

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2022

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 ensure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: James Tallman, Chair

RECORDING: Pamela H. Woodington, Finance Director

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Ryan Perez; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**Chair Tallman** called the meeting to order 6:00 pm. **Commissioner Perez** offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Tallman welcomed the public and called for public comments. There were none.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Cannon** moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented by the Finance Department, which included minutes from the June 10, 2022 Emergency Meeting, along with the Finance Report and additional bills. **Commissioner Dobbs** seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESIDE PARK SIDEWALK PROJECT**

**Chair Tallman** recognized **Mayor Jack Schenck** in attendance stating that the request and provided diagram seemed straight forward. **Commissioner Cannon** moved to accept the request for the Lakeside Park Sidewalk Project. **Commissioner Dobbs** seconded motion which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND ATTENDANCE SOFTWARE**

**Chair Tallman** recognized **Commissioner Perez** who stated he had not reviewed all of the information provided from Mrs. Gatlin. **Commissioner Cannon** moved to table this discussion until the next Board Meeting due to the fact that **Commissioners Perez** and **Cannon** along with **Mr. Williams** will be attending the NACO conference the following week having the opportunity speak with other vendors. **Commissioner Dobbs** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY REFERENDUM ORDINANCE 22-04**

**Chair Tallman** requested **Attorney Russ Wade** to read Ordinance 22-04. After reading of the Ordinance, **Chair Tallman** ask for public comments in favor or opposed, there were none. Public comments were closed. **Chair Tallman** called for action by the Board. **Commissioner Cannon** moved to accept Ordinance 22-04. **Commissioner Perez** seconded and the motion. It passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESCHEDULING AUGUST BOCC REGULAR MEETING**

**Chair Tallman** stated that Mr. Williams requested the regular monthly board meeting moved due to his scheduled absence. Mr. Williams explained that he had discussed with Mrs. Woodington this date change and Mrs. Woodington's concern would be changing the meeting date, may not advantageous for the departments or finance due to the current billing cycles the County has in place for the current meeting time frames which may cause late payments to vendors and departments. After brief discussion the Board decided to stay with their regularly scheduled time frame. No action required by the Board.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS, DATES AND TIMES.**

Chair Tallman ask Mr. Williams to elaborate. Mr. Williams recommends the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> either scheduling two half days or one full day to meet with The Constitutional Officers and each department for budget review. Mr. Williams will set up a schedule for meetings. The Board indicated they will review dates and get back with Mr. Williams.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Mr. Williams reported **Commissioners Perez and Cannon** will be joining him for the National Association of Counties Conference to be held in Orlando the following week. They have set up several meetings to discuss issues for the county. The 1.5 million for the CR229 road project which has been executed and submitted for additional design with Kimley Horn. Design for fire station is at approximately 80% complete. Mr. Bishop should have a preliminary design available this week for the Board's review. Governor DeSantis did not veto any of the County's request. It appears that our request has been granted at this time, but do not have official confirmation. Would like to see the Agricultural Education Building move very quickly. Representative Payne is looking for another avenue to assist with the funding of Courthouse Security and reoccurring bailiff salaries.

**REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS**

Mrs. Hayes stated that the Solid Waste Department is on schedule for Mosquito spraying.

Mr. Arnold had nothing additional at this time from the Road Department.

Mrs. Brown thanked the Board, for the passing of Ordinance 22-04 and thanked Mayor Schenck for the assistance with the donation of 15 laptops from Comcast to the library. Mrs. Brown added that the laptops will assist our Senior Citizen group with training, along with the afterschool programs in place to assist additional students. Summer programs are in full swing and seem to moving along successfully.

Mr. Allen also stated nothing outside of the reports other than training is back on schedule and he will be busy.

Mr. Harlow indicated summer camps are busy and moving forward and wanted the opportunity to introduce Megan Daniel, the new 4-H coordinator. Mrs. Daniel stated that she has been a teacher at Union County for the past 12 years and is looking forward to using her expertise in education for her new position with the County.

Mrs. Woodington ask the board to consider painting the interior of the Courthouse. It has not been painted in more than 20 years and is in need of a fresh coat of paint. Chair Tallman indicated he is in agreement. Commissioner Perez would like to assist with maintaining the historical integrity of the building and the color scheme.

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

Mr. Wade presented to the Board a copy of the joint stipulation, with HHPs. Mr. Wade stated the Board would need to take action whether to accept or deny the agreement. Commissioner Cannon moved to accept the joint stipulation and Commissioner Dobbs seconded. Passing unanimously.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Perez** ask the status of the Recreation position. Mr. Williams stated the Tommy Mobley was hired and started today. Mr. Mobley will have limited assistance with inmate labor. **Commissioner Perez** also stated that he was wondering if the riding club could be added to the rotation of the park schedule for maintenance. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Mobley would be responsible for the riding club, Sarah's Park, Providence Park and Community Center, Palestine Park when it is complete, the Agricultural Education Building and grounds. **Commissioner Perez** also notated that 237 and 100 intersection is currently in the process of a traffic study, he is looking forward to the results and suggestions from FLDOT in making the intersection safer. **Commissioner Perez** extended his thanks to all the directors, he also reminded Mr. Harlow and Mrs. Daniel that he would be happy to assist in any way he could with 4-H camp supplies from the CALS department.

**Commissioner Dobbs** had questions in reference to CR 229 and would like to know the anticipated start date. Mr. Williams stated it is in the design phase. But his understanding is it is to be expedited.

**Commissioner Cannon** would like an update of 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. Williams stated that he is waiting on an update to the project. Also welcomed Mrs. Daniel and thanked the other departments.

**Chair Tallman** ask to remember Mr. Wilson Whidden and his family during the loss of his wife, to keep Commissioner Croft in your thoughts and prayers during his illness.

**Chair Tallman** request for motion to adjourn, **Commissioner Dobbs** so moved. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

*Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on September 19, 2022.*