



MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORKSHOP
Thursday, May 7, 2026, 9:00 AM, Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Ashlynn Marquez Vice-Chairwoman	David Pettis Jr. Chairman	Joey Brock	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin

1. PROCLAMATION

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

2. AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.1 Resolution for Gap Lake Tanner Carter Boat Launch-Tommy Johns, Alday-Howell spoke to the board about the resolution that they approved in February for Gap Lake needing to be amended due to requirements from FWC after they reviewed the application. They require that an authorized person to apply for the grant be listed, as well as a project manager. The authorized person to apply will be the position of the county administrator, and the project manager will be listed as the grant's coordinator. - An amended resolution will be listed on the consent agenda for approval.
- 2.2 Approval of Usage of Orange Hill Park for America 250 Revolution Road Driving Trail Launch Event-Heather Lopez, TDC Director
Approval is requested to use the park on July 2 for a launch event for the trail, which will be completely installed by June 30. Orange Hill Park was selected because there are some Revolutionary War reenactors who do a demonstration, and the park already has interpretive panels. - This item will be added to the consent agenda.
- 2.3 Approval of America 250 Interpretive Panel Placement at Orange Hill Park, Wayside Park, the Government Annex, and Blue Lake-Heather Lopez, TDC Director
 - Orange Hill Park - British Campsite of 1778
 - Wayside Park - Holmes Creek Panel, as well as the map. On either side of the map, there will be one on the Declaration of Independence and on the US Constitution.

- Government Annex Concrete Pad - Map panel with the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.
- Blue Lake - Daniel Boone's Long Walk.

This item will be added to the consent agenda.

- 2.4 .National Travel & Tourism Week Proclamation-Heather Lopez, TDC Director, requested approval of a proclamation to proclaim this week as National Tourism Week.

Chairman Pettis commented on the impact that tourism has had on Washington County. \$27.9M in visitor spending in 2024, which contributed directly to 305 jobs in Washington County. - This item will be added to the consent agenda.

- 2.5 .NCBA Host Agency Agreement-Renae Rountree, Library Director
NCBA is a federal job training program for low-income seniors over 55. Approval is requested for Washington County to be a host agency, which is something that has been done in the past. Attorney Fuqua has reviewed the agreement. -This item will be added to the consent agenda.

3. FEMA COORDINATOR

Mason Garrett, Wheeler Emergency Management, informed the board that FEMA has resumed work, and they are working with them on the BCAs. Once they are finalized, there will be a better update. He will be working directly with Lee Edge and staff.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

5. MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

6. FIRE CHIEF

7. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

8. PARKS UPDATE

9. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE

Douglas Ferry - Per Brent Melvin, Melvin Engineering, this project should be wrapping up next week.

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 10.1 .Firm Selection-Engineering & Design-Holmes Valley Road Gateway Project D0331 - RFQ 2026-01

County Administrator Fleener updated the board. Two firms applied out of the three that attended, of which both are qualified. The selection committee chose Melvin Engineering, whose average was 97.3, and the other firms were 90.6.

This item will be listed on the regular agenda as interviews.

11. CLERK

12. COUNTY ATTORNEY

12.1 Building Code Ordinance Update

County Attorney Fuqua informed the board that, depending on confirmation of the advertisement requirements, the public hearing will be on the agenda for May or June.

12.2 Preliminary Rate Resolution for Sunny Hills

County Attorney Milton informed the board that this is the beginning of the official action for the annual 5% increase rate resolution that the board approved to proceed with last month. The final rate resolution will be in June.

12.3 Highway 79 Corridor Authority

County Attorney Milton informed the board that a meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday. Bonifay voted to proceed with acquiring the system and taking over the grants, which are the final things before the Highway 79 Corridor Authority can be dissolved. More information will be known following the meeting.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. ADJOURN