
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19, 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 Tallman called the meeting to order.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Chairman Tallman delivered the invocation and led the pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting

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

5. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration For Approval To Pay The Bill

*Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, **to unanimously approve to pay 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 gave a presentation to the Board and his handout will be kept on file.

7. COUNTY WEBSITE

John Thomas

*Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, **to approve a 24 month Agreement for Mr. Thomas d/b/a Third Avenue Media, to create and manage a website for the County at a cost of \$2976.00.***

8. COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE AND DENTAL INSURANCE

Debbie Thomas, Cook & Associates

Mrs. Thomas presented an option to the Board regarding \$10,000.00 life insurance that also includes accidental death and dismemberment for \$2.40 an employee. There is also an option to cover a spouse or children. This insurance is paid by the County. Mrs. Cook also mentioned a dental plan that the employees would have an option to buy for \$43.06 that includes orthodontics. It was asked if the life insurance included a two year contestability clause and she stated that it did. Mr. Larry Cook told the Board that he will check with the insurance company and see if they would be willing to waive the two year contestability clause for employees that have had coverage for the last two years. Mrs. Thomas will get back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

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Mrs. Thomas also informed the Board that she would like to hold a health fair the first part of November. She is looking at having it at the Community Center.

9. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jimmy Beasley, Solid Waste Department

Nothing to report.

Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Department

Nothing to report.

Mary Brown, Public Library

State Aid to Libraries Agreement

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to unanimously approve signing the State Aid to Libraries Agreement.

Chris Drum, EMS

Nothing to report.

John Walker, Emergency Management

Absent.

Mitch Andrews, Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Andrews stated that he was requesting permission for a FEMA Grant for the Fire Department. He informed the Board that he has found a group that will prepare the grant for \$1,400.00.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, to unanimously allow Mr. Andrews to use the group to apply for the FEMA Grant at a cost of \$1,400.00 only if the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is unable to help him to do the same.

Basil Bactawar, Extension Office

Absent.

10. CERTIFICATION OF SHIP ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously table this matter until next month.

11. TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously table this matter until next month.

12. DISCLOSURE OF CDBG APPLICANTS

Martha Orthoefer with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was present to inquire if any of the Commissioners were related to any applicant on the disclosed list. Commissioner Cossey is the sister of one of the applicants and she will abstain from any vote related to him. Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to go over this list to find out how many homes from each district were being served. Commissioner Smith stated that originally there were to be two mobile homes and 2 houses for each district and there was to be a maximum of \$30,000.00 per residence. Ms. Orthoefer responded that they had prepared the applications according to guidelines and unlike SHIP, they have to address code issues. Chairman Tallman stated that he wants to help more people and hopes that we can do any many homes as possible. Ms. Orthoefer informed the Board that she will make sure to amend the Housing Assistance Agreement so as not to exceed \$30,000.00 per residence.

13. RESOLUTION 2013-02 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN AND EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR 2013-2017

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, to unanimously approve Resolution 2013-02.

14. RESOLUTION 2013-03 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED TRANSITION PLAN TO INCREASE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously approve

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Resolution 2013-03.

15. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Mrs. Connell reported that she had spoken with Mr. Gene Lamp and they would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Union County Transportation Building, A&A Transport. Chairman Tallman stated that he would like Commissioner Smith to handle this since he has had the most input in this project. No date has been set. Commissioner Smith stated that he would like for the entire Board to attend.

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

Mr. Wade stated that he had nothing to report at this time. Commissioner Smith informed Mr. Wade that he was supposed to have his revised contract ready to review at this meeting. Commissioner Smith suggested that Mr. Wade get together with Mrs. Connell on this matter.

17. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Cossey, District 1

Nothing to report.

Morris Dobbs, District 2

Commissioner Dobbs informed the Board that Raiford Day will be held in two weeks. He explained to the Board that they were trying to expand the playground and requested five loads of the free dirt that Commissioner Smith has stockpiled. Commissioner Smith stated that it wasn't his turn to talk, but he has plenty of dirt and if anyone needs it, they are welcome to use it. ***Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to have five loads of free dirt moved from Commissioner Smith's stockpile to the Raiford Park by county equipment.***

Jimmy Tallman, District 3

Chairman Tallman reported that the CR 240 project is closer to being back on schedule. An extension was approved for the project due to all of the rain we've been having. Chairman Tallman sadly reported that someone stolen all of the batteries out of the heavy equipment that was on CR 240.

Chairman Tallman also wanted to thank Colon Coody for all of his work at the 4-H Fundraiser. He informed the Board that they also raised enough money to provide two students with \$1,000.00 scholarships each.

M. Wayne Smith, District 4

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to put some guardrail out in the Pinch Gut area. He stated that it doesn't meet DOT guidelines, but it is on a dirt road. Chairman Tallman stated that he was fine as long as there is no liability to Union County.

Willie Croft, District 5

Nothing to report.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

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