

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP
MARCH 30, 2023

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PRESIDING: Chairman Ryan Perez

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Vice-Chairman Dobbs; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James Tallman; Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator; Pam Woodington, Finance Director; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Perez called the workshop to order at 1:00 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Perez announced that the workshop would recess at 2:30 pm and reconvene at 5:00 pm on April 17.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Perez welcomed the public and called for public comments.

Dawn McCarthy approached the Board regarding a desire to purchase the home owned by Ted & Jean Waters, but would need to refurbish the barn and use it as a wedding barn. Mr. Williams noted the property will have to be rezoned for this to happen. Attorney Wade suggested looking into making these a special exception permit in Ag zones rather than requiring rezoning.

Carol Burton brought SB 1258 to the Board's attention, stating that Mosaic and Duke Energy are proposing using gypsum and coleash in asphalt, which she believes will not be good for the environment. The Board agreed this would not be a good bill, and would voice their opposition to legislators.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Chairman Perez closed the floor to public comments.

IT SERVICES

Chairman Perez asked Brady Clark of New River Technology and Nathan Thornton of The NET Group to explain the issue. It was determined that Mr. Clark does not have access to email accounts for security settings, and would either like the access or would ask that the Board remove acknowledge his lack of responsibility of viruses or malware coming in through email. After much discussion, it was determined that email will be handled by New River Technology, and that Mr. Thornton will provide the needed access.

RV PARKS

Property Appraiser Bruce Dukes stated that he has been hit with the issue that he is not charging special assessments on RV's, but that he has no authority to do so. He provided a summary of what other counties are doing, and highlighted three issues: How to handle RV's being used as a residence, how to handle those currently out there illegally and RV Parks with multiple RV's. He noted that the Property Appraiser and the County do not have an agreement for him to assess special assessments on property tax bills, and that an agreement is needed to codify what is currently being done.

Discussion ensued about the need for code enforcement. The Property Appraiser suggested a committee to address the issues regarding RV's, and that he has a list of people to serve, specifically naming JR Davis as a big help. Commissioner Dobbs asked that all districts be equally represented. Commissioner Johns interjected that the County should move forward with code enforcement. The Board directed Property Appraiser Dukes to form a committee and report back to the Board.

SE 22-02, SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT

Mr. Rau approached the Board, noting that his proposal was to be a private club, and not a park. He indicated he was willing to have only primitive camping. The Board agreed to settle the issue regarding RV's before taking action.

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Mr. Matthew explained that he would like to have a dry storage yard. He is installing privacy fences and gates. Commissioner Tallman indicated that he has no objection to the proposal, and the Board agreed by general consent. Attorney Wade indicated that the issue should be taken up by the Planning & Zoning Board.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Tallman stated that the real problem is the lack of labor. Discussion ensued regarding the availability of inmate labor. Clerk Rhoades noted that the Road Department staff cannot be used, as those funds are restricted. The Board agreed to move forward with trying to find a resolution.

Chairman Perez recessed the workshop.

Adopted by vote of the Board, April 17, 2023 regular meeting