
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 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

Commissioner Tallman called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Tallman delivered the invocation and led the pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 5, 2013 Special Meeting and June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, **to approve the minutes.**

5. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration For Approval To Pay The Bills

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, **to approve paying the bills.**

6. PRESENTATION ON THE MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS FOR THE LOWER SANTA FE AND ICHETUCKNEE RIVER AND SPRINGS

Carlos Herd, Director of the Division of Water Supply, Suwannee River Water Management District

Mr. Herd was unable to attend the meeting.

7. MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **to unanimously approve the agreement as long as it is the same as the current one.**

8. SURCHARGE ON GARBAGE

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, **to unanimously approve raising the surcharge from \$7.00 to \$14.00.**

9. REDESIGNATION OF \$40,000.00

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **to rescind any and all motions regarding \$40,000.00 of the Providence Fire Station money.**

10. INVOICE FROM LABOR ATTORNEY REGARDING DEBBIE THOMAS AND LARRY COOK

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **to unanimously agree that Cook & Associates will be responsible for paying the \$318.00 bill from Constancy, Brooks & Smith, LLP, for discussions regarding health care reform and benefits.**

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Connell informed the Board that according to state statute, the Audit Committee should consist of, at minimum, the five Constitutional Officers and a Board member. She recommended that the

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Board also include Justin Stankiewicz. Chairman Tallman, Commissioner Cossey and Commissioner Smith all stated that they would like to be on it. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **unanimously voted to have the Audit Committee meet on Tuesday, July 23rd at 9:00 a.m.***

12. BUDGET AMENDMENT 2013-006

*Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **to approve Budget Amendment 2013-006.***

13. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jimmy Beasley, Solid Waste Department

Nothing to report.

Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Department

Mr. Arnold informed the Board that the bridge guardrail on CR231 is in bad shape. Commissioner Smith suggested checking to see if insurance will help cover the cost. The bridge belongs to Union County, but part of it is in Bradford County. Chairman Tallman is to call Brad Carter, County Manager for Bradford County tomorrow to see if they are willing to help with this matter.

Mary Brown, Public Library

Mrs. Brown stated that she would like to thank Shelton Arnold, Chris Drum, Mitch Andrews and John Walker for helping with the library with one of their summer programs.

Chris Drum, EMS

Mr. Drum informed the Board that they had received a \$25,000.00 grant for A.E.D. It is a 75/25 grant, with the County's portion being \$6,250.00. *Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, **to unanimously designate this money for the grant.***

John Walker, Emergency Management

Nothing to report.

Mitch Andrews, Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Andrews was on a call.

Basil Bactawar, Extension Office

Absent.

14. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Mrs. Connell informed the Board that she was working on a tentative budget to present to them soon.

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

Mr. Wade reported that he has sent a certified letter to let Broadband know that Union County is no longer interested.

16. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Cossey, District 1

Nothing to report.

Morris Dobbs, District 2

Nothing to report.

Jimmy Tallman, District 3

Chairman Tallman informed the Board that Union County Minors baseball team placed 4th in the State.

Chairman Tallman informed the Board that due to all of the rain we've been having it has caused a delay on the work being done on CR 240 and CR 791.

Chairman Tallman stated that he would like to give an update on the vacant Building

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Administrator position. He informed the Board that some counties are contracting out this position. He stated that he will be meeting with Lion Jones on Friday about working on an as needed basis.

Chairman Tallman stated that he would like to commend Commissioner Smith for all of his help with the budget and to personally thank him.

M. Wayne Smith, District 4

Commissioner Smith stated that he met with Mr. Wade regarding his contract. He stated that he would like for Mr. Wade to draft and present a contract for the August meeting.

Commissioner Smith informed the Board that Whitehurst is stockpiling milling for the CR791 project on his property.

Commissioner Smith stated that he thinks Mrs. Connell made a good choice in hiring Justin Stankiewicz as Chief Financial Officer.

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to thank Mrs. Connell and Lisa Johnson for cutting their budgets to the bare bones.

Willie Croft, District 5

Nothing to report.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously adjourn.

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