

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP
AUGUST 3, 2020

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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 Croft offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY OF LAKE BUTLER WATER WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY

Dale Walker, City Manager for the City of Lake Butler, approached the Board to discuss the City's new Waste Water Treatment Facility, and recommends the Board move quickly into a lease agreement between the City and the County. He pointed out that a company wants to build a \$1 million facility, which will provide 220 jobs, but didn't come because of the lack of infrastructure for sewer and water. Greg Lang, a contractor for the City on the project gave a synopsis of the project goals and benefits.

Chair Cossey asked the commissioners for their input. Commissioner Cannon was concerned that no city commissioners came to the workshop. He also asked where the infrastructure would reach, and Mr. Land answered that there were no plans to extend the service lines. He added that when that situation arises, it could be negotiated and the County could obtain other funding through grants. Commissioner Cannon expressed that without extended lines into the County, businesses will not be able to come because the area will not be shovel-ready.

Commissioner Tallman reviewed the goals of the facility, and sees management issues with the current facility. He also asked about revenue to the City from RMC for water and sewer. He said he is on the task force for Withlacoochee River Water Management District, and sees many concerns regarding running a facility. He questions the County's liability if the county owns the land, and cannot support leasing the land to the City. Mr. Land answered that the spray field has many problems, and said the new facility will correct them.

Commissioner Dobbs said he sees many benefits to the City of Lake Butler, but does not see benefits to the County without service lines being extended.

With no further business, Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting at 6:17.

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