

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting - Commission Board Room**  
**1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428**

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alan Bush	Charles Kent	Charles Brock	Todd Abbott	Lynn Gothard
Chairman	Vice-Chair			

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I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Bush
- B. Invocation/Pledge – Pastor Isaac Fuentes/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 Gothard.

Commissioner Brock was present via polycom.

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING –

Special Exception – Wireless Communication Tower – Victoria D’Angelo, Planning Department addressed the Board in reference to a proposal for a wireless communication tower by C4 Towers, LLC, located in the northeastern portion of the county off of Orange Hill Road, addressed at 2258 Orange Hill Road.

The parcel is currently designated as agriculture/silviculture with an acreage of 20.9. The tower is to be located on the southeastern portion of the site. The setback is approximately 420’. from the roadway.

C4 Towers intends on leasing a 6400 square foot of the 20 acre parcel to contain 199 monopole with a concrete fenced compound, a 30’ non-

exclusive easement will go from the road to the compound, which will be surrounded with a 30' natural vegetative buffer.

The development plans were reviewed by county staff at a development review committee meeting July 13, 2016. All the comments that were requested by staff were incorporated into the plans.

Included are (5) leased areas for wireless communications towers. The tower will provide space for the county's emergency services equipment as well as space on the tower for the antennae.

The FAA has determined there is no hazard to air navy aviation and also the facility is unmanned and (1) parking space will be provided.

There are no real impacts to drainage or water quality. The site does not contain any environmentally sensitive lands, noise is not anticipated to exceed 55 decibels, signage is in compliance with the land development regulations, and there are no anticipated impacts to air quality.

The applicant held a neighborhood information meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, with no attendees.

The planning department did not receive any comments from property owners within 300'.

The applicant submitted a proof of publication that it was advertised in the newspaper, signage was posted on the site, a public hearing was held by the planning commission on 8/2, and there were no public comments received in support or objection of the tower.

The planning commission has moved to approve the tower with the staff recommendation that the applicant submit securities in accordance with the land development code, which includes a 110% construction cost security and a \$10,000.00 surety bond and the provision that if damage is incurred to Orange Hill Road, it is subject to the 110% security.

The applicant submitted a letter agreeing to the terms.

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

IV. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES – 7/20/16 Workshop, 7/28/16 Regular Meeting, and 8/4/16 Special Meeting

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to approve the above minutes.**

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.

Sarah Moore, 835 Orange Hill Road requested the Board address water drainage problems at her residence in the backyard. The drainage problems are due to holding ponds.

Due to the drainage problems she has had to have her house jacked up twice.

Chairman Bush directed Tom Terrell, Public Works Director to obtain information from Sarah Moore.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board in reference to Sarah Moore's drainage issues.

There is an apartment complex near where Ms. Moore lives and the complex has a holding pond between the apartment complex and Ms. Moore's residence.

Mr. Hamilton advised the Board that he and Mr. Terrell will look at the area confirming that is what Commissioner Abbott would like for them to do.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request approval for the Clerk of Court to pay vouchers for July 2016 totaling \$2,282,743.84
- B. Community Home Health Contract
- C. SHIP Housing Initiative Partnership Annual Report
- D. Special Exception – Wireless Communications Tower – 2258 Orange Hill Road (Commissioner Abbott requested that this item be removed)
- E. TDC Board – David Rich will serve in seat #5. His term will end 9/30/17. Resignation of Paul Goulding currently serving seat #7, which will be effective immediately
- F. Florida Department of Health Dental Fee Schedule
- G. Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant Program Resolution in support of requesting state funding from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services through its Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant Program
- H. Public Library Construction Grant Application
- I. State Funded Sub-Grant Agreement – In accordance with F.A.C. 27P-6.0025, which requires all counties within a 50-mile radius of commercial power plant must have a Radiological Emergency Plan.
- J. Internet Upgrade – Southern Light – Washington County Annex and Washington County Jail

**Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item D.**

Commissioner Abbott questioned the requirement of a parking lot at the tower location; he does not want to complicate anything or add unnecessary expense to an applicant. Does the location have to be paved.

Victoria D'Angelo addressed Commissioner Abbott, the specific use was the decision of the applicant to show what they needed. It does not have to be paved.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve item D. special exception for a tower, referenced in the public hearing.**

VII. AGENDA ITEMS –

- Courthouse Update – This item was spoke on further in the meeting.
- TDC Board Appointment – Heather Lopez, TDC Director advised the Board that Pine Log State Forrest's legal department made the decision to move forward with the bedtax collection.

She requested approval of Daniel Young to serve in seat #6.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the recommendation of Daniel Young serving in seat #6 (TDC).**

VIII. FEMA COORDINATOR – Jason Wheeler, Emergency Management addressed the Board, he received feedback from the Division of Emergency

Management advising that they did not have any issues with the rock contract and would forward to FEMA.

- IX. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – Tom Terrell, Public Works Director addressed the Board in reference to plans to complete the FEMA work. The plans are based upon no equipment failure, no employee issues, and no dump truck failures. The load counts and distance are based upon the stock pile on Mudhill Road to the various road sites. The plans are based on dump truck production of 4.5 loads per day. The plan was produced in a conservative way. The work is based up working one crew consisting of the road grader, steel wheel roller, loader at the rock site, and depending upon the direction of the Board, how many dump trucks will support the crew.

There is currently one running steel drum rolling at this time.

Key to the plan is revenue stream, and no district is given a priority. The priority is closing pw's. The dump truck usage will increase and there will be an impact on day to day operations of road and bridge. No one will be left out but responses will be slower than citizens are accustomed to.

The loader at Roche Pit will be moved to Mud Hill to load the dump trucks. With that in mind, the other trucks will go to Hero Pit, which will increase traveling but the loader is needed.

Plan A, would take 3.5 years to complete. 100% contractors would slow the flow of the revenue and the 3 temporary workers would be released.

The remaining open FEMA worksheets are 27, truckloads of limestone remaining to be placed is 3,905, and truckloads of granite to be put down by contractual labor is 60.

The first plan includes all work to be completed by county staff, would require an extension, and take multiple years to complete. The second plan includes the county work team plus varying supporting trucks.

Commissioner Abbott addressed the Board, public works is staffed to do everyday maintenance, not to build roads or more than one special project at a time.

Tom Terrell suggested plan C., option 1, county work team plus various supporting trucks with county placing 1127 loads and contractors placing 2577.

The Board agreed with Mr. Terrell's suggestions of plan C., option 1.

Commissioner Abbott advised that he would like the option to add to the contract if needed.

Tom Terrell addressed the Board, the process has started but the official starting date would be the first part of October. Reevaluation will be in February.

He advised the Board he is waiting until October to purchase a roller because it is in the budget. The process has started so that the purchase will be ready to be made October 1.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to move forward with plan C., option 1.**

Courthouse Update – County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in reference to the plaque that will be put up in the courthouse.

The Board held discussion.

Commissioner Kent and Brock addressed the Board, they would like the order of the districts listed up and down, instead of left to right.

County Attorney Goodman advised the Board that he would look at changing the order but not including the district numbers.

County Attorney Goodman addressed the Board in reference to a concept drawing that was provided to the Board by JRA. The drawing shows the placement of the medallion and the molding. The thought process is to use that concept and the molding, creating the same kind of concept in the lobby. The medallion would be on both sides with the plaque located in the middle.

Commissioner Kent suggested a look similar to the front entrance.

The Board agreed with doing something such as that to enhance the entrance.

Chairman Bush called a recess. 10:06 a.m. – 10:26 a.m.

- X. COUNTY ENGINEER – County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board.
- Boardwalk Improvements Bid – Teddy Bear Timber Corporation was the low bidder, bidding \$32,500.00 on Live Oak, and \$32,500.00 on Hightower.
- County Engineer Knauer asked for approval contingent on Water Management approving the bid.
- The project was advertised as one project.
- For record purposes: I-C Contractors bid \$34,486.00 on Live Oak, and



\$39,741.00 on Hightower and Floridian Construction & Development bid \$27,000.00 on Live Oak and \$47,800.00 on Hightower.

Currently lacking is a short section of enviro lock wall on Spurling Landing and drainage work at Hightower Springs that should be completed by county workforces.

**Commissioner Gothard offered a motion, seconded by Chairman Bush and carried to accept the bid amount from Teddy Bear Timber Corp. for \$32,500.00 on Live Oak and Hightower, contingent on approval from Water Management.**

- Rock Bids – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board the state has approved of proceeding with the rock bids, asking if the Board would like to proceed with awarding the rock bids to CW Roberts, which was the low bidder. From the date of the notice to proceed they have 30 days to start and 6 months to stockpile it. It is in excess of 74,000 tons of #57 stone lime rock and 1,450 of #57 stone granite.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to award the rock contract to CW Roberts for \$1,151,996.00.**

- Chipley Landfill Close Out – County Engineer Knauer advised the Board they are moving forward with the landfill close out. The restrictive covenant documents that have been prepared by County Attorney Goodman have been sent to the Department of Environmental Protection for review.

Once the Department of Environmental Protection approves, the next step is to advertise. There are 22 monitoring wells that have to be

abandoned. Survey work is also required on the storm water ponds.

The work was previously approved by the Board.

County Engineer Knauer addressed the Board, he intends on presenting to the Water Management District Board.

Commissioner Gothard asked the status of Roche and Lucas.

County Engineer Knauer addressed Commissioner Gothard, there are some shoulders on Lucas that are low, which are being addressed and there were a few wash out areas on Roche.

- XI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator Hamilton addressed the Board. In response to the prior meeting, there is currently a radio logical plan in place and is updated annually.
- The average inmate crews for the last 4 month has been 3. The Department of Correction has a 91 employee shortfall.
- Donnie Pugh is currently working on having the inmates checked out faster. The current time entering is around 7:00 a.m. but not exiting until 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Abbott asked if there is an agreement in place with the Department of Corrections.

County Administrator Hamilton advised that he has not been able to locate such an agreement.

Chairman Bush addressed the Board, it was such an agreement that there would be dual support.

County Administrator Hamilton advised the Board he has an upcoming meeting with Amanda Baker and Karen Johnson on 8/30/16.

The county will be receiving \$15,000.00 from the Florida Department of Health for spraying from August to October even though there are not any current cases of zeka in the county. There are 5 targeted areas, which include Crystal Lake and Falling Waters area. There is a threshold requirement of 5 mosquitos in 2 minutes before it constitutes spending resources on mosquito control.

XII. CLERK – None

Deputy Clerk – None

XIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – County Attorney Goodman spoke earlier in the meeting.

The Board agreed to have a workshop September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. before the tentative budget hearing.

Chairman Bush suggested to express any concerns with the budget to the Clerk and County Administrator.

Chairman Bush confirmed the current concerns are, does the sheriff's budget include salary increases for everyone.

Commissioner Gothard addressed the Board, the June 30<sup>th</sup> letter received from the sheriff showed an inclusion of a 3% raise, the August letter showed a 3% raise but it is 2 different figures, with a difference of \$7,000.00.

County Administrator Hamilton advised the Board that he would clarify the figures with the sheriff.

There was a consensus among the Board to use the funds from the hospital re-payment for the project pipe funds due to the state and move the funds budgeted to contingency.

Chairman Bush advised there is no interest on the payment.

The Board agreed to increase the Washington County Chamber's disbursement for 2017-2018 by \$5,000.00, for a total of \$30,000.00.

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

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Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved