

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

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

The following persons were present:

Chairman Tray Hawkins

Vice-Chairman Todd Abbott

Commissioner Alan T. Bush

Commissioner Steve Joyner

The attendance was verified via roll call.

Also present were County Administrator Jeff Massey, County Attorney Milton, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., Clerk of Court, Lora C. Bell, and Deputy Clerk Risha Brantley.

I. PROCLAMATION

- Call to Order - Chairman Hawkins
- Invocation – Jeff Massey
- Pledge

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA

- Agenda Additions –
 - Guiding Principles for the Rural and Agriculture Committee –
Workforce Housing

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the agenda with the addition.

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. Everyone shall have three minutes to speak on the proposition before the board. – None

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

- Consideration of Preliminary Rate Resolution for Sunny Hills MSBU – Clay Milton, Attorney addressed the board. Per the MSBU Board and County Administrator Massey, a gradual increase in assessments has been looked at. The resolution was read by title, which is the next step in adopting the rate resolution for the annual assessment for Sunny Hills.

The bulk of the budget is used for road improvements/road maintenance. In addition to that, the budget is used for streetlights, street signage, and entry fountain maintenance, etc.

Per the ordinance, the committee services portion, the board has the responsibility of delineating what the funds should be used for. The categories are included in the resolution. The resolutions include the following: definition of road maintenance services is also included, legislative findings, provision, and funding of community services and road maintenance services,

imposition, and computation of service assessments beginning October 1, 2021. The assessment will be \$33.50 per developed lot. \$33.50 is a 5% increase above last year's assessment. Everything was based on a 5% increase. The ordinance defines on a per acreage it will be $\frac{1}{4}$ of that residential lot, which is \$8.38 per acre. The same is for commercial space on a 1,000 square foot calculation, and the same is for vacant commercial acreage or institutional acreage. The maximum service assessment per parcel is \$400.00. An anticipated increase of 5% for the next 10-years is in paragraph 5(e), which establishes the maximum assessment that can be established per residential lot without sending out additional notices of \$52.00 per year. After the initial mailout, an annual resolution will have to be done

The preliminary rate resolution includes a public hearing on September 9 to consider the adoption of the final rate resolution and the final rate resolution will be done in a separate meeting. After these items are complete the assessment roll will be established, and the final resolution will be delivered to the tax collector and property appraiser, and they will continue the process of collecting the assessments.

A residential lot is defined in the ordinance as any residential lot that faces a paved street.

Gary Hartman commented that the last increase was in 2010. The assessment began at \$25.00 and is now \$31.90.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to approve the preliminary rate resolution for the Sunny Hills/Oak Hill Municipal Service Benefit Unit Assessments.

- The Local State of Emergency – Lynne Abel, Public Safety Director requested approval of the local state of emergency. The storm is expected to be a tropical storm. The chances of tropical storm winds are 2 out of 10. The EOC will be working from home over the weekend. Shelters are not planned due to it being a tropical storm. However, if it were to increase shelters would not be opened due to the increase in COVID-19 transmissions in the community.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to approve the LSA.

- Rural and Agriculture Committee Principle - Chairman Hawkins suggested adding workforce housing as the guiding principle for Washington County.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the guiding principle as workforce housing for Washington County.

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