

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2015**

*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, Chairwoman

RECORDING: Jean Shuford, Finance Officer

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Woody Kitler; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Kellie Connell, Clerk of Courts; Russ Wade, County Attorney

PRESS: Tracy Tate

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairwoman Cossey.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Tallman delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Cossey opened the floor to public comments. Mr. Shane Massey addressed the Board concerning overpayment of non-ad valorem taxes and requested a refund. He stated that the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser's offices have been helpful. After a discussion which included Commissioners and the County Attorney R. Wade, and based on the facts presented, **Commissioner Tallman made a motion to refund Mr. Massey. Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the meeting minutes for the November 16, 2015 Reorganization Meeting and the November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion; the motion passed with none opposed.**

5. FINANCE REPORT

**Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve to pay the bills as presented, with a second by Commissioner Croft. The motion carried with none opposed.**

**Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-14, with a second by Commissioner Croft. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-15, with a second by Commissioner Kitler. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. SCOTT KOONS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Mr. Koons gave a Power Point presentation to update the activities and boundaries represented by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Tallman is our current Representative. As a result of changing boundaries and adding counties to the Council area, Amendments to the Interlocal Agreement and Resolution 2015-13 were requested. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept and approve the Interlocal Agreement and Resolution 2015-13, with a second by Commissioner Kitler. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Tallman spoke to Mr. Koons about participation in tourism. Mr. Koons stated that Union County is now included in this program. Mr. Koons thanked the Board for Union County's involvement.

7. SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM AGREEMENT ADDENDUM (SCOP)

**Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve Financial Project Number 432781-1-58-01, Financial Project Number 430699-1-58-01 and Financial Project Number 431644-1-58-01, with a second by Commissioner Croft. Motion passed with none opposed.**

**Commissioner Kitler made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-16. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

8. WALT NICKEL, JONES EDMUNDS

Mr. Nickel requested approval of the Task Order for CR 239 to include engineering and design of the Culvert Replacement project. The project will replace culverts and add headwalls and guardrails on CR 239. **Commissioner Croft made a motion to approve the project and task order with a second by Commissioner Tallman. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. SURPLUS PROPERTY BID RESULTS

Chairwoman Cossey opened sealed bids. Two Dump Trucks – only bidder was Benny Snyder with bid of \$200.00 each truck for a total bid of \$400.00. **Commissioner Croft made a motion to accept and award the two Dump Trucks to Benny Snyder for a total of \$400.00, with a second by Commissioner Tallman. The motion passed unanimously.** Generator – only bidder was Charles Gunter with bid of \$33.03. **Commissioner Kitler made a motion to award the Generator to Charles Gunter for \$33.03, with a second by Commissioner Tallman. The motion passed unanimously.** The Army Truck – two bids opened from Benny Snyder for \$808.08 and Charles Gunter for \$303.00. **Commissioner Kitler made a motion to award to Benny Snyder with the highest bid of \$808.08, with a second by Commissioner Tallman. The motion passed with none opposed.**

10. 2009 F450 CAB AND CHASSIS

Chairwoman Cossey discussed with the Board her desire to donate the cab and chassis to the New River Landfill. She stated that she knew that they could use it. **Commissioner Kitler made a motion to donate the 2009 Ford F450 Cab and Chassis to the New River Landfill. Commissioner Croft made a second to the motion, with the motion passing unanimously.**

11. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA D.O.C. AND UNION COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Commissioner Tallman made a motion to accept the agreement between the Florida Department of Corrections and the Union County Volunteer Fire Department. A second was made by Commissioner Kitler. The motion carried with none opposed.**

12. REQUEST FROM DAVID HOLMES TO LIVE IN UNION COUNTY

The Board discussed the request presented. The County Attorney, R. Wade advised the Board that this is under the Sheriff's jurisdiction and violates the ordinance as it relates to sexual predators residing near bus stops, churches, playgrounds and schools.

13. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Solid Waste Department – J. Beasley**

Absent.

**Road Department – S. Arnold, Jr.**

Director Arnold asked the Board to consider declaring the old Gradall surplus property and placing it on the Government Internet Auction site. **Commissioner Tallman made a motion to declare the old Gradall surplus property and to place a post on the**

**government auction site for sale. Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion, with the motion passing unanimously.** Clerk Connell is responsible for handling the placement of the ad on the internet site.

**Public Library – M. Brown**

Director Brown discussed continued computer issues in the Library. They receive their technology support from the Cooperative Office and internet has been downgraded from Ethernet to DSL lines in an effort to cut costs. The library is functioning and she will continue to monitor. She stated that the library will not be able to function very long under the current situation. She discussed E-Rate discount funding and is trying to get more information. She will keep the Board updated, and stated that this is a big problem that she is trying to resolve.

Commissioner Tallman spoke about Ms. Glennon at the New River Public Library Cooperative making community outreach efforts and is impressed with her actions. He wanted to recognize her for these efforts and thank her.

**EMS & Volunteer Fire Department - M. Andrews**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Emergency Management – J. Walker**

Absent

**14. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS**

Clerk Connell has been contacted by a company who will audit our communication bills, she is in the process of gathering information and allowing the company to research charges. She stated that there is no cost to the County to have the audit conducted.

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

Attorney Wade wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**16. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**District 1 – K. Cossey**

Chairwoman Cossey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**District 2 – W. Kitler**

Commissioner Kitler wished a Merry Christmas to all.

**District 3 – J. Tallman**

Commissioner Tallman everyone a Merry Christmas.

**District 4 – Vacant**

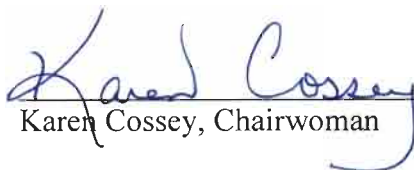
**District 5 – W. Croft**

Commissioner Croft wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

17. **ADJORNMENT**

**Commissioner Kitler moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairwoman Cossey adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.**

APPROVED:

  
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Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

  
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Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts