

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

RECORDING: Savannah Chastain, 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, Union County Times

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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**

Carol Pittman questioned the Board on any information regarding his Internet issue that was addressed at the August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting. Ms. Dianne Hannon stated that she had not received a response from the providers. He asked if a phone call could be made to speed the process up.

Mrs. Becky Parker delivered a letter from the Citizens Against Phosphate Mining regarding sink holes on mining property in Mulberry, Florida. She asked for continued protection by the Board.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Kitler moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. FINANCE REPORT**

**Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

6. **2016-17 WEBSITE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE NET GROUP**

Chairwoman Cossey stated a renewal amount of \$1,100. Commissioner Tallman questioned Clerk Connell's perception on satisfaction, in which she stated she is overly happy with the services received from The Net Group, within the Clerk's Office. She referred Commissioner Tallman to Chairwoman Cossey to confirm that she was also satisfied with the services received to the County, in which she stated she is. **Commissioner Tillman moved to renew the 2016-2017 Agreement for The Net Group. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. **CDBG UPDATE ON CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Chairwoman Cossey stated that a paper was given out for Conflicts of Interest. There were no Conflicts of Interest; therefore, advertising will continue forward. She stated that walk-throughs will begin in 45 days.

8. **DRESS CODE**

Chairwoman Cossey stated that the presented Dress Code is the same as the prisons and recommended it be adopted. Director Brown questioned the effect and relevance this would have on the Library and other individual Departments, in which Commissioner Tallman stated there would be no change and should be no problems since the Dress Code is basic. **Commissioner Tallman moved to adopt the presented Dress Code. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

9. **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND PLANNING COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES**

Chairwoman Cossey stated the proposed amount is \$3,500, which is no increase from the previous year. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept the Agreement between the County and Planning Council for Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

10. **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR ANNUAL MONITORING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATORS**

Chairwoman Cossey stated the proposed amount is \$2,778, which is no increase from the previous year. **Commissioner Kitler moved to accept the Agreement between the County and the Planning Council for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairwoman Cossey addressed Mr. Walt Nickle who did not speak during public comments, and offered for him to address the Board at this time on current projects. Mr. Nickle began with County Road 239. Six companies took out plans, while only two companies submitted bids. Both bids submitted were higher than the grant. DOT is expected to make up the funding that is lacking. CDM was the lowest bidder with a base bid of seven culverts, with head walls, paving the road and safety guard rails. By awarding this bid, there is a shortage of approximately \$143,000 from the approved grant amount. This bid is assuming that the road will be closed during construction. **Commissioner Croft moved to move forward**



**with awarding contracts on the County Road 239 project. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Nickle continued with the County Road 231A and 796A projects. The projects have been completed. The contractors have been paid in full. A final inspection must be completed within the next few days. DOT will be notified of the final inspection and these projects will be closed out.

Designs have begun for County Road 199 and Northeast 233. Schedules and outlines are in the process. Mr. Nickle will update the Board at the October Regular Meeting. Commissioner Kitler inquired about a bridge that is part of that project. Commissioner Kitler had spoken with Director Arnold and clarified that he would be meeting with Mr. Nickle in order to address those concerns.

**11. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Solid Waste Department – J. Beasley**

Absent

**Road Department – S. Arnold, Jr.**

Director Arnold has nothing to report at this time.

**Public Library – M. Brown**

Director Brown requested action by the Board for approval of the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement. **Commissioner Kitler moved to approve the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tallman. The motion carried unanimously.**

Director Brown also requested Board approval for an invoice for Amazon for \$806.86 that was received after monthly bills were submitted. **Commissioner Croft moved to approve the invoice for Amazon for \$806.86. Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Director Brown thanked the public and community for Library Referendum results.

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

Director Andrews had nothing to report at this time.

**Emergency Management – J. Walker**

Absent

**County Extension Office – D. Nistler**

Absent

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

Clerk Connell had nothing to report at this time.

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

Attorney Wade had nothing to report at this time.

14. **REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**District 1 – K. Cossey**

Chairwoman Cossey discussed a need of plans and groundbreaking for the Agriculture Facility. She also encouraged everyone to consider potential names for the facility as well as a day for groundbreaking.

**District 2 – W. Kitler**

Commissioner Kitler requested to add to the agenda, for the October Regular Meeting, discussion of the need for a second weed eating crew. Director Arnold will put together a cost analysis to be presented at that time.

**District 3 – J. Tallman**

Commissioner Tallman discussed changes on the Recreation Board. He wanted to discuss increasing the Recreation Board Membership from five members to seven members. He has received 10 applications. Mrs. Denise Dukes offered to have a meeting with the new members to explain what the position entails. Commissioner Tallman requested scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss this issue. Commissioner Kitler expressed gratefulness for all volunteers. The Board decided to recess this meeting, to reconvene on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8:30 AM to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Tallman stated that two locations have been marked out for the Agriculture Facility. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the locations, in order to discuss this issue at Thursday's meeting as well.

**District 4 – J. Andrews**

Commissioner Andrews had nothing to report at this time.


**District 5 – W. Croft**

Commissioner Croft had nothing to report at this time.

15. **RECESS**

**The meeting recessed until Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8:30 AM.**

APPROVED:

  
Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

  
Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts