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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Washington County, Florida**  
**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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The following persons were present:

Chairman Tray Hawkins

Vice-Chairman Todd Abbott

Commissioner Charles Kent

Commissioner Alan T. Bush (Not Present)

Commissioner Steve Joyner

Also present were County Administrator Jeff Massey, County Attorney Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., Finance Director Johnnie Pettis, and Deputy Clerk Risha Brantley.

I. PROCLAMATION

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING – None

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA

- Additions – 2020 – 2021 Sheriff’s Budget Amendment
- Emergency Management Performance Grant

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the agenda with the additions.

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.” Individuals shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board. Before the time a meeting has been called to order, should an individual or group wish to address an item which is on the agenda for consideration, the individual or group shall obtain, from the Commission Secretary or Clerk, a public comment form and shall write on the form their name and the agenda matter which they wish to address. The completed form(s) shall be returned to the Commission Secretary/Clerk who shall provide the form(s) to the Chairperson. Should a particular group wish to address an item, they shall nominate a spokesperson to voice their ideas, comments, and concerns. In the event, an individual wish to speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed shall be given priority and those who have not signed up may be allowed to speak at the sole discretion of the Board Chair.

- Bessie Rice addressed the board regarding a SHIP project that hasn't had any work done since July and it currently isn't in good condition.

Chairman Hawkins set up a meeting with Bessie Rice on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the matter.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Washington County ESInet Call Handling, E-911 State Grant – Clint Erickson, E-911 Coordinator addressed the board. The system is

currently running on an old legacy system. The information will run through 12 counties. The project will cost around \$149,692.00 for around 5-years. The grant is no match. In Washington County, there is one main cable coming in. They have guaranteed a redundancy to that line. This will allow for a mobile command area. – Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to approve of Chairman Hawkins signing the grant.

2. Purchase of Ambulance for EMS Under American Rescue Act – Kevan Parker, Wheeler EMC, Director of Operations addressed the board. The cost for both ambulances is \$407,130.15 (one has already been approved), stretcher \$21,565.72, and cardiac monitors 74,130.18. Paying for the ambulances upfront means a savings of \$6,910.00.

Chairman Hawkins informed the board that he has asked Mr. Truette to identify problematic vehicles that could be cut in his fleet.

Commissioner Abbott suggested that a rotation schedule should be implemented.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the purchase from the American Rescue Act funds for a second ambulance.

3. Request for Chairman to Sign Line of Credit Renewal Letter – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. The line of credit is for FEMA funds. At this point, the line of credit hasn't been touched. – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner

Joyner, and carried to approve of Chairman Hawkins signing the renewal letter of credit.

4. Real Property Exchange – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. Property has begun to be purchased through the HMGP Buyout Program. Some of the properties are lying within the city limits of municipalities. Would it please the board to sign a quitclaim deed over to the city for properties such as that? - Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to approve of the quitclaim deed exchange.

4b. Real Property Exchange Agreement – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. There are 5-acres (landlocked) that the county received this year on a tax deed, which Mr. Smith's property is around. The county was seeking a place to put the sheriff's emergency response tower. A deal was made to trade 4-acres for 5-acres. Motorola has checked the property and so has Billy Brock for adequacy for tower space for the sheriff's tower needs. The tower area will be fenced and the cost of the survey will be covered by the county. Since it is a tax deed parcel, in the event it is challenged, the county attorneys will defend the case and in the event of a loss, the fair market value of the property will be paid. – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve of the property exchange with Mr. Smith.

5. Emergency Repair for Clayton Road – Johnny Evans, Public Works Supervisor addressed the board. The culvert is located near Orange Hill that was just replaced. It must be redone because there is a dip and a

wave in it.

C.W. Roberts has equipment in the area and provided a quote of \$11,587.00 to repair. - Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the quote from C.W. Roberts for \$11,587.00 for Clayton Road.

County Administrator Massey advised that the original contractor wouldn't do anything further unless he was paid additional money. It is a safety issue and needs to be fixed correctly. Per the contract, 10% of the total payment was withheld because the work wasn't satisfactory.

County Administrator Massey requested that staff from public works dig a retention pond at Greenhead Fire Department before the concrete work is done.

6. Budget Amendment – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. Approval of a budget amendment is needed for the sheriff to close out his books for 2020 – 2021, which is no monetary gains or losses. The additional \$578,709.41 would make his total \$5,791,736.21, which would mean paying back the county \$19,816.26. This is due to grants and other things picked up during the year. – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the budget amendment.

7. Emergency Management Performance Grant – Lynne Abel, Emergency Management addressed the board. The grant is due December 1 and is specifically for emergency management. It is an all-

hazard preparedness activity grant to address high-priority gaps. The grant would be used to update the local disaster housing plan by use of a contractor. The plan was last updated in 2008. The state grant will cover the side that requires a match. – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve to apply for the grant presented by Lynne Abel.

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