

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Washington County, Florida**  
**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

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The following persons were present: Chairman Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Abbott, Commissioners Bush, Kent (via phone), and Joyner along with County Administrator Jeff Massey, County Attorney Milton, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., Finance Director Johnnie Pettis, and Deputy Clerk Risha Brantley.

I. PROCLAMATION

- Call to Order - Chairman Hawkins
- Invocation – Johnny Evans
- Pledge

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. Countywide Broadband Communications Network Project – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner provided an overview of the project. A special exception request for 13 potential sites was submitted and an application for 11 major development reviews. These are proposed sites. A state grant of \$1.5 million has been awarded for the project and a grant of \$3 million will be followed up on to expand the project. 18 county-owned properties are proposed as potential locations for sites. The public noticing requirements were met for all, except site 5, which will not be included in the approval request today. Site 5 is located at Sunny Hills Boulevard that was once developed as a park site.

Some concerns expressed include but were not limited to the following:

- Location
- FAA concerns
- Technology
- Light pollution
- Updating roads
- Potential impacts
- Neighbors at Campbell Park do not want a pole or tower in the park

Staff and the planning commission recommended approval.

The next steps include Wildstar finalizing their locations, submitting the final set of plans to building and planning, a building permit will be applied for, and construction will follow.

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

V. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES – None

VI. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE – None

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

- Countywide Broadband Communications Network Project – Commissioner Abbott questioned if the towers will be located in a specific area on the designated properties.

Chairman Hawkins advised the full area on the properties will be available.

Chairman Hawkins provided an update. The sheriff's office has a tower that will be put up at Campbell Park for the repeater system

to run their services on the south end of the county. Instead of another tower being added, the plan is to add a box to the tower that will already be there.

Chairman Hawkins called a recess from 9:23 a.m. – 9:31 a.m.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush for discussion.

Commissioner Abbott informed the board that he received concern regarding the helipad at Orange Hill Fire Department.

Commissioner Hawkins advised that a liaison for FAA will be looking at this.

County Administrator Massey informed the board that he will follow up on this.

**The motion on the table carried unanimously.**

- Pole Barn Purchase Request for the Emergency Operations Center – Lynne Abel, Public Safety Director informed the board of the need for a pole barn at the Emergency Operations Center which would be used for a sufficient holding area for animals. If an owner cannot be identified or contacted the responsibility of the animal falls on Washington County to take possession. The funding source would be unused local match funds from years prior totaling around \$40,000.00. The size of the pole barn would be 24 x 36. Sides, stalls, water, electricity, and a room to store

feed will be added to the pole barn. Several companies were contacted for a quote and one responded. The procurement policy was followed.

**Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to authorize Lynne Abel and County Administrator Massey to work together to secure a 24 x 36 pole barn and all requirements to comply with animal control not to exceed \$40,000.00.**

- CR276A Clayton Road Bridge Bid Award – Karen Shaw, Grants Coordinator requested approval of the low bid received from Ferroviaal totaling \$156,352.00. The bid includes an alternate bid item for \$12,500.00. The contract amount is \$136,796.00 and it is believed that the lower bidder can be brought within that amount. The other bid received was from Anderson Columbia for \$214,160.00 with an alternate bid item of \$7,500.00.

**Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried for authorizing approval to accept the low bidder, Ferroviaal, and get them within the budget for CR276A Clayton Road over Holmes Creek Bridge.**

VIII. FEMA COORDINATOR – Kevan Parker addressed the board.

- Pine Ridge Road – Requested approval to advertise –  
**Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to advertise for Pine Ridge Road.**

- Joiner Road – A series of culvert pipes are located on Joiner Road that has settled and needs to be replaced. There is currently a verbal commitment on permits. This item was requested to be put out for bid. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to advertise for Joiner Road.**
- Road Zone 2.4 Roads – The roads included in this zone are Cane Mill, Tiller, Alabama, Bill, and Hagan. If approved the first advertisement is 5/15, the second is 5/22, the questions deadline is 6/4, the response to questions is 6/9, the bid due date is 6/15, and the approval request to award the bid will be done at the regular board meeting on June 17. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried for approval to advertise the roads in road zone 2.4.**
- Clearing and Grubbing – The request is to award to the low bidder, Pate Farms, Caryville, FL. The contract will be on an as-needed basis continuing use. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the clearing and grubbing contract with the low bidder, Pate Farms.**
- RFP Density Testing – The RFP is to obtain an independent person to test the density on the roads. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to authorize approval of issuing the RFP for density testing.**
- American Rescue Act – Washington County has been identified at

around \$5 million. This is a multi-year process.

IX. COUNTY ENGINEER – Cliff Knauer addressed the board.

- Buckhorn Boulevard – A letter has been sent to FDOT requesting additional funding. The project was around \$300,000.00 over budget.
- Phase II Spray Field – The fieldwork is continuing.
- Culpepper Landing – Chairman Hawkins updated the board. An extension has been requested for Culpepper Landing. FWC didn't have an opposition to the extension but they could not secure funds for greater than the project has already been bet. The landing does not need to be closed now. The clearing and grubbing process will begin and hopefully, construction will begin in September.

County Engineer Knauer informed the board that FWC could not guarantee that the funds will not be pulled by the legislature.

X. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- FDOT Light Installation at Douglas Ferry and Highway 79 – At the April meeting, the board denied this contract, however, there was a misunderstanding. The request is for the installation of blinking lights on the top of the stop signs located at the above-referenced locations. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve of the light installation at Douglas Ferry and Highway 79.**
- Mowing Contract RFP Request – **Commissioner Abbott offered a**

**motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to authorize approval to proceed with an RFP for mowing at the county buildings, county parks, and county landings.**

- Road Crew Supervisor Job Description/Position Request – Approval is requested to add Road Crew Supervisors to the county job description and advertise. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to add the title Road Crew Supervisor.**
- Request to cancel the contract for property located at 3244 Fanning Branch Road – County Administrator Massey requested to table this item.

Commissioner Abbott requested that a request be submitted to the FDOT at the location of the 4-lane road improvements on Highway 77 and State Park Road and request that additional lighting be added there.

XI. ADJOURN – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion to adjourn.

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Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk

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Minutes Approved