



MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 4:30 PM, 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

1.2 Invocation

1.3 Pledge

Following the pledge, Chairman Pettis noted that Commissioner Corbin was present via phone.

2. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Wesley Griffin; seconded by: Joey Brock

Aye: David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin, Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

3. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Attard, a citizen, expressed disappointment about their request to be put on the agenda regarding the public safety issue in Sunny Hills.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Letter of Support for Northwest Florida Community Hospital AHCA Rural Health Transformation Program-Michael Kozar, Chief Executive Officer

The Rural Health Transformation Program was established as part of the Big Beautiful Bill, which enabled the State of Florida to receive \$209 million annually to improve rural healthcare. Working with EMS, they are looking to apply for a grant under the Care at Home Initiative. The grant is for five years, and they must demonstrate sustainability beyond that time. The grants are due by June 10, and an award determination will be

made in mid-July. The letter of support that is requested will be attached to the application.

Motion to approve the letter of support for the Northwest Florida Community Hospital to support the grant application for the AHCA Rural Health Transformation Program.

Moved by: Wesley Griffin; seconded by: Ashlynn Marquez

Aye: David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin, Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

4.2 .Participating Party Agreement for American Civil Contractors, Inc.-Tony Daniels, Economic Development Director

The participating party agreement is a follow-up on the lease agreement that was previously done, which was a requirement for American Civil to fulfill their obligation to the participating party, which they have done. Signing the agreement initiates the grant money and work.

Motion to approve the Participating Party Agreement for American Civil Contractors, Inc.

Moved by: Joey Brock; seconded by: Wesley Griffin

Ken Attard, a citizen, questioned whether the board had read the document. There are concerning issues about the organization defaulting on its promises. What is the push for this item to be addressed in a special meeting?

Chairman Pettis responded that the meeting was for item 4.3; however, the board has the option to add items to the agenda. The sooner this item is approved, the sooner the state grant is activated for the work to begin.

Larry Lomax, a citizen, suggested that the board is putting itself in a concerning situation. If a lawsuit occurs, the board will be held liable.

County Attorney Fuqua spoke on these types of agreements in other counties where parties didn't complete their obligation. However, working with the state, they have worked out. There are risks, but in the opinion of the county attorney, county administrator, and economic development director, it is a valid obligation of county funds.

Chairman Pettis added that there are risks anytime they do this. There have been projects that the board has decided against due to the risks. There is never a 100% comfort or guarantee. This board believes this risk is worth taking to get the project started for the Railroad Spur.

Aye: David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin, Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

- 4.3 Economic Development Tax Rebate-Tony Daniels, Economic Development Director
The company is approaching a closing date, which is the reason for moving forward with this. A rebate on the ad valorem taxes is requested as follows:

- Year 1 - 100% (6,000.00)
- Year 2 - 50% (3,000.00)
- Year 3 - 25% (1,500.00)

The assistance is requested due to the need to remodel the Mary Helen Facility for adequate electrical to accommodate the welding jobs. They are warranting 40 jobs in the welding field and projecting as many as 60 over the next three years. The company makes roll-off dumpsters and manufactures the trailers. They want to establish an apprenticeship program with the technical college. The tentative opening is mid-July.

The city will also be approached on their side of things at their next meeting.

Motion to approve the tax rebate.

Moved by: Ashlynn Marquez; seconded by: David Corbin

Aye: David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin, Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

5. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Wesley Griffin; seconded by: Ashlynn Marquez

Aye: David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin, Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0