

## WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Location: Commission Board Room

1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT
Alan T. Bush	David Pettis, Jr.	Tray Hawkins	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin

## 1. PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Call to Order – Chairman Pettis
- 1.2 Invocation – Chairman Pettis
- 1.3 Pledge

Present – Commissioners Bush, Pettis, Hawkins, Griffin, and Corbin. Also attending – Deputy Clerk Brantley, Clerk of Court, Lora Bell, County Administrator, Jeff Massey, and Attorney Fuqua, Fuqua & Milton, P.A.

## 2. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Agenda Amendments

- 4.2 - Grant for Radio for Fire Services

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda.

3. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 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.”

- The Washington County Board of County Commissioners has expanded this provision to allow members of the community to speak on a topic which is not currently before the Board/Agenda. To do so the community members should, prior to the start of the meeting, sign the public participation form provided at the door of the commission room, and shall state their name and the topic on which they wish to speak. During the Non-Agenda Audience portion of the meeting, the individual shall be given up to three (3) minutes to speak.
- Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak about a proposition before the Board. Prior to 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 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 wishes to

speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed shall be given priority.

- Any public comment before the board shall be directed to the Chairperson of the Board. It is not a question-and-answer period. Public comments concerning individual employees (other than those hired directly by the Board (County Administrator/County Attorney) shall not be entertained. Any comment, pros, or cons, regarding a county employee who does not report directly to the Board shall be addressed to the Human Relations Department or the County Administrator.

#### 4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Request for Approval of Amendment to Agreement No. 23PLN71 between the Department of Environmental Protection and Washington County – Candace Thames, Grants/Procurement Specialist requested approval for the revised amendment to 23PLN71. The amendment in addition to including the advanced payment terms will allow the county to continue with a fixed price contract with Michael Baker International.

Commissioner Corbin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to Agreement No. 23PLN71 as presented above.

4.2 Grant for Radio for Fire Services – Justin Leach, Fire Coordinator requested the board accept a 50/50 grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture, which will reimburse up to \$11,331.50. The radios will be issued for the fire departments and fire services. There will be five truck radios (there are a couple of departments that do not have radios in their trucks), a couple will be put in the two new trucks, and there should be eleven handhelds.

County Administrator Massey said these are in addition to what the board approved to be bought through the communications fund. With the addition of these, the new communications system will be ready.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if they would use the money that Mr. Truette brought before the communication committee as the 50% match.

Justin Leach confirmed that as correct.

Commissioner Hawkins said \$22,000.00 worth of radios can be bought.

Justin Leach confirmed that as correct.

The board has been provided with three more grants for equipment for the fire departments. One is for Orange Hill for a positive pressure ventilation fan, which cost around \$4,800.00 +/- and they are willing to pay half, which is in their budget. The grant will pay \$2,435.50. All the

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equipment is needed. Applying for the grants allows them to be bought at half the price. The reason this is being brought before the board today is because the sooner it is submitted there is the possibility of extra funds being approved to be used making the grant payment 100%.

Commissioner Hawkins confirmed with Justin Leach that the purchases outside the radios are for individual fire departments and will be funded by the departments individually. If there is something like this that would help Washington County and be covered by in-house funds the board appreciates the knowledge, but it could be provided in an update. Do not waste an opportunity to move forward with something that would help Washington County that is under Mr. Massey's spending limit.

Justin Leach told the board they wrote the same grants for a couple of the cities, and they received theirs.

Commissioner Hawkins told Mr. Massey if there is anything the board can do to alleviate any undo restraints on him to be able to ensure Mr. Leach is getting what he needs promptly, address the board with. The board does not want to be a hinderance.

Justin Leach asked the board if they were okay with him writing and accepting the grants and notifying the board by email or at a later board meeting. A lot of them have a 20 – 30-day period to write it, accept it, and order the equipment. There are times if the reimbursement package is submitted in time, it will pay 100%. The longer it is delayed the chance of that lessens.

Commissioner Bush addressed County Attorney Fuqua. With it being a grant, which county funds are being bound would board action still be needed.

County Attorney Fuqua said the board can give authority to the county administrator to approve the application of grants that are within his spending authority.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried to approve of Justin Leach applying for the radios as requested for item 4.2.

Commissioner Hawkins offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, to give County Administrator Massey the ability to sign grants that are within his spending limit, which he and the fire coordinator considers necessary, which can be covered by the department's budget for timeliness.

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Commissioner Bush confirmed with Mr. Massey that his spending limit is \$25,000.00.

Justin Leach said many of the grants cannot go over \$5,000.00 for a specific item.

The motion on the floor carried unanimously.

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