

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 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.

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts

PRESIDING: Jimmy Tallman, Chair

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

Chair Tallman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Wade read the header of Ordinance 20-07, regarding COPCN applications. Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator, explained the purpose of the ordinance is to bring the application fee up to the minimum of surrounding counties, and is the same as Bradford County. Attorney Wade indicated that he drafted the ordinance based on Baker County's. Chair Tallman called for public comments for and against the ordinance, and there were none. **Commissioner Cannon moved to adopt Ordinance 20-07, and Commissioner Perez seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

Discussion ensued regarding the current collections agent for EMS medical bills. It was noted that the current company was used because of its relationship with the billing company, and expected that the information transfer would be seamless and the most efficient option, but has not been successful. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to issue an RFP for a new EMS Collections Agent. Commissioner Cannon provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Williams presented the newly created Union County economic development website to the Board.

Clerk Rhoades offered a presentation regarding budget and finance reports, stating that the purpose was to make sure all Board members were knowledgeable about how to read finance reports, and how fund balances are calculated and presented in the budget. Further discussion was held regarding the increased contribution from the General Fund to the EMS Department over recent years.

Attorney Wade provided an update regarding the phosphate mining court case. He stated this is at the earliest stage of litigation, that the judge did not completely dismiss the complaint, and that the next phase will be to begin gathering and presenting evidence.

Chair Tallman asked Mr. Williams to reach out to Ken Cornell from Alachua County regarding inviting him to attend a meeting, or for the two Boards to hold a joint meeting.

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Chair Tallman adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on December 21, 2020.