

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

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, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Courts

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 called the hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Cossey welcomed the public to the meeting and called for public comments.

Jason Stalnaker approached the Board, conveying that he has recently created the Union County Livestock Association. He said they have had two meetings, with attendance of approximately 60-80 people, and have established a Board and an association with the State. He added that a recent vote was taken and the majority of the members desire to obtain a charter to establish an agricultural fair under Chapter 616 of Florida Statutes, which would allow the payment of premiums to exhibitors, tax exempt status and insurance savings among many other benefits. He informed the Board of the requirements for the agricultural fair establishment: First, a petition must be signed by 25 people, which he has already exceeded. Second, the Board of County Commissioners must pass the charter. Next, Articles of Incorporation will be provided to the State for approval. Last, the County Judge must sign off on the entire project.

Mr. Stalnaker further stated that he is looking to build an additional building on County property next to the Agriculture Education building. He is asking that the Board pass the charter and grant permission to build the building. Commissioner Cannon asked about ownership of the proposed building, and Mr. Stalnaker answered that it would be County property, and that he has secured donations to cover the cost of construction. Chair Cossey asked about fencing, and Mr. Stalnaker answered that the first priority is to get the barn area fenced, and then a larger perimeter around the area.

Commissioner Cannon stated he would like to review the charter and statutes before he would feel comfortable voting on the matter. He wants to know how the organization would be run and see a copy of the rules. Mr. Stalnaker stated that he currently has an attorney working on the Articles of Incorporation, but needs the Board's vote first. Commissioner Tallman commended Mr. Stalnaker for his work, and stated that the rules of the organization would be determined by its leadership. **Commissioner Tallman moved to move forward with the charter under Chapter 616, F.S., and Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

With no more public comments, Chair Cossey closed the floor to public comments.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Connell presented the consent agenda, including minutes from the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting, the August 28, 2019 Special Meeting and the August 30, 2019 Emergency Meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Chair Cossey recognized Hunter Williams for his service as the 4-H Sergeant at Arms for the State of Florida. She also recognized Luke Harlow for his recent recognition as the Best Fact Sheet in the State of Florida.

CHRIS TOWNE, KIMLEY-HORN

Mr. Towne informed the Board that bid openings for 8th Avenue and 63rd Drive were held the previous Thursday, and Anderson-Columbia was the low bid of \$738,981.03 for both projects. He noted that this exceeds the funding amount, and that he will work with DOT to obtain the additional funds needed. **Commissioner Tallman moved, and Commissioner Cannon seconded to accept the low bid by Anderson-Columbia. The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Towne also told the Board that 90% plans for 149th Lane and CR 238 had been provided to Mr. Williams. He also requested Board approve to commence with design and geotechnical survey for CR 229. **Commissioner Dobbs moved, and Commissioner Croft seconded, to proceed with Mr. Towne's recommendations for CR 229. The motion passed unanimously.**

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Cossey called to postpone the item, as the presenter from the Forestry Service was ill.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT FOR WATERS CEMETERY

Chair Cossey called for Board action regarding the Special Exception Permit Application for Waters Cemetery. **Commissioner Tallman moved, and Commissioner Croft seconded, to approve the Special Exception Permit Application for Waters Cemetery as recommended by the Board of Adjustments. It passed unanimously.**

CORE CONTRACT, UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Amie Johns, Director of the Union County Health Department, presented the Core Contract, which is scheduled to be renewed. She noted that there are no changes, and the max funding amount of \$35,000 has not changed. The contract period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept the contract renewal. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

MONITORING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATORS CONTRACT

Chair Cossey presented the renewal of the contract with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the monitoring of hazardous waste generators. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES

Chair Cossey presented the renewal of the contract with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for local government comprehensive planning services. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Chair Cossey presented the renewal of the agreement with the Eighth District Medical Examiner. **Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve the Holiday Schedule for fiscal year 2019-2020. Commissioner Cannon inquired about constitutional officers' paid holidays. It was noted that some offices pay additional holidays, and Chair Cossey asked Clerk Connell about the holiday schedule for her office. The Clerk informed the Board that the Clerk's office is paid the same number of holidays as the Board, but the dates may have to differ due to the holiday schedule of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. After discussion, the Board reached a consensus that they cannot control constitutional officers, but believed they should follow the schedule of the Board. **Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the schedule as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

RURAL COUNTY DAYS

Mr. Williams informed the Board that Rural County Days will consist of a legislative meeting, reception and courtyard event at a cost of \$1,500, which will be shared with the City of Lake Butler. He noted that he is working with the City to obtain sponsorships, as this will offset the cost to the County and the City. Clerk Connell encouraged all commissioners to plan to attend the event in Tallahassee. Mr. Williams also announced that the legislative delegation meeting for Union County will be next week, and encouraged the Board members to attend.

CONSIDERATION FOR CEI INSPECTION SERVICES FOR 63RD DRIVE AND 8TH AVENUE

Mr. Williams recommended that the Board use North Florida Professional Services for CEI services for both 63rd Drive and 8th Avenue. **Commissioner Tallman moved to engage with North Florida Professional Services for CEI services for 63rd Drive and 8th Avenue. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

REPORT FROM COUNTY COORDINATOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Williams reported that a grant application to Clay Electric's Project Round-Up has been submitted for the Recreation Department. He recognized all directors for their assistance and involvement with preparation for Hurricane Dorian. Mr. Williams also announced that the County will be hosting a meeting with REDI on November 15, and that a call-in option is available for the group this week.

Tim Allen, Emergency Management Director, echoed Mr. Williams' appreciation to directors.

Luke Harlow, Extension Agent, told the Board that he and 4-H Program Director Kristi McCallister recently attended their state conference. He explained that County Agents are expected to demonstrate their scholarly work, which is the Fact Sheet he received an award for. He stated a 4-H poster for blacksmithing was demonstrated, and also that he and Mrs. McCallister were able to network, and she has some new ideas to bring home to Union County to benefit our youth.

REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

Clerk Connell had nothing to report.

REPORT FROM RUSSELL A WADE, II, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Attorney Wade informed the Board that there has still not been a ruling on the Bert Harris Claim.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dobbs specifically thanked Junior Arnold, Tim Allen and Mark Hughes for their role in preparing for Hurricane Dorian, specifically making sand bags available to residents.

Commissioner Cannon recognized Mr. Harlow and Mrs. McCallister for their efforts in collecting relief supplies for Hurricane Dorian victims, and Mr. Arnold for his help in preparation of the storm.

With no further business, Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting.

“Adopted on November 18, 2019”