

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 10, 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 Willie Croft; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order at 9:47 am. Commissioner Tallman offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance, and Chair Cossey welcomed the public to the meeting.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED FRDAP GRANT FOR THE OJ PHILLIPS RECREATION PARK

Chair Cossey welcomed the public called for discussion regarding the proposed grant application.

Ebony Harvey expressed that the new ball field that is proposed in the grant application is greatly needed.

Lisa Johnson agreed that the field is needed. She also voiced appreciation for Mr. Kevin Orton, President of the Babe Ruth organization, stating that he is doing a wonderful job running both the baseball and softball organizations.

Mac Johns approached the Board, stating that Mr. Williams has enlightened him about the grant application, and conveyed that the requested improvements are greatly needed. He added that he intends to become even more involved with the Recreation Board.

Mr. Williams stated that he has a drawing of the park, showing where the new field and sidewalk is planned to be built. He added that the Pop Warner organization has a great need for a new storage building, but that the grant does not allow enclosed buildings other than bathrooms and concession stands. Mrs. Johnson added that Pop Warner feels that they have not been given adequate funding or equipment, and echoed that the need a new building. Mr. Williams stated he would be happy to work with Pop Warner to find grants that would meet their needs.

Commissioner Tallman expressed that soccer has been a greatly requested activity, but there isn't space to build a field. He added that he has looked into acquiring more property in the past.

Additional discussion ensued regarding available space for additional fields, and that a grant from Clay Electric would help fund additional needs.

Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

“Adopted October 21, 2019”