

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

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Tray Hawkins Chairman	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 5 Steve Joyner
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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 (via phone), Kent (via phone), and Joyner along with County Administrator Jeff Massey, County Attorney Fuqua, Fuqua and Milton, P A, Clerk of Court Lora C. Bell, Deputy Clerk Risha Brantley, and Finance Director Johnnie Pettis.

Agenda Additions -

- USDA Wildlife Damage Management Project – Chairman Hawkins
- Public Works Grader –Chairman Hawkins
- Buckhorn Boulevard – Eminent Domain – Chairman Hawkins
- Concrete Bids – County Administrator Jeff Massey

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to adopt the agenda with the above additions.

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.” - None

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

- RFP for a Line of Credit – Chairman Hawkins informed the board that the debt will be serviced from the county coffers for each project.

The \$2,547,042.83 that was thought to be able to remain in the county coffers and be utilized for future projects has to be returned until all projects are validated and closed out. Upon the completion of that, the funds will come back to Washington County to mitigate the roads. The money has been obligated for the project.

The line of credit will be for \$6,000,000.00, which will cover two months.

Chairman Hawkins advised the debt is a 12-month line of credit, however, if a 24-month term is available it should be explored.

Commissioner Bush advised that he didn't have any questions.

Commissioner Kent clarified that this is strictly an RFP. Before proceeding past the RFP he requested to discuss the RFP with Kevan Parker.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Joyner, and carried to proceed with the RFP for a \$6,000,000.00 line of credit.

Chairman Hawkins clarified that the county is in good financial standing.

- Approval of Road Paving Repair Quotes – Chairman Hawkins advised that a proposal has just been received from Baxter’s Asphalt. Douglas Ferry Road is at \$7,500.00 and Clayton Road repair is \$23,600.00.

Johnny Evans advised the only difference in the quotes is Roberts and Roberts quoted 600’ and Baxter’s quoted 580’ on Clayton. Baxter’s quoted 90’ and Roberts and Roberts quoted 60’.

The base is holding up on Clayton but continued traffic will affect it. The road is currently closed.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the proposal submitted from Baxter Asphalt & Concrete totaling \$31,100.00 for Douglas Ferry and Clayton Road repair.

County Administrator clarified that this does not include excavation, base work, or striping.

- Approval of Excavator Lease for Public Works – Johnny Evans

addressed the board. The bid is off the sheriff's state bid for a 320-07 excavator for \$197,900.00 for 3-years for \$3,578.39 per month with a 4.5% interest rate.

Chairman Hawkins clarified there is not an early-term penalty payment.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried 5 – 0 to proceed with the excavator lease for \$3,578.39 per month/\$197,000.00 for 3-years.

- Graders – Johnny Evans addressed the board. There are 3 graders on hand that have 15,000 – 17,000 hours on them. One needs a transmission replacement, which around \$35,000.00 - \$40,000.00. The repair would be done in Birmingham. There is another one on the yard that has 16,000 hours on it that has a fuel pump issue. The compression is gone. There is also a John Deere on hand that chokes out easily.

JM Woods sale is 10/21 and 10/22.

Mike Saenz, Caterpillar Financial addressed the board. The 3-year option is \$3,952.84 per month. There is no early penalty buyout. The 5-year option is \$3,068.74 per month, which is also figured on 1,500 annual hours.

Commissioner Joyner suggested if the 5-year option was selected, the third motor grader could be picked up for almost the same monthly price as with the two of them on the 3-year term.

A lot of the equipment is worn out from the legacy work.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent carried to proceed with the three motor graders with the 5-year lease option for \$3,068.74 per month.

Surplus Graders - **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to surplus the other three motor graders at the JM auction on the 21 and 22.**

- USDA Wildlife Management – Chairman Hawkins advised the contract is the same as the previous year.
- Concrete Bid – County Administrator Massey addressed the board. The county has currently been using a company to do the mitered ends, headwalls, and concrete features in the county. The work has been done but not at the pace that is needed. The lump-sum is \$9,750.00.

The RFP that was issued received two bids. A & W Excavations, \$9,870.00, and Cinch Underground, \$10,565.00. Cinch's bid

was lower on the concrete ditch features. The suggestion is to contract both companies. One will handle headwalls and the other will handle the concrete drainage features.

Chairman Hawkins confirmed that all three companies will be under contract and assigned as needed.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, and carried to enter into a contract with A & W Excavations and Cinch Underground as well as continue using the current company. All will be used as needed.

- Buckhorn – County Administrator Massey advised that the Buckhorn project is around \$3,000,000.00.

Chairman Hawkins advised that staff, county attorney, and the contractor have reached out to a specific landowner on Buckhorn Boulevard regarding the right-of-way that is needed. At this point, a solution has not been agreed upon. An agreement was met and as of Friday, the landowner requested a price that tripled what had been agreed upon. A more than fair price had been offered to the landowner. The landowner would like a fence for 2-miles put up on his property. He has changed his price from \$15,000.00 to \$47,000.00.

County Administrator Massey advised that the agreement included the construction phase would be 80' right-of-way. The

right-of-way of record after construction would revert to 60' and he could still put up his fence.

Chairman Hawkins advised the project is very valuable to the county.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins for discussion to enact eminent domain on the parcel of property on Buckhorn Boulevard that is still in question for right-of-way.

Chairman Hawkins commented that it is their responsibility to protect the interest of the entire public.

Commissioner Joyner commented that he agrees. He does not want to set a precedence in the county that property will be purchased for road projects. The property is vacant/rural. The landowner will have to be paid the appraised value.

Commissioner Bush advised being prepared to pay more. It may be wise to contact someone familiar with eminent domain for further information.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to authorize approval for Attorney Fuqua to hire an appraiser to proceed with

eminent domain.

V. ADJOURN – Commissioner Abbott adjourned the meeting.

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved