

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

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 – Jeff Massey
- C. Pledge

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

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA

- Agenda Addition – RFP for Timber at the Equestrian Center
Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to adopt the agenda.

III. BOARD MINUTES

- January 15, 2020 Board Meeting -
Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to approve the minutes dated 1/15/20.

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.

Attorney Fuqua addressed the board regarding property in Ebro that is owned by Heather Williamson, which is Bo Williamson’s wife. A land use application was purchased by Mr. Williamson on March 22, 2019, and it was listed on the application to put power on the property. Residential nor agriculture was selected on the application. It was listed that the property needed power poles in order to use electric tools, restroom with well/septic, etc.

Another application was filed by Mr. Williamson for another piece of property which was similar to the first.

Staff expressed concerns regarding the vagueness of the application and requested that clarification be made.

County Attorney Fuqua informed the board that he advised staff to issue the certificate and if any issues surfaced they could be dealt with through code enforcement.

Once the electrician that Mr. Williamson was using applied for a permit, RV was listed, which is not an allowable use for residential purposes.

The uses that Mr. Williamson advised that he intended to use the property for were in conflict with the power permit.

A letter of agency is needed from Mr. Williamson’s wife and a resubmitted application be submitted identifying for well/for agriculture uses.

Mr. Williamson was advised once the application was resubmitted as requested the certificate would be issued immediately with no additional charge and the electrician would be able to pull the permit needed.

Mr. Williamson refused the request.

Violet Monica, Bo Williamson office manager/secretary informed the board that she completed the application and it was not relayed to her to check the agriculture box, however today she is prepared to resolve the situation today.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- Temporary Right of Way Easement to DOT Resolution – Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator informed the board that DOT has requested approval of a temporary easement on Orange Hill Road for a bridge replacement near Gilberts Mill Road, along with a resolution.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to approve the above referenced easement and resolution.

- Cope Road Project – Cliff Knauer, County Engineer informed the board the bids were opened for Cope and Old Bonifay Road yesterday.
 - Roberts and Roberts - Base Bid \$1,354,715.50; Deductive Bid Item (Using the county pit) \$14,900.00
 - GAC – Base Bid \$1,619,500.00; Deductive Bid Item (Using the county pit) \$27,950.00
 - CW Roberts – Base Bid \$1,584,771.07; Deductive Bid Item \$0.00

DOT budgeted \$1,396,536.00 for construction and CEI.

In the event the CEI contractor were to be hired for 5% the CEI would be \$67,735.00.

About 5,500 cubic yards of dirt would be needed.

Chairman Hawkins suggested if Roberts and Roberts could come within budget the project would be in good condition.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to proceed as long as the project is within the budget of \$1,396,536.00 for the construction and CEI for Cope Road contingent upon DOT approval.

Old Bonifay Road – Cliff Knauer, County Engineer provided the bid information as follows:

- Roberts and Roberts – Base Bid \$844,227.46; Deductive Bid Item \$14,7510.00 (Using the County Pit)
- GAC – Base Bid \$992,400.00; Deductive Bid Item \$46,626.75 (Using the county pit)
- CW Roberts - \$966,535.96; Deductive Bid Item \$0.00

In the event the CEI contractor were to be hired for 5% the CEI would be \$42,211.37, totaling \$886,438.00.

DOT has budgeted \$1,067,298.00. Without the deduct the project is \$180,859.00 under budget.

Chairman Hawkins suggested that the dirt not be included as a deduct item but for the county to sell the dirt to the contractor if it is legal. If the dirt is sold the funds would be put in the road department account.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott and carried to proceed with Roberts and Roberts for \$844,227.46, along with the CEI not to exceed 5% for Old Bonifay Road.

- Ag Center Roof – County Engineer Knauer informed the board that prequalified contractors have expressed concern about the warranty due to the front facade on the building that goes across the sidewalk area. It has a gutter drain system behind it that is part of the roof. The drain system has holes in it. It is believed that the oak trees that hang over the building are filling the gutters up causing back up.

Chairman Hawkins advised that he was in support of removing the façade.

County Engineer Knauer suggested to list as an alternate bid item running the metal out to a drip edge and do it with a continuous box gutter.

Commissioner Bush suggested that removing the oak trees be considered.

Chairman Hawkins suggested that limbs could be cut.

Chairman Hawkins advised County Engineer Knauer that he does not see the item as being an alternate.

- RFP for Timber – Chairman Hawkins informed the board the RFP is for 40-acres of timber that is in front of the equestrian center and runs by Daniels Lake Road. The sheriff has requested the timber be removed for additional parking. The vocational school will be able to bring their equipment in at the cost of fuel to go through and stump it.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and carried to declare the timber surplus at the equestrian center.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent to issue an RFP for harvesting the timber through the chipping process to clear the property of everything other than the stumps at the 40-acres previously declared surplus.

VI. ADJOURN – Commissioner Bush offered a motion to adjourn.

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved