

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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 Cossey called the hearing to order. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Cossey called for public comments, and hearing none, closed the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cossey welcomed the public to the meeting and called for Board action regarding the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the November 18, 2019 Reorganization Meeting, November 18, 2019 Board of Adjustments Meeting and November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Chair Cossey called EMS Director Wayne Clemons to recognize two employees. Mr. Clemons recognized Brian Macha as the Union County EMS Paramedic of the Year, stating he always has a good attitude and volunteers to help get things done. He also recognized Brandon Ames as the EMT of the Year. Mr. Ames has recently graduated from paramedic school and has done a superb job of maintaining his job performance while in school.

RESOLUTION 2019-15, DECLARING UNION COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

Commissioner Dobbs moved to adopt Resolution 2019-15, which declares that Union County recognizes the importance of the Second Amendment preserves the right of the people of Union County to keep and bear arms. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

SELECT CEI FROM CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Chair Cossey recommended that the Board select North Florida Professional Services as the CEI for the upcoming road projects: SW 63rd Drive and SE 8th Avenue. **Commissioner Tallman moved to select NFPS at the CEI for these projects. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.**

SPECIAL EXCEPTION SE19-03, CEMETERY

Chair Cossey called for Board action regarding Special Exception Application SE19-03, passed by the Board of Adjustments. **Commissioner Tallman moved, and Commissioner Croft seconded, to accept the recommendation by the Board of Adjustments and pass SE19-03. All commissioners voted for the motion.**

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA, DIXIE AND GILCHRIST COUNTIES: FLORIDA CROWN WORKFORCE

Chair Cossey called for Board action regarding the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Tallman called for discussion, and stated that he has previously served on this Board and does not believe Union County gets good representation from the organization, and that Columbia County is heavily favored. He asked that Mr. Williams

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contact them to get better service for the citizens of Union County. He stated that they opened an office here, but it was only open for two months. He believes that Union County may get better service if someone reaches out with his concerns before accepting the Interlocal Agreement. **Commissioner Tallman moved to table the matter until a solution is found. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion to table, and it passed unanimously.**

JOHN HALL, PROMISED LAND FAMILY MINISTRIES

John Hall, from Promised Land Family Ministries, made a presentation to the Board regarding his non-profit organization, which he started two years ago. They have acquired 50 acres in the County, and are aiming to get kids and families involved in agriculture and teach Christian values, and is striving to be a positive impact on the community. Commissioner Cannon stated that the organization is a partner with the County for the Brownsfield Grant, and that he and Mr. Williams have discussed the ministry with Mr. Hall, and encouraged Board members to help the organization when possible, as it will be a good thing for the community. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Hall to expand on his plans for the ministry. Mr. Hall answered that there are a few different programs that will use agriculture to teach about Christ. He plans to have facilities available to accommodate week-long camps, and has the long-term goal of partnering with DCF to provide a shelter to children in need.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COORDINATOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Williams provided an update on upcoming road projects. He also relayed that he has had conversations with Board members and conducted his own research, and recommended that SW 92nd Street, CR 18A and SW 119th Loop be submitted to FDOT for grant funding. Mr. Williams also asked that he be allowed to work with the Town of Raiford to apply for grants in partnership with the Town for additional funding for the intersection of SR 121 and CR 129, as there are safety concerns at that intersection. By general consensus, the Board granted permission. Mr. Williams added that FACT had recently conducted an HR audit and expects findings in late December. Lastly, Mr. McDaniel, a resident that recently approached the Board with concerns about a newly installed guardrail by DOT making his driveway hard to maneuver, has called Mr. Williams. Mr. McDaniel is having a barn delivered, which will take some time to get into the driveway and asked that someone direct traffic while they are in the road. The Board consented.

REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

Clerk Connell informed the Board that proposals have been received for the engineering RFQ, and asked that all commissioners take a packet and score each company and have their scoring sheets back to her by January 10, so that she can tally the results and the Board can make a decision at the January meeting. Clerk Connell also added that a recent change in cost share from the FEMA claim for Hurricane Irma has resulted in an additional \$10,000.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

No commissioners had any further business, and all wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

With no further business, Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Adopted by Union County Board of County Commissioners on January 21, 2020.