

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 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: Jimmy Tallman, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts and Comptroller

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mrs. Mary Brown, Union County Public Library Director, recognized Mrs. Priti McNutt for her selection as County Employee of the Month, as well as her graduation from Florida State University with her master's degree. Mrs. McNutt thanked Mrs. Brown for her support over the years and for the recognition.

Mr. Williams recognized Miss Michaela Clemons, HR Secretary, and Mrs. Hannah Seay, in the Clerk's Office, for their work on the Cares Act funding process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mac Johns asked the Board for assistance with the Recreation Board regarding the possibility of an increase in funding (from \$20,000). He explained that it isn't enough funding and suggested a workshop to discuss the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Cannon shared that he'd be willing to join the workshop. Commissioner Tallman suggested that the Recreation Board ask non-incorporated areas and the City of Lake Butler for funding.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Chair Tallman closed the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Croft moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Finance Report and Minutes from the November 17, 2020 Reorganization Meeting and November 30, 2020 Special Meeting. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY COORDINATOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION REGARDING PROVISION OF NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

December 21, 2020
Regular Meeting

CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE \$400,000 FROM FY 2022 PROJECT FIN#443419-1-54-01/CR-238N AND APPLY AS DESIGN FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 TO FIN#447733-1-34-01/92ND STREET

Commissioner Cannon explained that the 92nd Street project needs to be funded immediately due to safety concerns. Discussion ensued regarding possible plans and impacts. **Commissioner Cannon moved to fund the project. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EMS FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Williams presented three options for the EMS fee schedule. Commissioner Tallman shared that he liked the second option and Chair Dobbs agreed. Clerk Rhoades suggested rounding to the nearest five or 10 dollars for billing simplicity. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to select Option B rounded to the nearest 10 dollars, with ALS 1 at \$760, ALS 2 at \$880 and BLS at \$680. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

REPORT FROM COUNTY COORDINATOR, JIMMY WILLIAMS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Williams provided updates for roadwork within the County. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the projects. He then updated the Board on grant possibilities, specifically for Mosquito Control.

Mr. Shelton Arnold Jr., Road Department Superintendent, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Union County Public Library Director, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Wayne Clemons, EMS Director, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Tim Allen, Emergency Management Director, provided an update on grants and training for Emergency Management and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Luke Harlow, UF/IFAS Extension Director, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

REPORT FROM RUSSELL A. WADE III, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Wade summarized the situation regarding the local option sales tax and shared that the County was attempting to appeal the decision to the governor. Discussion ensued regarding ways to resolve the issue and its impacts.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Perez, Dobbs, Tallman and Croft wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Cannon thanked all employees for their work during the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Seeing no further business, Chair Tallman adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:01 P.M.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on June 17, 2024.