

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 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: Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

RECORDING: Jean Shuford, Finance Officer

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mr. John Lake led the invocation. Commissioner Chairwoman Cossey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Courtney Snyder thanked the board publically for their dedication to the residents of Union County by specifically listening to their concerns regarding the mining proposal.

Mr. Jim Tatum, representing Our Santa Fe River, read a prepared statement in regards to mining, the current moratorium and the river aquifer issue. He urged the Board to please continue to stand firm.

Leroy Newton, Providence resident, discussed the need of road repair on SW 84th Trail. The Board asked about milling the road.

Michelle Moretti referenced a letter received by the Board the previous week from Taylor & Taylor. She was contacted by local news station WUFT and she read her response letter to the media.

John Lake echoed his support to the Board in regards to the mining issues facing our County. He also requested a show of support from those in attendance of the moratorium. The majority of citizens present stood in agreement. All citizens in attendance are concerned that the County is already five months into a 12 month moratorium and concerned with the progress.

Debbie Davy, Worthington Springs resident, also thanked the board for their continued efforts.

Mark Lyons, Baker County resident, has personally gone door to door to inform citizens who cannot physically attend meetings. He states that many citizens' perception is one that Residents are being bullied into acceptance of the Mining issue. Mr. Lyons states that

this is a long process. The LDR Revisions and Baker County are extending the Moratorium. They are looking for assistance with other countys' LDR and Comprehensive Plans specifically Alachua County due to the resources available to Alachua County. Mr. Byrd suggests The Board Consider meeting with Alachua County due to sharing waterways and thanked the Board for their diligence to all citizens.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Croft moved to approve the minutes for April 18, 2016 Insurance Workshop and April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **FINANCE REPORT**

Commissioner Kitler moved to approve to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Clerk Connell presented Budget Amendment 16-04. Commissioner Tallman moved to accept Budget Amendment 16-04. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, DEBBIE OSBORNE**

Mrs. Osborne requested to change Palestine Voting Precinct to the new fire station. **Commissioner Croft moved to approve Mrs. Osborne's request. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. **AG FACILITY**

Commissioner Tallman requested permission to discuss the proposed Agriculture Facility, and Chairwoman Cossey granted permission. **Commissioner Tallman moved to advertise for bids for the specifications of the Agriculture Facility. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. **TYLER RODDENBERRY**

A letter was received from Mr. Roddenberry, who was unable to attend, regarding a County IT position.

9. **JAMES MOORE & COMPANY**

Trey Long presented the 2014-2015 Audit Report & Opinion. The letter indicates there were no findings. The County is in strong financial position. Mr. Long stated that the General Fund was in a strong financial position. He made note to the Board in reference to the Accounting Standard (GASB68) and the required supplemental documentation for FY 2016, regarding pension disclosure. **Commissioner Croft moved to accept the Audit for FYE 2015. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

10. **ORDINANCE 2016-02**

Commissioner Kitler moved to accept Ordinance 2016-02. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Each Commissioner should be in search of a representative from their District to serve on this Task Force.

12. **FLORIDA MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY PROCLAMATION;**

Commissioner Croft moved to accept. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Solid Waste Department – J. Beasley

Absent

Road Department – S. Arnold, Jr.

Director Arnold had nothing to report at this time.

Public Library – M. Brown

Director Brown had nothing to report at this time.

EMS and Volunteer Fire Department – M. Andrews

Director Andrews had nothing to report at this time.

Emergency Management – J. Walker

Absent

County Extension Office – D. Nistler

Reported Cooking Series and Regional PBJ Day Camp. For the 4-H clubs and members successful and planning Regional Hay Field Day.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Referenced a letter received by attorney for the Mining Company. It was not a surprise, and there are regulatory issues that are addressed regarding land use. He stressed the importance of working with other counties that have already been through similar processes. The mining permit has not been submitted. The Board should seek the assistance of our neighboring counties.

16. **REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

District 1 – K. Cossey

Chairwoman Cossey has nothing to report at this time.

District 2 – W. Kitler

Commissioner Kitler has nothing to report at this time.

District 3 – J. Tallman

Commissioner Tallman Expressed concerns in reference to the letter received by the Board from the attorney representing the mining company and moratorium. He expected to have some form of opposition from both sides and does not feel that the Board should be intimidated, but that they must address our Land Use Development plans. Union County is not the same county as 20 years ago, and will not be the same County in the future. Commissioner Tallman agrees with the advice of Attorney Wade, to seek assistance from neighboring counties who have resources and experts on staff with knowledge of what actions to be taken.

District 4 – J. Andrews

Commssioner Andrews has nothing to report at this time.

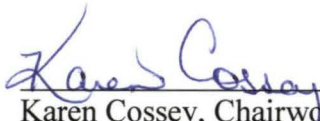
District 5 – W. Croft

Commssioner Croft has nothing to report at this time.

17. **ADJORNMENT**

Commissioner Kitler moved to adjourn. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

APPROVED:



Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts