



MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORKSHOP
Thursday, June 11, 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	David Pettis Jr.	Joey Brock	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin
Vice-Chairwoman	Chairman			

1. PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Call to Order - Chairman Pettis
Commissioner Marquez is not in attendance due to attending the county Benecon meeting; therefore, she is not available via phone.
- 1.2 Invocation
- 1.3 Pledge

2. AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 9.1 was addressed at this point in the meeting.

Bid Award Recommendation for Crystal Lake Paving Improvements from Tricia Trail to Amethyst Lane FDOT Appropriations: G2162 - \$450,166 / G2769 \$750,000 - Jonathan Sims, Dewberry Engineering, requested to award the contract for the Crystal Lake paving project to Roberts and Roberts for \$1,009,999.90, which was the low bid. The Department of Transportation has given its blessing. - This item will be added to the consent agenda.

Brown Street Update - Environmental has not been completed.

- 2.1 Legislative Update-Chris Carmody, Gray-Robinson, P. A
Some of the highlights of the update are as follows:
 - Congressional redistricting was approved by the Senate and the House.
 - Approval of the road fund.
 - \$1.5M for jail repairs
 - \$1M for Oldshores Fire Station
 - Property tax reform -If passed would affect the TRIM notices for late 2027. School taxes are not included.
 - There were changes to how the rolled-back rate works.
 - Recouping funds resulting in lower ad valorem hasn't been solidified.

- 2.2 Spanish Trail Playhouse Local Arts Agency Request-Kevin Russell, President, asked that the board and county acknowledge the Spanish Trail Playhouse as the official local arts agency for Washington County. There is no cost associated with this. As of July 1, the Spanish Trail Playhouse will become the new owner of the old Chipley High School Campus and will be called the Spanish Trail Cultural Arts Center. A letter and resolution are requested for approval to acknowledge the request. - This item will be listed on the consent agenda.

As of July 1, they will roll out a million-dollar campaign. Several grants have been applied for. Also, contributions can be made to the Legacy Fund Account, which is located at Wells Fargo. Space will be rented out, and one wing will be turned into an Airbnb.

3. FEMA COORDINATOR

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

5. MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

6. FIRE CHIEF

7. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

8. PARKS UPDATE

9. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE

- 9.1 Bid Award Recommendation for Crystal Lake Paving Improvements from Tricia Trail to Amethyst Lane FDOT Appropriations: G2162 - \$450,166 / G2769 \$750,000-Jonathan Sims, Dewberry Engineering
This was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 9.2 Crystal Lake Drive Improvements CEI Services-Travis Howell, Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc. Approval of a taskwork order for the CEI by Alday-Howell for \$127,100.00. - This item will be listed on the consent agenda.
- 9.3 FDOT - SCOP (G3M77) Holmes Valley Road from SR 79 to East of Fanning Branch Road-Brent Melvin, DHM Melvin Engineering
This agreement is for the design services for the entire corridor from SR 79 to Fanning Branch Road, which is about 4.1 miles. - Item 9.3 will be added to the consent agenda.
- 9.4 Agreement Between Washington County and David H. Melvin, Inc. for Engineering Services totaling \$60,898.00 -RIF D0331 Holmes Valley Gateway Project-Brent Melvin, DHM Melvin Engineering
The county received a 3.5M award from Florida Commerce, which includes post-construction, design services, CEI, and around \$3.1 for construction for Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 is from the entrance of Old Shores back to the east, toward Fanning Branch Road. - Item 9.4 will be added to the consent agenda.

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11. CLERK

- 11.1 Motion Correction from 1/15/26 - Deputy Clerk Brantley
Motion to correct the purchase of the 2026 Ford F-550 for fire to be documented as coming from impact fees, omitting the \$6,200.00 that was referenced to come from the fire budget. - This item will be listed on the consent agenda.

12. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 12.1 House Bill 803 - Reduce Fees for Providers on Commercial Projects - County Attorney Milton
This item is for informational purposes only. Some items that will be affected by the bill are listed below, which would be on the operational side.
- Permit Length
 - Type of work that requires permits.
 - Certain improvements under a certain value will be exempt.
 - Requirements to allow private building inspectors and how the permit fees are shared with those inspectors. It is a percentage of the permit fee.
 - Permit period
- 12.2 Bay/Washington County Interlocal Agreement for Singer Road
This agreement is an attempt to identify which county is responsible for handling a certain portion of the road.

Chairman Pettis added that this document will help when they apply for funding. There is a section of Singer Road that is in Bay County, which has been maintained by Washington County for years. County Line Road is more of Washington County's road; however, it has been maintained by Bay County. - This item will be added to the consent agenda.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Griffin proposed implementing a boat ramp registration fee and a kayak fee to provide funding for maintaining parks and boat ramps. Commissioner Brock mentioned that the county has 35 boat landings and 15 parks, and \$150,000.00 is not enough to cover a major repair for one of them. County Administrator Fleener suggested holding a meeting in Vernon, Wausau, and Chipley for input from the community.

14. ADJOURN