels Lake Center – Nina Davis, 4-H Leader informed the board that they intend to hold the annual schooling show, Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. The gates will open at 2:00 p.m. The focus is on the youth; however, it will be open to the public.

Chairman Hawkins advised that the debris haulers cleaned the bathrooms at the location and locked them. If they are not, they will be cleaned with the bill directed to Crowder Gulf.

Nina Davis requested the board provide mowing of the area.

County Administrator Massey confirmed that it would be done.

Nina Davis informed the board that they intend to partner with Walton County this year.

c) Grandparent Alienation Awareness Day Proclamation – **Commissioner Bush, Commissioner Joyner (Motion Carried)**

d) Administrative Expense up to \$50,000.00 for Administrative cost for the Highway 79 Corridor – Tray Hawkins requested the board approve to pledge \$50,000.00 from the landfill account and reimburse the account upon receiving the hospital funds that are received in December. Holmes County has pledged \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the board. When the industrial park property was purchased back it was agreed that the funds used from the franchise fees would be reimbursed by the funds received from the hospital.

Commissioner Bush addressed the board. If it was intended to use the full amount received from the hospital to reimburse the franchise fee fund, make an adjustment this year and apply \$46,000.00 toward the franchise fee fund and \$50,000.00 toward the landfill account.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to take the funds (\$50,000.00) from the landfill account and if the minutes reflect that the hospital funds were committed to being applied to the franchise fee funds used to purchase the industrial park, then it would be adjusted to apply \$46,000.00 this year and carry the \$50,000.00 forward for next year.**

e) Inter-local Agreement between the Highway 79 Corridor Authority and Washington County – Tray Hawkins, Chairman requested approval of the inter-local agreement, which would reflect the \$50,000.00 funds committed to the Highway 79 Corridor. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the inter-local agreement between the Highway 79 Corridor Authority and Washington County.**

f) Continued exemption of impact fees for residential property – Tray Hawkins, Chairman – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to continue the exemption of impact fees for residential properties.**

The board will readdress the residential exemption May 2020.

g) Roof Estimate for Washington County Sheriff's Office – Jeff Massey, County Administrator informed the board the estimate they would like to proceed with is was submitted by Mike Moody for \$31,500.00 for a shingle roof.

Wendy White, Human Resource addressed the board. The three quotes received were from Arondi, Mike Moody, and Citadel.

**Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to proceed with Mike Moody installing a shingle roof for \$31,500.00 at the Washington County Sheriff's Office.**

h) Resolution Communication Committee – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board requesting to change the communications committee meetings from monthly to quarterly.

The board direction is for the County Attorney Fuqua to be provided with the current resolution and he would make the requested adjustments.

**VIII. Public Works Supervisor** – Johnny Evans updated the board.

Per the Department of Transportation, the bridge on Buddy Road is scheduled to be replaced 2022.

The approach slab on the bridge on Pioneer, at Hard Labor Creek will be finished in a couple of weeks.

The use of Davy Odom's pit by the county is scheduled for Monday.

Quotes for trucks were requested from International, Western Star, and Mack (haven't responded). Western Star provided the lowest quote of \$143,000.00. International's quote was \$160,000.00.

Commissioner Joyner suggested that there should be a rotation with some of the trucks.

Johnny Evans informed the board that they are taking two dump trucks, loader, grader, mulching head from the Bobcat, and a pick-up truck to the auction.

After the sale he will look at his budget to determine what can be purchased.

**Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to approve of purchasing two trucks after the sale if the funding is there.**

**Commissioner Joyner, County Administrator Massey, and Johnny Evans are to meet and make a decision on this.**

Johnny Evans informed the board that he purchased a chassis for the water truck, which should be in next week.

**IX. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – Jeff Massey, County Administrator addressed the board.

Construction for Bonnet Pond has been advertised.

The community center rental policy has been revised. The board held discussion on the deposit amount. County Administrator Massey suggested \$100.00. A liability clause is included as well as smoking and alcohol is not permitted.

The board agreed on a \$200.00 deposit for the recreational facility rentals.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to amend the community center rental policy to add the exemptions for the alcohol and so forth and the \$200.00 deposit.**

County Administrator Massey updated the board. There has been an ongoing problem with vandalism of the county parks; one in particular being Wilder Park. The citizens have taken initiative to make repairs. A community meeting has been scheduled for Saturday by the citizens to promote the park.

**X. COUNTY ENGINEER** - County Engineer Knauer addressed the board in reference to what was done for the industrial park when it was under permitting during Project Pipe. Mr. Foley was the landowner and applicant for the Army Core and DEP permits. The DEP issued their ERP, which covered all the impacts for the wetlands and for the storm water construction for what he was going to build. The ERP from DEP was issued to Foley in 2011. The Army Core of Engineers approved everything and sent a proffered permit which means it is the official permit, however Mr. Foley never signed the permit to make it valid.

Going through that process the Army Core accepted a mitigation plan that they put together at Mud Hill Landfill to put a portion of the property at Mud Hill into mitigation and to make some basic improvement at Mud Hill that would cover all the impacts at the industrial park that would be needed to turn that into an industrial park.

The point being is that the Army Core already approved the mitigation plan for all the impacts that are planned to occur out there to put in access roads, building areas and so forth.

Attorney Fuqua confirmed that it's likely if the same project was submitted, the same permit would be received.

County Engineer Knauer confirmed that is correct.

The property is located west of the public works yard. Some of the property requirements include burning the property every five years. There is a ditch that runs from a portion of the pit into the property that would need to be filled to prevent run off from going into the wetlands. Also required would be the removal of the exotic species; there are popcorn trees, Japanese Privet and a few other types of invasive species that they require to be cut down.

The Army Core may be willing to accept the mitigation plan that they previously approved, with the board informing them that Project Pipe is no longer.

The plan is to set up a meeting with The Army Core in Pensacola for further information.

A conceptual plan will be required once the permit is submitted for.

County Engineer Knauer updated the board on the following:

- Old Bonifay Highway – There is a significant number of wetland impacts in order to be able to widen the road and fix the shoulders. The Army Core and DEP have been submitted to, however the project will be in permitting for a while.
- Buckhorn Boulevard – When Buckhorn was platted, it was done so with many PI's (there is no smooth curve on what was platted). There is 60' of platted right-of-way but it is impossible to form an alignment for a paved road that would fit, based on the PI's through the platted portion. Small easements are needed.
- Bonnet Pond Road – It is currently out for bid and the intent is to award it at the June board meeting.
- Crystal Lake – A conceptual plan has been put together.
- SCRAP and SCOP – The legislative has \$20 million for two more SCRAP and SCOP projects.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested that a lobbying firm would be an asset to Washington County.

**Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to submit CR 280, and South Boulevard from Highway 277 to Brickyard for SCRAP and River Road and Houston Road for SCOP.**

County Administrator – Continued from section IX.

- Foley Litigation – Jeff Massey, requested guidance concerning the Foley Property. The geotechnical work was paid for when the property was purchased back, however it was not included in the package.

County Attorney Fuqua advised the board that he would find out who the engineer was on the project and upon doing so see if he may be able to obtain it that way.

- Long Term Recovery Strategy – County Administrator Massey addressed the board. After a recent visit to Mississippi he discovered that they used a Go Fund Zone during their recovery efforts. The Go Fund Zone is available through CDBG for storm recovery.

The planning council has been paid to help represent the board on these issues, and a team is being composed in order to start pursuing additional funds.

Other counties are using lobbyist and the board should consider hiring a lobbyist.

The board expressed support for County Administrator Massey to do some research on a lobbyist and come back before the board at the June meeting.

2020 Census – County Administrator Massey updated the board. The 2020 census is in the near future. For every 100 people not counted it will cost the county an estimated \$1.4 million over a 4-year period.

NW Florida Rural Grant - US Water is applying for a grant to redo their waste water treatment plan. In order to do so they need to partner with the county.

County Attorney Fuqua informed the board that they need a government entity to be a cosponsor.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to approve the application with US Water.**

County Administrator Massey presented the board with an agreement to begin digging in Mr. Odom’s pit on Monday.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to accept the MOU with Davy Odom.**

County Administrator Massey updated the board. The Hard Labor Creek Bridge on Orange Hill is currently at 60% design phase with the Department of Transportation.

**XI. CLERK –**

- April Vouchers totaling \$2,577,403.17 – Clerk Bell requested approval of April vouchers.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to approve the April vouchers for \$2,577,403.17.**

**XII. ATTORNEY –** Attorney Fuqua informed the board that an ordinance will be advertised to amend the fee schedule dealing with livestock.

**XIII.** Commissioner Bush offered a motion to adjourn.

Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_