

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 3, 2020

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: Karen Cossey, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller; F/N/A Kellie Hendricks Connell

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order. Commissioner Jimmy Tallman offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Cossey welcomed the public and called for public comments. No comments were given.

CITY OF LAKE BUTLER WATER WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY

Gary Lang asked for a consensus to know if the City of Lake Butler should look for other options.

Commissioner Jimmy Tallman said that he has concerns of liability. Attorney Wade said that it can be mitigated through a contract or deed. JR Davis stated that he has never known a business to give something for nothing, and he sees no benefit to the county. Chair Cossey said we have paid over \$15,000 to the City of Lake Butler for water and sewer. JR Davis gave an example of the City of Alachua extending limits, and charged the cost of \$23,000 for home hookups to the homeowner.

Commissioner Dobbs moved to motion to the table, and Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. All commissioners voted for the motion.

UNION COUNTY SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY

Mary Brown asked that children 6 years old or younger, not have to wear masks as required. Mr. Williams stated that the policy refers to CDC guidelines and is asking the Board to increase the limit for the library. Commissioner Jimmy Tallman said that we need to adopt the policy, but with discretion regarding children at the library. Commissioner Croft said we need to adopt the policy at the library. Mr. Williams recommended that if adopted, an addendum be adopted at the next meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to adopt the social distancing policy, and Commissioner Croft provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE 2020-05, GAS TAX

Chair Cossey presented Ordinance 2020-05, and called for public comments in Favor of, where there were none. She called for public comments opposed to the ordinance, and hearing one, called for Board Action **Commissioner Cannon moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-05, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.**

ORDINANCE 20-06 GAS TAX

Attorney Wade made it clear that this ordinance is only to place the item on the ballot, and if passed by voters, will remove \$50 Fire-EMS Special Assessment. JR Davis suggested a marketing campaign. Clerk Rhoades stated that we can't spend county funds for a marketing campaign. Mr. Williams said that he believes a lot of folks would donate. **Commissioner Cannon moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-06, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.**

CARES Act Update

August 3, 2020

Public Hearing

Mr. Williams announced that the Cares Act Team meets on a regular basis and they are running items that the team is unsure of eligibility up to FDEM.

It was asked if a consultant could be used to administer the FRDP, and Kimley-Horn, a company that was successful in receiving the Grant was suggested. Commissioner Cannon said the cost would be \$7,500 and asked if we could pay that from perimeter fencing, and there is already a contract with that company. **Commissioner Cannon moved for Kimley-Horne to administer the FRDP Grant, and Commission Dobbs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

SREC is handling, and they are working on a public awareness campaign regarding the eligibility of CARES Act funds.

The CARES plan will be available at the August 17th meeting. The HEALS Act will provide flexibility if it passes.

With no further business, Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on October 19, 2020.