

Union County Board of County Commission

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2013 7:00 PM

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.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Brother Art Peterson delivered the invocation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dan Williams came before the Board to ask them to renew his service contract with the County as a grant consultant. Chairman Smith stated he thought his rate of 7% was too high. Mr. Williams is to revise his contract and this item will be placed on the February agenda.

Mr. Vince Brown stated that he was here to address complaints made by Mr. Daniel Minshew regarding a tree house on Mr. Brown's property. He stated that he started this two years ago and built it in the only place it could go. He claims that Mr. Minshew would take pictures of children that were in the tree house and only started to complain after that. He said that he appreciated that the County was willing to move the tree house for him, but it wouldn't be a tree house if it had to be moved. He then asked the Board for a variance for the tree house. Chairman Smith stated that the Board's job is to save the County money and that Mr. Brown did not get the necessary building permit, did not have the 15' setback. Chairman Smith said that as far as he was concerned, he was not willing to give Mr. Brown a variance. He suggested that Mr. Brown and Mr. Minshew hash it out themselves. Commissioner Cossey asked if he was willing to move it and he responded that he was not. She then suggested that they be neighborly. Chairman Smith suggested a screen be placed on the tree house so that vision is obstructed. Mr. Brown was agreeable to this. The Board decided not to take any action on this matter.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 17, 2012 6:50 p.m. Public Hearing and December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting
Upon a motion by Commissioner Cossey, seconded by Commissioner Tallman, this Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

5. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration For Approval To Pay The Bills
Upon a motion by Commissioner Cossey, seconded by Commissioner Croft, this Board voted unanimously to pay the bills.

6. REQUEST FOR SHIP FORGIVENESS WITH A BALANCE OF \$10,000.00 / 5 YEARS

Steve Bonesio
Upon a motion by Commissioner Cossey, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, this Board voted unanimously to forgive the debt.

7. TASK AUTHORIZATION-HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING-TROPICAL

BOARD MEMBERS:

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RUSSELL WADE
County Attorney

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STORM DEBBY

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tallman, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, this Board voted unanimously in favor of the Task Authorization-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

8. BRADFORD/UNION COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – LOANING OF EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dobbs, seconded by Commissioner Croft, this Board voted unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement.

9. WOODCHIPPER BIDS

The Board received one bid in the amount of \$300.00 from Darrell Shadd. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cossey, seconded by Commissioner Tallman, this Board voted unanimously to reject the bid since they felt it was too low.

10. REPORT FROM DIRECTORS

JIMMY BEASLEY - SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

SHELTON ARNOLD, JR. - ROAD DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

MARY BROWN - PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Brown introduced three individuals who have volunteered almost 400 hours. She then presented John Gillroy, Beth Thomas and Chris Esford with Certificates of Appreciation. She also informed the Board that Shannon Chambers started today in the position of Children's Assistant.

CHRIS DRUM – EMS

Nothing to report.

JOHN WALKER - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nothing to report.

MITCH ANDREWS - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

BASIL BACTAWAR - EXTENSION OFFICE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tallman, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, this Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Ellicano Reeves to serve on the Soil and Conservation Board. Mr. Bactawar informed the Board that there will be a Tri-County Pesticide Meeting on February 5th. He stated that he had applied for and received a grant to update the computer for the Extension Office secretary.

WAYNE MUNDORFF - BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Absent due to illness.

11. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Mrs. Connell informed the Board that she has restructured the staff in her office. She stated that there is no longer a finance director position and if you have any finance questions, please see either her, Lacey Boatright or Janet Booth. Mrs. Connell also stated that if anyone has any questions, please call. Chairman Smith stated that the Clerk has been in office for ten days and he has met with her on most of those days. He further stated that she is outstanding to work with and if any commissioner has a question, she will get you an answer.

12. REPORT FROM RUSSELL A. WADE III, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

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13. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Cossey, District 1

Commissioner Cossey wanted to know when we would begin taking applications for the CDBG. Chairman Smith stated that he and Mrs. Connell would be going to the bank tomorrow to set up an account. Commissioner Tallman stated that he was interested in how the contractors would be selected. Chairman Smith suggested a pre-bid walk through to solicit contractors. The Board decided that they would hold a special meeting on February 18th at 6:30 p.m. This is to be advertised for two weeks in the Union County Times and it will be mandatory that all interested contractors attend. The Board will begin taking applications for the CDBG in March.

Morris Dobbs, District 2

Nothing to report.

Jimmy Tallman, District 3

Commissioner Tallman advised the Board that they are now doing sign ups for Babe Ruth on Saturdays at Spires Grocery.

M. Wayne Smith, District 4

Chairman Smith informed the Board that with the Task Authorization-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding the Board would be able to bring the Providence Community Center up to par. George Prescott will serve as contractor and the building will be hurricane proof. He stated that we will have \$95,000.00 to upgrade the Raiford Community Center. Chairman Smith stated that we need to give credit to Commissioner Dobbs because he met with Jack Cason and he is willing to donate three acres and \$100,000.00 to Union County for a community center and only requests that it be called the Jack and Tessie Cason Community Center. At this time the Board doesn't know if it will be spending \$195,000.00 for a new building or \$95,000.00 to repair the old one.

Willie Croft, District 5

Nothing to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dobbs, seconded by Commissioner Croft, this Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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