
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Commission Board Room

1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1
Alan T Bush

DISTRICT 2
Charles Kent

DISTRICT 3
Tray Hawkins
Chairman

DISTRICT 4
Todd Abbott
Vice-Chairman

DISTRICT 5
David Corbin

I. PROCLAMATION

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

Present – Commissioners Alan T. Bush, Charles Kent, Tray Hawkins, Chairman, Todd Abbott, Vice-Chairman, and David Corbin. Also in attendance were Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court, Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk, Jeff Massey, County Administrator, and Matt Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, P.A., County Attorney.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Request for approval for a Major Development Review Application for an RV Park – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner presented an application submitted for Chipley Ridge RV Park, located on Highway 77 in the commercial overlay area, where future growth is encouraged. The land use is classified as general commercial. No public noticing or neighborhood meeting was required.

The planning commission recommended approval with typical conditions that all the permits are submitted to the planning department. Their stance is the reduction and buffering in the fence will be adequate screening for the site. The only outstanding issue is stormwater. The applicant will continue working with staff and the county engineer to resolve that issue before the development order is issued.

Staff recommended denial for the variance request per code. Their concern was that a part on the western side was not located within the corridor. That parcel may remain in agriculture or residential in the future. The other areas are within the corridor and the assumption is they would change.

Commissioner Bush commented that the landscape buffering shows 15-foot.

Dawn McDonald commented that the code is 30-foot.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that it is currently heavily vegetated, confirming that they are not going to remove vegetation and add it back with new trees.

Dawn McDonald informed the board that the applicant intends to use existing vegetation, which is encouraged and within the code.

- Request for approval for a revision to an approved Major Development Review Application – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner presented the application for the Cypress Pond Solar Energy Center/Solar Farm located on Hammock Road, Vernon, Florida. The applicant needed to make changes to the development plan to accommodate the panels and improve access. The applicant has received approval for their development review application and has received their development order. Staff will modify the development order to include new driveway locations, which was not opposed by the planning department or public works staff. A stormwater pond was moved, which required the county engineer to be involved to confirm that the change was acceptable. There were also floodplain issues. All issues have been addressed and all parties have approved.

Commissioner Bush questioned the difference in the setback requirements for the RV park and the solar farm.

Dawn McDonald responded that the solar farm was approved last year under the previous code requirements. The landscape buffering requirements were not as stringent. The code does allow for a reduction in landscape buffering for developments.

The planning commission suggested that the board readdress the landscape
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buffering requirements in the code plan.

- Request a change to the County Future Land Use Map for 1.50-acres from Industrial to General Commercial – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner informed the board the requested amendment is a housekeeping amendment for property located on Kirkland Road. The parcel is designated as industrial on the FLUM, which would not allow the potential property owner to locate his business on the site. The request is to change the land to general commercial. The site is already developed and has a large building and adequate parking, which drew Mr. Obert, the applicant to the location. All requirements were met, and all parties approve of the land-use change.
- Request to change the County Future Land Use Map for 34.68-acres from Conservation to Agriculture/Silviculture – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner presented an application for a parcel located on Blue Springs Road in the southeast portion of the county. Any development in conservation land use requires a special exception. All requirements were met, and all parties approve of the land use change.
- Request for a Special Exception to allow a new single-family dwelling unit and accessory uses within the Conservation Future Land Use Map category – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner informed the board the applicant would like to retain the conservation land use on the property. The property is approximately 9.81-acres, and the applicant has requested a new single-family dwelling unit and accessory structures for the unit. The planning department relies on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data for wetlands. The entire area is included in the wetland designation. Staff must ensure that impacts on the wetlands will be minimized. The applicant has provided an environmental assessment and a wetlands delineation has been completed. They determined that the wetlands follow the floodplain and the shoreline in this area. They do not cover the entire property as was initially thought. All notice requirements were met. All parties involved recommended approval.

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- Request a change to the County Future Land Use Map for 44.92-acres from Agriculture/Silviculture to Industrial – Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner presented an application submitted by ASC Ventures for property located at 6571 Highway 77. The change request is to locate an asphalt plant on the site. Even though the request is for the entire site, only 10 – 13 acres are proposed to be used. All noticing requirements were met. Multiple oppositions were received at the neighborhood meeting held on September 22. Some of the concerns expressed were air quality, smell, environmental impacts, and a decrease in property value.

The planning commission and staff recommended denial.

Commissioner Hawkins questioned why the full site would be changed instead of the portion that is being proposed to use.

Dawn McDonald, Senior Planner responded for public noticing and due processing, when land use is changed what is advertised is what follows through the process. This is a legal question.

Hunter Shaw addressed the board. The application was submitted to include all the acres but once the opposition was received and taken into consideration all the acres are not needed. (He was advised if he resubmits the application to include fewer acres it would extend the processing time.)

Chairman Hawkins confirmed there is a large track attached to the 45 acres; around 1000 acres.

Hunter Shaw confirmed Chairman Hawkins' statement above.

Chairman Hawkins questioned if there is any other parcel on the property that would be less of a potential environmental impact or that would be further away from the neighbors.

Hunter Shaw advised that the location presented is the best out of the acreage. If

it is moved any further toward the property that is being thought about, it would be next to River Pond and would be easier to hear because it would be in the open. The proposed location is a wooded area and the part that would be used is the only part that would be cleared out. Building a berm around the cleared area of 12 feet to 15 feet is an option to reduce any potential impacts that may occur.

Chairman Hawkins questioned the plant being put to the west toward Highway 77.

Hunter Shaw advised that he tried to get as far away from the homeowners as possible.

Public Speaking

Opposed to the Land Use Change

Richard Wakely, Dr. Art Zediker, Jack Brown, Joyce Laconte, Sheila Perjak, Terry Pier, Leslie Putier, Beth Roberts, Melissa James, Chuck Roberts, and Ann Zediker expressed opposition to land use change.

Some concerns expressed by citizens that are in opposition to the land use change are: The land use change would be permanent, health issues, permanent pollution of waterways, does not want the asphalt plant or what it could be turned into in the future, the responsibility of the cleanup of groundwater contamination or water aquifer, air pollution, smell, and the responsibility of the board to ensure safety.

Unknown Speaker – It is understood that the plant will employ four people.

Tom Price asked the board if there is a location in Washington County that is zoned industrial. If so, the plant should be put in an area that is already classified as industrial.

Public Speaking

Unopposed to the Land Use Change

Keith Yeomans, and Dick Alt were in support of the change. Some reasons expressed are as follows: growth is inevitable, additional revenue and jobs, the nearby area with fresh water has not shut down their plant, contamination can occur anywhere, and savings for the county per load of \$200.00 - \$300.00 for asphalt.

(This section was split into two groups. The order listed will not be exact.)

Chairman Hawkins called a recess. 10:11 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.

Agenda Addition – Clint Erickson – Item 1 a. (PSAP Grant)

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the agenda as amended.

IV. ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Board Meeting for September 22, 2022
- Final Budget Hearing for September 22, 2022

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the above-referenced minutes.

Agenda Item 1 a. – Clint Erickson suggested to the board that the space that was recently vacated by the building department be used as a backup site for the emergency response 911 dispatchers. This could be incorporated into a regional backup site for the eleven counties in the district. It would be one of the first in the panhandle. If the board would like to use the space for this, approval to apply for a grant is requested.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, and carried to authorize approval to apply for the grant for the backup 911 site.

- 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, an individual wish to speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed up 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

Detra Zediker spoke in opposition to the land use change for the asphalt plant.

Benita Crittendon addressed the board regarding recent public records request that she has made. It is understood that the request takes time and must be paid for. The rate for the public records request is based on what you are asking for and who it must go through. Surrounding counties provided a range of \$7.00 - \$20.00 per hour for research rates if the request is over 15-minutes. \$7.00 represents another county that charges half of the employees’ rate, however, most counties use the employees’ hourly rate that is doing the research.

One of the public records requests was for incoming and outgoing phone calls for the chairman from June 30 – July 5. The cost for the request was \$17.00 per hour for 1-hour of research. The request resulted in no records being found. It is concerning that in six days, two of them being when several people from the administration and the commissioners were at a FACT Conference in South Florida. If personal phones are being utilized instead of county phones, why are they being paid for? Also, what is the process of getting public records and the policy on elected officials using personal phones for county business? A second public records request was sent in for a batch of emails from June 30 – July 5, which was charged a rate of \$28.00 per hour for research. The public records request resulted in a cost of around \$120.00. The rate is quite above what the

surrounding counties charge. This was at a different rate than the first public records request. What clerical/mid-level/high-level person is doing public records requests? This may be a gatekeeper or protection device for certain things that may be requested. It is concerning if a county employee is working in the county office making \$28.00 per hour to do public records requests. For heavy equipment operators in Washington County, which has thousands of dirt roads, starting salary is \$12.00. You cannot keep quality of long-term employees at that rate. Washington County needs good heavy equipment operators kept here and paid for their quality, to take care of the roads.

EMT and paramedics starting salaries are just above \$11.00 - \$13.00 per hour. Their starting rate of pay is also concerning when someone is making \$28.00 per hour to do public records requests. This should be taken into consideration.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Request for approval for a Major Development Review Application for an RV Park - **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the Major Development Review Application for the RV park.**
2. Request for approval for revisions to an approved Major Development Review Application - **Commissioner Corbin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the revisions presented for the Major Development Review Application.**
3. Request a change to the County Future Land Use Map for 1.50-acres from Industrial to General Commercial – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the FLUM change presented above.**
4. Request to change the County Future Land Use Map for 34.68-acres from Conservation to Agriculture/Silviculture – **Commissioner Corbin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the FLUM change presented above.**
5. Request for a Special Exception to allow a new single-family dwelling unit and accessory uses within the Conservation FLUM Category – **Commissioner Abbott**

offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush for discussion.

Commissioner Bush questioned the building part of the property remaining in Zone X, which means minimal flooding, but the flood impact remains. Is the site buildable in Zone X? The concern is if the house floods, will the owner have a right to hold the county responsible because the board allowed them to build there?

Dawn McDonald addressed the board. The applicant is advised to avoid wetlands and floodplains to mitigate the impacts of future flooding. A site plan is requested with special exceptions. Their environmental assessment indicated that the floodplains and wetlands follow the shoreline, which is typical. They have areas outside of that. Regardless of the land use, the applicants will still have to avoid wetlands and floodplains. If they do build within a floodplain an elevation certificate would be required, the county engineer would be reviewing the plan, and it would be a part of their building permit application.

Commissioner Bush questioned if the neighboring parcels are in low density or conservation. What is the benefit of the applicant retaining the conservation land use if it is going to be a residential parcel?

Dawn McDonald informed the board that it is at the applicant's discretion. It is residential and would be allowed residential by special permission. The wetlands were the issue with the application. You cannot meet the wetland setbacks and avoid wetlands if the Fish and Wildlife Service Map shows the entire area as wetlands. The assessment was required to show the wetlands and buildable areas. The wetlands delineation that was provided is toward the lake. The applicants' goal is to avoid those areas. For conservation, if they are building in there and they want to keep the land use; that is what staff is seeing. Landowners want the large lots and are doing the minimal clearing. They want the natural areas and to live near swamps.

Commissioner Bush clarified that the restrictions of it being designated conservation will not impact the homeowner.

Dawn McDonald advised that it would not. The applicant is requesting approval to build so he can proceed with the land use application and be approved and submit

his building permit.

Commissioner Bush asked if he would be impacted if he wanted to build other structures on the property.

Dawn McDonald informed the board that he may have to come back before the board for anything else. Currently, the plan is for a home and pole barn.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request a change to the FLUM for 44.92-Acres from Agriculture/Silviculture to Industrial – County Attorney Fuqua advised the board the motion on the floor would be to accept or reject the recommendation of the planning commission, which recommended denial of the land use change.

After discussion, Commissioner Bush offered a motion seconded by Commissioner Kent and carried to table item 6 until November.

7. Request for approval for the 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule.**
8. Request for Reappointment of Billy Parks and Kim Patterson to the TDC Board – Heather Lopez, Director of Tourism – Kim Patterson represents Falling Waters State Park and Billy Parks is a Wausau City Council member. Their terms have expired. The new term is for four years. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the reappointments for the TDC Board.**
9. Procurement Policy Revision – Sarah Hand, Grants/Procurement Specialist requested board approval for updates and additions to the procurement policy to meet state mandates. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the update to the procurement policy.**
10. Task Order Approval for Ag Center Improvements – Karen Shaw, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator requested approval of the task order submitted by Alday-Howell

Engineers to provide inspection services for the ag center entryway construction and design, survey, and permitting for the parking lot. Funds for this will be provided from the FDACS Grant through appropriations. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the award to Alday-Howell as presented.**

Commissioner Abbott clarified the additional property that the county purchased will be included.

Karen Shaw responded that it would be included in the survey.

11. Xerox Contract for Chipley Library – Renae Rountree, Library Director requested approval of the Xerox Contract for \$186.80 more annually. The contract is piggybacked off a state contract. – **Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the Xerox Contract presented above.**

12. Contract for ThriftBooks – Renae Rountree, Library Director informed the board the library can thrift excess books through ThriftBooks at no cost. The library would receive a portion of the sale. – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the contract with ThriftBooks.**

13. Discussion Regarding City of Vernon Spoil Dirt – Tray Hawkins requested approval for public works to relocate the pile behind the sewer treatment facility. The Department of Environmental Protection has approved the relocation. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the request as presented by Commissioner Hawkins.**

Johnny Evans will have the dirt moved as time permits in his schedule.

14. White Cane Proclamation – Tray Hawkins, Chairman informed the board that approval of the proclamation shows support for legally blind individuals. – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the proclamation.**

15. Engagement Agreement Fuqua & Milton, P.A. – Attorney Fuqua requested this item

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be listed on the November agenda. – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to table the engagement agreement.**

16. EMS Discussion – Tray Hawkins, Chairman addressed the board. The pay update for EMS will help retain employees and be more competitive in the scale range. Last year the ambulances changed from two full-time to three full-time ambulances. Funds will be used from the Rescue Act to cover this salary increase. – **Commissioner Kent offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the EMS salary increase totaling \$230,000.00.**

\$245,000.00 was cut from the sheriff's budget request for the budget year 2022 – 2023.

Commissioner Kent was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

VII. FEMA COORDINATOR – Kevan Parker addressed the board.

- ITB 22 - 19 – Gainer, Houston, Foxworth, Old Mill, Farrell Nelson, Bush Road, and John's Way bids were received for \$7.6 million and \$7.7 million. Tabling ITB 22 – 19 is recommended. The current bid process is to include the main roads and then go back. Aggregate is not being shipped; therefore, asphalt is not being produced. This item will be discussed in the November meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested scheduling a workshop before the November meeting.

Kevan Parker informed the board bidding on a single road was higher per square yard than bidding on the roads as a group.

- ITB 22 – 20 – The single road bid issued was for Carter Circle, which had four bidders. The low bid was Anderson Columbia for \$1,003,039.91. The committee recommended approval of the bid. – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin.**

Benita Crittendon questioned who the other bidders were.

Kevan Parker responded that the bids were from American Sand and Asphalt, Gulf Coast Utilities Contractors, C.W. Roberts, and Anderson Columbia.

The motion on the floor carried.

- ITB 22 – 21 – Pine Bluff Subdivision Overlay – The committee recommended rejecting all bids. The bidders were American Sand, Roberts and Roberts, and C.W. Roberts. The bids ranged from \$134,000.00 - \$181,000.00. –
Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to reject all bids.
- ITB 22 – 22 – Pine Bluff Drive Reconstruction – This bid included a section of road in Pine Bluff that needs to be repaired. The bidders were American Sand, Roberts and Roberts, and C.W. Roberts. The committee recommended awarding to Roberts and Roberts \$90,125.00.

Commissioner Hawkins requested to move this item to the November workshop because the homeowner's association will not meet until the first of November. The homeowner's association will be monetarily contributing to the road repair mentioned in ITB 22 – 22. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to table this until the November meeting.**

- ITB 22 – 23 – Creek Road Pavement Reconstruction and Culvert Pipe Replacement – A section of the culverts is failing, and the road is settling. One bid changed from the time the bids were opened. The American Sand bid changed from \$186,080.00 to \$199,480.00 due to an additional error that was found as the bids were being reviewed. The low bid was \$194,000.00 and the committee has recommended rejecting all bids and doing the work in-house.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the low bidder could be used to pave the road

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after the work in house has been completed.

Commissioner Bush advised that it should be rebid.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to reject all bids for ITB 22 – 23 as suggested by the committee.

Commissioner Bush requested that the work should be done as soon as possible. Bids should be started now for the paving portion of it.

Johnny Evans addressed the board. The pipes are 30's, which are not typically used. They must be ordered, and the potential delivery is at the beginning of November. The plan is to use the headwalls that are there.

Kevan Parker addressed the board. He has worked on Clayton, Old Bonifay, Douglas Ferry, and this one. The plan is to include those in a patch paving bid.

- Hurricane Michael Update -

- The last few weeks have been spent working on the time extensions for Hurricane Michael projects, which expired on October 11. The extensions were submitted around August/September. Verbal approval has been relayed.
- Amendments have been submitted on some of the road groups where the surface type is being changed. FEMA would like to approve the amendments, and time extension (the time extension would be retroactive to the 11th). Everything would stay in that performance period. The problem is not that. The problem is they will not approve the request for reimbursements if time extensions are not complete. This week discussions have been held with Director Guthrie, regarding how critical the time extension is for Washington County. These bids were done this week and Friday the next group for bids will go out. At a point, a decision may need to be made to stop, to prevent the county from being in a position where reimbursements are not being received in adequate time. The reimbursement cycle is for 30-days. If that cannot be done, then it stops everything. Discussions have been held with multiple people involved to express how critical this is for

Washington County.

Chairman Hawkins informed the board that he has also been involved with this process, expressing how critical it is to Washington County.

- The last advance request has been satisfied and a new one has been sent for \$963,000.00.
- The change in cost for Worley Road that was submitted is awaiting approval from DEM to be forwarded to FEMA. The bid was around twice the estimate. The project has been permitted.
- Buyout Program – One has been approved and all the homes have been purchased, however, they cannot be demoed because of the flooding. DEM is looking at using tire dams that were purchased for Hurricane Ian to wall off and pump the water out which would allow the homes to be demoed. Three homes have been permitted, which should be dry enough in the next week or two that they can at least stay on the concrete.

The water is falling. The pumping operation at Piney Lake that is being done by Water Management has been successful. They are pumping onto the Water Management property. The water has dropped around 2 feet. The pump is larger than the first one.

The other lakes are coming down naturally.

- Second Buy-Out Program COVID Hazard Mitigation – This is still in the process. A true appraisal has been requested. 1.5 times what is listed on the property appraiser's site was used. The cost is less than what the real market value is now. A real appraisal would cost around \$700.00 each and would take an estimated 3-months.

A letter is going to be sent to them on what has been done, the delay, and the estimated amount. The entire project is not expected to be funded.

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- Resiliency Florida Program has those homes and some ditch debris removal. The decision to award will be done in December.
 - Funding is around \$48 million. \$1.6 million is in payables. \$1.5 million was submitted yesterday.
 - Next group of roads – Julie Lane, Shackelford Road, Ferguson Road, Firetower, Bunyon Drive, Victory Road, Pinelog Road, and Leonard Drive.

Commissioner Hawkins suggested holding the roads until the workshop, which would allow the contractors to attend and provide their suggestions.

- Pavement Designs – With the surface type being changed the recommendation is for the board to approve OBG 1 base group, which is four inches thick on any road that is not receiving asphalt. The process was explained. This tells the designers that this base group is what is wanted for specific roads.

Commissioner Corbin confirmed that these are roads that are not being paved soon.

Commissioner Hawkins commented not at this time. The roads may be addressed when the remaining money is known.

Kevan Parker informed the board that the dirt road would be better than it was before. The fabric is what is tying everything together. A motor grader would seldom have to maintain the road.

Commissioner Hawkins addressed the board. Every road must be mitigated in some way, whether it is asphalt or the surface that is being discussed. Right now, the cost of asphalt is a concern with doing all the roads.

Commissioner Bush asked the engineers in the room if they had any comments on the suggestion.

There was no comment.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the procedure for the roads as presented by Kevan Parker.

- VIII. MSBU ADVISOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - Steven Healis informed the board the next MSBU meeting is November 2, and the agenda will be posted on the website.
- IX. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR – Johnny Evans addressed the board. There are currently four John Deere graders, which are at 9,000 on the engine or over. It has been said that the engines at 9,000 cannot be rebuilt or replaced. One has caused a lot of maintenance issues. If graders are ordered from Caterpillar, the delivery timeframe would be 14 – 16 months. Caterpillar has 140 GC in inventory in Panama, which is around \$60,000.00 cheaper. Board approval is requested to purchase it for \$292,548.00. The 309-excavator with the mulching head has performed well. The 308-excavator is close to the same but does not have the high flow capacity for the mulching head. Approval is requested to purchase one of these and use the 309 for cutting bushes and use the 308 for putting pipes in. The two-mower maxes will be delivered in December. Cash carried forward in the equipment line item will cover the purchases.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the purchase as presented by Johnny Evans.

Approval is requested to surplus one John Deere grader, two of the backhoes, and a boom mower. The sale is on December 6. - **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to surplus the equipment as requested by Johnny Evans.**

County Administrator Massy commented that they need to be getting rid of graders due to the future paving projects.

Johnny Evans responded that the purchases were initiated because of the trouble with the machines in the yard. With some of the projects coming off, this will be shrunk.
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Commissioner Bush advised that tree trimming needs to be done ahead of paving projects.

X. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE –

Donald Stanley

- Approval of Change Orders 2021 - 11 - C.W. Roberts – The change order is about the flexibility that FEMA has allowed with pavement design. 2021 – 11 is to reduce the Type B stabilization, make changes to the base group numbers, and reduce the asphalt. The asphalt is being changed from 2 inches to 1.5 inches. Any cost savings will be rolled back into the contingency items for the specific road.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the change order 2021 -11.

- Approval of Change Order 2021 – 12 – The pavement design is being changed, removing the stabilization, adjusting the base group, and reducing the asphalt to 1.5 inches on all the roads. The cost savings will be put in the contingency line item for that specific road and if the funds are not used, they will be returned to the county.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the change order 2021 – 12.

- Approval of Change Order 2022 – 12 – Anderson Columbia is the contractor, and the project is ongoing. The change order includes adjusting the pavement design, removing some roads from the project (Bobcat Lane and Ferral Lane) and Jackson Pit Road and River Road is being adjusted. The project will be lowered by \$413,178.50.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the change order 2022 – 12.

Travis Howell

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- Brickyard – The project and the extras are complete. Approval for a change order is requested because all the funds were not used. – **Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the change order reducing the project by \$52,948.35. The project is ready for closeout.**

Cliff Knauer

- Williams Road Bridge Project – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to award the project to Murphy Bridge for \$1,464,941.85 contingent upon FEMA’s approval.**
- Crystal Lake Drive – The permits have been received.
- Sunday Road – The permits have been received. The Department of Transportation should be issuing bid approval soon.
- South Boulevard – Bids will be taken on October 24.

Commissioner Bush informed Cliff Knauer that the work he had done with DEP, putting the roads in, which was worked through the Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition funding has been confirmed. The road that was worked in for Washington County will be done.

- Sunny Hills Paving – **Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the roads for Sunny Hills to go out for bid.**
- Culpepper – Commissioner Hawkins requested the floating dock be done by spring.

County Engineer responded to Commissioner Hawkins. The quotes have been received on it, however, the manufacturer suggested obtaining another quote because the price has been going down.

- County Road 280 – The survey is being done this week, which should last for

about 3-months.

XI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jeff Massey addressed the board.

- Waste Management – The contract was renewed in October 2021, which included the option to implement a CPI increase. The increase is 3.89%.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the CPI increase as presented by County Administrator Massey.

- Florida Department of Corrections Inter-Agency Agreement – The agreement rotates every 3-years.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve the agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Hawkins updated the board regarding the parks. The meetings will begin next week. Over the next 30 – 60 days progress should be seen with the help of implementing the agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections.

- City of Chipley Invoice – The board was presented with an invoice submitted by the City of Chipley for \$18,375.00 for youth sports. A roster was provided to support the request.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the invoice for \$18,375.00 for youth sports.

- Sale of County-Owned Property – A bid was received for county property on Pinto Drive for the assessed value of \$3,000.00 per parcel, totaling \$42,000.00. All notifications were met. Another bid was received; however, it was lower.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the county land sale presented above.

- Wildstar Agreement – The agreement with Wildstar was signed in 2020 to begin
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the construction phase. COVID, supply chain, and labor slowed down progress. The deliverables received with the grant to begin the project dates have changed. Wildstar requested to realign the deliverable dates to reflect the setbacks that have occurred. Approval is requested to realign the setback contingent on the Department of Opportunity agreeing to the changes.

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

Commissioner Hawkins requested that it be made clear to the Department of Economic Opportunity that the intent is to have broadband throughout the county.

- 2022 Tax Roll Extension – Due to statutory changes and the completion of the VAB hearings for the 2022 tax year could delay the issuance of the tax notices beyond November 1. Board approval is requested of the board for an extension of that, which is allowed through a provision in the statute.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and carried to approve the extension of the 2022 tax roll.

Commissioner Hawkins informed the board the VAB has met.

Commissioner Bush questioned the delay.

Deputy Clerk Brantley commented that there was no delay. The hearings were held on the same schedule as normal. It has been requested before. I believe it is precautionary.

Commissioner Corbin questioned how the discount would affect taxpayers.

County Administrator Massey informed the board that he would speak with the tax collector. Due to some changes, it may go past the November 1 date, however, he does not feel that it will.

Commissioner Hawkins informed the board that the statutory obligations on this end have been met and the clerk's office has met its obligations.

Commissioner Bush commented that he would like to see them sent out before November.

XII. CLERK

- September Vouchers Totaling \$3,635,918.65

XIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Attorney Fuqua addressed the board.

- Washington Rehabilitation and Nursing Center – The nursing home is being sold/refinanced and a letter is required from the board stating that the lease and modification are in good standing.

Commissioner Abbott offered, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to approve of the chairman signing the document presented by the Washington Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

- Release of Payment of Bond for GAC – There is a request for a release of a road bond from GAC, which was assumed by a different contractor. A payment and performance bond is current with the new contractor.

Donald Stanley advised that the two roads they did are in good standing. C.W. Roberts assumed the contract.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and carried to release the GAC Bond.

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