

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PLANNING AND ZONING
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

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: Jimmy Tallman, Chairman

RECORDING: Savannah Chastain, Finance Officer

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

PRESS: Tracy Tate, Union County Times

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Tallman.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. John Lake delivered the invocation and Chairman Tallman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. PZ/LPA M 16-01A

Attorney Wade read Resolution No. PZ/LPA M 16-01A.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF

Charlie Troweridge, of Columbia County, came before the Board with a presentation on radon gas as a result of phosphate mining. Mr. Troweridge also delivered a map for a visual showing counties that participate in phosphate mining.

Eric Thomas, Citizens Against Phosphate Mining, updated the Board on the growing population of the group Citizens Against Phosphate Mining. The group has gathered 505 paper petitions and there have been 2,700 petition submitted online. There are currently 11,000 member on the Citizens Against Phosphate Mining Facebook page.

Jim Tatum, representing Our Santa Fe River, discussed the phosphate mining issue in Mulberry, Florida that resulted in a contaminated aquifer.

John Lake, 30-year Union County resident, explained his appreciation of the Board's position in the past. He also brought forth awareness of time lacking and recognition of the issue still waiting to be solved.

Irvin Smith, Union County resident since 1978, expressed support of the previous speakers. Water is lacking and is taken for granted. Mr. Smith stated appreciation of the Board's position.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OPPOSED TO

None

6. CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

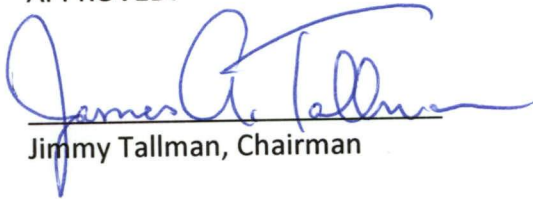
7. ACTION BY THE BOARD

Commissioner Cossey moved to recommend to the Board to pass Resolution No. PZ/LPA M 16-01A. Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tallman adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

APPROVED:



Jimmy Tallman, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts