

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2019

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to insure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Karen Cossey, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Courts

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; Pam Woodington, Finance Director; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Tallman offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Towne, Kimley-Horn, updated the Board regarding upcoming road projects. He informed the Board that SE 8th Avenue and 63rd Drive are ready to go to FDOT for approval. Chair Cossey asked Mr. Towne about the right of way issues for SW 150th Loop. Mr. Towne provided the Board an update, and added that 30 feet from the center of the road is needed for the appropriate right of way. Commissioner Tallman agreed to contact the affected landowners.

William McDaniel, a resident on CR-241 approached the Board regarding guardrails recently installed by FDOT at his driveways. He stated that there is not enough room for a turning radius for a truck and trailer to enter, and also that there is a safety hazard pulling onto 241, because the guardrail obstructs the view. Commissioner Cannon stated he had looked at the driveway, and agreed that it was a safety issue. Junior Arnold told the Board that Suwannee River Water Management District and FDOT are both involved, however, his understanding from FDOT is that is the intended design and they would not alter it. SRWMD is looking to see if anything can be done to correct it, noting that it does fall in the wetlands and is very close to the river. Chair Cossey asked Mr. Towne to help address the problem.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were presented from the January 22, 2019 regular meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept all minutes as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Croft moved to pay the invoices presented by the Finance Department and Commissioner Dobbs provided a second. The motion passed without opposition.

RESOLUTION 2019-02, FEE SCHEDULE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Commissioner Tallman moved to pass Resolution 2019-02 as presented, and Commissioner Cannon provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY COORDINATOR DISCUSSION

Clerk Connell asked the pleasure of the Board to move along in the process, specifically for a list of candidates to interview. **Commissioner Tallman moved to interview W. Lawrence, J. Presley, M. Sheffield, J. Williams, A. Anderson and R. Wolfe. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and all commissioners voted in the affirmative.** Clerk Connell also asked for direction to compile a list of interview questions. The Board agreed for each commissioner to provide questions to the Clerk to compile a list to be used for all interviews.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR JAIL CONSTRUCTION FUND

Clerk Connell informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office had provided a large reversion of unspent budget authority for the previous year, and added that the office requested \$30,000, which is approximately half of the reversion, be moved to the fund assigned to future jail construction. **Commissioner Tallman moved amend the budget to transfer \$30,000 to the funds assigned to future jail construction from the General Fund. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CR-199

Chair Cossey informed the Board the CR-199 repaving project is complete, and there is a change order reducing the contract by \$4,391.07 to be approved by the Board. **Commissioner Cannon moved to accept the proposed change order. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

CHANGE ORDERS FOR CR-199 & 233RD LANE

Chair Cossey discussed a change order of a decrease of \$4,722.89 for 233rd Lane, and Pam Woodington informed that the project is now complete. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept the Change Order for 233rd Lane. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Kim Hayes, Solid Waste Director asked the Board to declare the 2003 Chevrolet S-10 as surplus, as it is no longer road worthy, and not cost effective to repair. **Commissioner Cannon moved to declare the S-10 surplus, and Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Superintendent had nothing to report.

Mary Brown, Public Library Director informed the Board that a member of the Library Board has retired, and asked that the Board appoint Mrs. Peggy Cason to fill the vacancy. **Commissioner Tallman moved to appoint Peggy Cason to the Union County Public Library Board. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Wayne Clemons, EMS Director, stated he was asked to put numbers together of the cost to place a rescue station in Providence, and presented his findings of approximately \$83,000 for a building, which did not included land, electrical, plumbing and other expenses, and approximately \$380,000 in recurring costs to staff the station. Commissioner Tallman discussed that the rescue station in Worthington was not in a good location to serve the most citizens, as half of the service radius in is Alachua County. He stated that moving that station would be beneficial to serve the most citizens. Clerk Connell reminded the Board of discussions regarding the Special

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Assessment, and that increasing that would help fund construction of a new station. Director Clemons added that many years ago, he was part of some research in determining the best location for a station to serve the west side of the County, and that placing it nearly Harmony Baptist Church would benefit both Worthington and Providence areas. Commissioner Cannon told the Board that he would communicate with some property owners to try to find a suitable location, and that he is working on a \$50,000 no-match grant to fund the building construction. Director Clemons also stated that AMB had some billing errors in December, but they had been corrected in January.

Tim Allen, Emergency Management Director, told the Board the new radio system is up and running, and working very well. They had anticipated needing to install additional towers, but those are no longer needed with the new system. He added that the new 911 system will be installed next month. Mr. Allen also informed the Board that the funding for the new EOC building has been reduced to approximately one-third of the request due to needed funds in the panhandle from Hurricane Michael, and expects the remaining two-thirds to be funded next year.

David Nistler, Extension Agent, let the Board know that 4-H County Events were held on February 16, and that the Bradford County Fair is approaching.

Mark Hughes, Volunteer Fire Chief, reported that one truck is back in service, and that he will be rotating the trucks to better handle maintenance issues.

REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Connell had nothing to report.

REPORT FROM RUSSELL A. WADE, III, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Wade had nothing to report.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dobbs moved to add J. Brannen to the list of candidates to be interview for County Coordinator. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tallman had nothing to report.

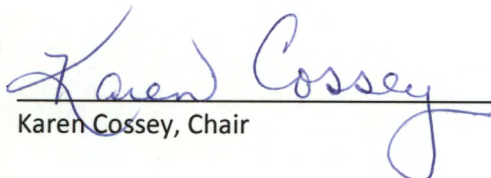
Commissioner Cannon thanked Mr. Arnold and Ms. Hayes for all of their efforts.

Commissioner Croft had nothing to report.

Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Karen Cossey, Chair



Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Courts