

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 31, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Commission Board Room

1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

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

I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- B. Invocation – Johnny Evans
- C. Pledge

The following persons were present: Chairman Tray Hawkins, Commissioners Alan T. Bush, and Charles Kent. Also present were County Administrator Jeff Massey, County Attorney Clay Milton, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., Clerk of Court, Lora C. Bell, and Deputy Clerk, Risha Brantley. Commissioner Abbott was not present.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – None

Commissioner Hawkins read the addition of items 3 – 5.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA – Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the agenda as amended.

IV. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

V. 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 (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 that is on the agenda for consideration, the individual or group may obtain, from the Commission Secretary or Clerk, a public comment form and may 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, that 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. – None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA - None

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Request for approval for AprilAire Dehumidifiers (3) for EOC totaling \$16,853.00 – Jeff Massey, County Administrator presented the request to the board. There has been an ongoing issue with water coming from the roof at the EOC building. Engineers confirmed that the humidity is causing condensation, which has presented difficulty in cooling the building. After discussion, it was decided the best way to address the issue is to install commercial dehumidifiers under the roof line. The condensation will be pumped outside. Commercial dehumidifiers were rented to see if they would resolve the issue before purchasing any.

A motion is requested from the board to purchase three AprilAire Dehumidifiers for the Emergency Operations Center for \$16,853.00.

Chairman Hawkins commented that one of the reasons for the emergency meeting is to stop the rental payments of \$5,000.00 for the commercial dehumidifiers currently at the EOC.

Commissioner Kent offered the requested motion above, which was seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried.

Note: The company is Woodall's Total Comfort Systems, Inc.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised the board the funds will be taken from the land sales account.

2. Request for approval for Walk-In Freezer at the Washington County Jail totaling \$18,500.00 – Jeff Massey, County Administrator informed the board

quotes were received to replace the freezer at the jail. The best quote for installation was \$18,500.00.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the request as presented by County Administrator Massey.

Deputy Clerk Brantley advised the board the funds will be taken from the land sales account for the expense.

3. Request to Apply for FL Job Growth Grant for NWFL Community Hospital – Jeff Massey, County Administrator informed the board the hospital has access to monies with the New Market Tax Credits.

Karen Shaw, Grants suggested the Job Growth Grant would be best suited to meeting the desires of the hospital. There is no match with this grant.

The hospital will use the funds to revamp its HVAC and install a new surgical building.

Commissioner Hawkins confirmed that the surgery center will create the jobs that are required.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the request presented by County Administrator Massey.

County Administrator Massey advised the grant will be managed under Washington County BOCC.

4. Request for Approval for Thompson CAT Customer Service Agreement – Summary Minutes Prepared by Risha Brantley

Johnny Evans, Public Works Director informed the board the agreement from last year has ended. The options are a 2,000-hour service for \$5,500.00 additional. Most of the 2,000-hour services have been done. A second option is a 3-year agreement, holding the price for three years. This includes a 30 – day termination period. The public works budget can cover the cost.

Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the three-year service agreement with Thompson CAT.

5. RFP for Road Paving – Kevan Parker, Wheeler EMC Director of Operations addressed the board. The first general permits were received Friday on Gainer Road, Foxworth Road, and Duncan Community Road. A notice to proceed will be issued under the current contract for Duncan Community Road. They will need some time on the contract, which will be worked out in the background.

The focus has been on the major roads, such as Duncan Community, Hard Labor, Foxworth, and Gainer.

A set road group has not been decided on to put out for bid. The tentative group is Gainer, Houston East, and Joe Neil. Another group would be Foxworth alone or another road in the same vicinity. Ferguson and Fire Tower will tentatively be a group.

The requested motion is to issue a bid for some of the roads mentioned. The estimated advertisement timeline is 8/31/22. Gainer (5.4 miles) and Foxworth Roads are being looked at for bid.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to authorize Kevan Parker to group roads at his discretions

to go along with Foxworth Road and Gainer Road to make them an applicable project to bid.

Kevan Parker informed the board that New Prospect Road is in the design and survey phase.

Commissioner Kent asked if Sheffield Road was included.

Kevan Parker advised that it is not eligible for FEMA. The damage was before Hurricane Michael.

Harmon Road is included and has been identified to remain paved.

Kevan Parker provided an update.

- Coon Hollow is complete.
- Toole Circle should be completed today, and the contractor will be moving back to Hartzog.
- Waller Road was in the paving timeframe but there was concrete that needed to be pulled up. After this is done the contractor will come back to pave Waller.
- Houston (west) will follow. The final testing remains.
- The invoices lack around ½ a million for all three contracts.

Commissioner Bush asked Johnny Evans if the end of Gainer is in the plans to be done.

Johnny Evans responded that mill was put on it a few days ago.

Commissioner Bush suggested the contractor pave the area as a separate project when they are in the area paving and pay for it from District 4 Funds.

Commissioner Hawkins advised if the contractor provides a cost that is on the low-end, have Monroe Sheffield Road addressed.

Johnny Evans suggested an overlay could be put on the road.

VIII. ADJOURN