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Union County Board of County Commissioners  
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**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting Called to Order.....Chairman
2. Invocation and Pledge.....Commissioner Dobbs
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Consent Agenda.....Chairman
  - Finance Report
  - Minutes November 22, 2022 Reorganizational and Regular Meeting, December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting, January 17, 2023 Planning & Zoning Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and January 25, 2023 Special Meeting
  - Budget Amendments
5. Suwannee River Water Management District.....Mary Diaz
6. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-01.....Russ Wade
7. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-02.....Russ Wade
8. Consideration of Resolution 2023-01 CR229 S from Bridge 394004 to SR121 N.....Jimmy Williams
9. Consideration of Resolution 2023-02 Supplemental Agreement CR229 N from SR121 to Baker Co Line + .32 miles N to Norman Lane.....Jimmy Williams
10. Consideration of Resolution 2023-03 NFEDP Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).....Ryan Perez
11. Consideration of Resolution 2023-04 Delegating Authority to Execute Certain Contractual Documents to the County Coordinator
12. Consideration of Union County Riding Club Lease Renewal.....Russ Wade
13. Report from **County Coordinator, Jimmy Williams** and Department Heads
  - Kim Hayes, Solid Waste Director**
  - Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Department**
  - Mary Brown, Public Library**
  - Toby Witt, EMS Director**
  - Jim DeValerio, Extension Director**
14. Report Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts and Comptroller..... Clerk Rhoades
15. Report from Russell A. Wade III, County Attorney..... Attorney Wade
16. Report from County Commissioners
  - Ryan Perez, District 1**
  - Channing Dobbs, District 2**
  - Jimmy Tallman, District 3**
  - Mac Johns, District 4**
  - Willie Croft, District 5**
17. Adjournment

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

RYAN PEREZ, District 1 • CHANNING DOBBS, District 2 • JIMMY TALLMAN, District 3 • MAC JOHNS District 4 • WILLIE CROFT, District 5

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES  
Clerk of Court/Comptroller

RUSSELL WADE  
County Attorney

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

**1. Minutes:**

- November 22, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting
- November 22, 2022 Regular Meeting
- December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
- January 17, 2023 Planning & Zoning Board Public Hearing
- January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
- January 25, 2023 Special Meeting

**2. Finance Report**

- Checks submitted for approval of payment
  - Additional bills submitted after processing
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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: Chairman Ryan Perez

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Vice-Chairman Dobbs; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James Tallman; Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator; Pam Woodington, Finance Director; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Perez welcomed the public and called for public comments.

Carol Saviak, from FPL, presented the Board with a check for \$8,125 as a donation to be used at OJ Phillips for enhancements to the park.

Patrick Maxwell, along with the committee for the Impact Center presented a video about the project that they are working on. Steve Hoard told the board that it would be a great impact on the community for generations. Mr. Maxwell stated that years ago he visited the Legacy Center in Alachua, and has studied how recreation centers can improve a community. He explained that OJ Phillips is a good location because it will tie in to sports that already exist, is a neutral area in the county, has plenty of parking available and can get labor from DOC. He stated the cost is estimated at \$4-5 million, and gave a summary of what the building would contain, who the local partners already involved are, and what activities it would host. Charlotte Emerson presented the results of a community survey about recreation and the need for a center in Union County.

JR Davis approached the Board to ask about the Solid Waste collections contract. Russ Wade stated that he has approved the contract and he has no issue with it. Kim Hayes will sign the contract to move forward with collecting old debts. Mr. Davis also asked about the County's intentions for good planning for the future regarding The Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Land Development Regulations. Mr. Williams stated that he has met with the planning council and is working on language, and suggested a workshop to discuss. Attorney Wade said that updating it will be a multi-step process, and will require a series of workshops and meetings. Commissioner Tallman discussed using David Theriaque to review the Comp Plan and LDR's, and that he would be willing to use ARPA Funds to pay for it. He asked the attorney about the timeline, and Mr. Wade answered that there should be a workshop to identify needs and plans before involving Mr. Theriaque, and added that it will be a very public process so that citizens will be well-informed of any changes. Mr. Williams stated that currently commercial is allowed in Ag IV zone, and he has discussed an amnesty program for any businesses operating in Ag IV to rezone if that is changed. Clerk Rhoades stated that the planning may be in excess of the purchasing policy requirements without quotes or bids, and suggested that since Mr. Theriaque had extensive knowledge of Union County's plans from the mining lawsuit, that the Board may determine to sole source the contract for planning if they deem that he is the best fit for the county. **Commissioner Tallman moved to sole source Davis Theriaque for special council for land use planning. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Johns questioned the proposed budget amendment. Clerk Rhoades explained Budget Amendment 22-11 is to account for the settlement that has already been approved, and does not appropriate or approve any additional spending. **Commissioner Croft moved to approve Budget Amendment 22-11, amended for \$100,000**

increase to cover the Burkel settlement. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve the consent agenda presented by Clerk Rhoades, which included the finance report and additional bills. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**SHERIFF NEEDS FOR ARPA MONEY**

Commissioner Tallman moved to approve \$20,000 from ARPA money for drones and other surveillance equipment. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**FARM CITY WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Dobbs moved to proclaim November 16-November 23 as Farm-City Week. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and all commissioners voted for the motion.

**LANDFILL MONITORING SERVICES**

Tim Culley, from Jones-Edmunds, informed the Board that DEP is requiring more work than they were doing before. Commissioner Dobbs asked if there are new environmental concerns, and Mr. Culley answered that there's not, but a change in the regulatory climate. Commissioner Tallman suggested the County challenge DEP. **Commissioner Tallman moved to direct Attorney Wade to draft a letter to DEP. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept Work Order 27, and Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.** Mr. Culley asked if he should proceed with sampling in December, and he was directed to wait.

**RV/CAMPSITES**

Discussion ensued about RV Parks popping up without regulation. JR Davis indicated that they are bringing in \$102,000 a year, and the Property Appraiser isn't going to do anything without changes to the Land Development Regulations. Commissioner Johns asked what the park in Worthington Springs paid the county, and the answer is that they pay nothing. Attorney Wade was directed to review the ordinance to see if we could make changes with that. Mr. Williams told the Board that Mr. Whidden recently denied a permit when he found the true use to be an RV Park.

**NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved, and Commissioner Croft seconded, to adopt a proclamation recognizing November 2022 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. It passed unanimously.**

**MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE WITH COMPRESSION**

Discussion ensued about increasing wages in response to minimum wage increases. A workshop was set for December 15 at 8:00 am.

**RESOLUTION 22-12 AND 22-11**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve Resolution 22-11. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve Resolution 22-12. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to amend the contract with Kimley-Horn for design for CR-229N. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**PARKS UPGRADES**

Mr. Williams proposed the following amounts for playground equipment for parks: Providence, \$25,000; Palestine \$25,000; Sarah's Park, \$10,000; Raiford, \$25,000, for a total of \$85,000. Commissioner Tallman said he would like

to see \$25,000 for District 3 to go to the OJ Phillips complex for playground equipment. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to budget \$110,000 from ARPA funds to playground equipment for each of the parks. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Discussion ensued regarding hiring a code enforcement officer, and all agreed it should be implemented correctly. Commissioner Johns expressed that an athletic director is needed before this, and suggested to table the matter. It was agreed upon to take the matter up in a workshop.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COORDINATOR**

Mr. Williams reported that activities are continuing with the FRDP grant. He stated he has three quotes for repairs for the doors by the Tax Collector’s office, and he is trying to replace them by year-end. He added that the County needs to send invitations for the RFQ for the Brownfields Grant specifically to disability firms.

Clerk Rhoades asked the pleasure of the Board regarding the Clerk using ARPA funds to index historical records. The Board agreed with the value of the project, and asked the Clerk to report back with more specific cost estimates before proceeding.

Discussion ensued regarding ARPA Funds, and the concerns of keeping the money in “Reserves” or “Deferred Revenue”. **Commissioner Tallman moved to move the balance of the ARPA funds at 10/1/21 to the General Fund, and then transfer that amount to the General Fund Special Account #2. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Tallman moved to accept the proposal from CRA for EOC and Jail Design. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Croft moved to designate Tim Allen to sign the design contract. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Clerk Rhoades presented a proposed renewal from James Moore & Co for audit services. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept the proposal for a three-year renewal for an average of \$75,000 per year for audit services from James Moore & Co. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Attorney Wade communicated to the Board that Mr. Williams would like clarification of his authorities, and added that it should be more clearly defined. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to take the matter up in a workshop. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Dobbs addressed the issue of a lift station and easement at the OJ Phillips property with the City of Lake Butler, adding that his motion to allow the easement was contingent on the City allowing the County to tie the Ag Building into the sewer system. He expressed concern about courthouse employee parking. It was determined that the front of the BOCC office would be designated for employee parking. Commissioner Dobbs also expressed that the Board office should be open until 5:00, and the new schedule should start January 1.

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 8:50 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez, Chair

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2023

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: Ryan Perez, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James A. Tallman; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Johns stated that he has involved himself to become familiar with the Volunteer Fire Department, and recognized that they are first responders that do not get paid, and that they selected a firefighter of the year amongst themselves, and recognized Mickey Foster to present the award. Mr. Foster recognized Rob Koch as the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year and gave the Board a summary of the services that the VFD provides.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the consent agenda presented by Clerk Rhoades, which included the Finance Report with additional bills. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**RECONDITIONING AND REPAIRS TO BOCC OFFICE**

Mr. Williams addressed the Board with minor repairs in improvements he would like to make to the BOCC Office, including texturing walls, replacing flooring and patching. Commissioner Dobbs asked about the cost, and Mr. Williams indicated that he was not sure at this point. Commissioner Tallman said that ARPA money could be used. **Commissioner Croft moved to make minor cosmetic repairs only.** Commissioner Johns asked if the finance office had been repaired. Mr. Williams answered that he needs to get two quotes for duct cleaning, and other repairs should be getting done. He added that the courthouse needs roof repairs made as well. Commissioner Johns said he's all for the improvements, but instructed Mr. Williams to not drop the ball on the AC Unit in the Finance office. **Commissioner Johns seconded the motion made by Commissioner Croft. All voted for the motion.**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES, PPM/BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

Commissioner Dobbs moved for Mr. Williams to sign the Scope of Services PPM for the Brownfields Grant, which included \$24,000 for County grant administration plus five percent for travel costs. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**VEHICLE PURCHASES**

Mr. Williams indicated that he has met with directors and gave a list of vehicles that are needed in the County. Chairman Perez indicated that he would rather the vehicle that Mr. Williams proposed for the BOCC Admin to go to another department. Megan Daniel, from the Extension Office, indicated that she really needed a van to transport 4H participants. Commissioner Johns said that Tommy Mobley needs a van to transport inmates to work on other county parks, and that he realizes that the road department needs vehicles now. Commissioner Tallman understood the need for vehicles, and asked Mr. Williams to get prices and report back to the Board.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES, NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FIRE STATION LAND SURVEY**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve the scope of services for \$4,600 for a survey of the fire station property. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Rebekah Elixson approached the Board on behalf of Rotary regarding the \$4,000 contribution for the Fourth of July fireworks. She stated that this year, the celebration will be on Saturday, which is saving about \$10,000 for the fireworks. Clerk Rhoades responded that the money is included in the budget, and if she'll get an invoice to the Finance Department, a check would be issued.

Mr. Williams introduced Jim DeValerio as the only recommendation made by IFAS for an extension agent, and Mr. Valerio gave the Board his background. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept the recommendation and hire Mr. DeValerio as the Extension Agent. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passes unanimously.**

Attorney Wade proposed a new Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Butler, stating it was the same as what has been in place except for the dates. Upon the recommendation by Attorney Wade, **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Butler. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Johns moved to accept the contract for construction management. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.** Pamela Woodington clarified that the fees was estimated, but would not go over the grant amount.

Mr. Williams gave an update of the road projects. He also asked for clarity on the Board action to spend money on playground equipment, but would like to use the money for fencing or other improvements. Commissioner Tallman confirmed that he would like all of the funds designated in District 3 to be spent on playground equipment. Mr. Williams asked that the Board set a date for the workshop with Ginger Delegal, and it was set for March 1 at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Williams proposed a project for \$54,983 for a company to put in part of the courthouse security system. Clerk Rhoades indicated that a purchase of that size would need to be made by sealed bids. Commissioner Johns indicated he would like to hear from the Sheriff and the Judge on the matter.

Mr. Williams said construction is moving forward with the Ag Building addition, and two fire grants are being applied for.

Commissioner Dobbs asked Kim Hayes, Solid Waste Director, about the state of some equipment, and she provided the update. Commissioner Croft asked Mrs. Hayes about collection attendants working on Easter. Other commissioners indicated that employees shouldn't be made to work on Easter without holiday compensation. Clerk Rhoades indicated that the personnel policy recognized Good Friday as a holiday, and that holidays are observed on the closest normal workday to the holiday. She indicated that the problem is that Good Friday falls during the normal work week, and Easter does not, it is logical for admin employees, but not employees whose normal job works on the weekend. She suggested that the employee policy be amended to reflect "Good Friday/Easter Sunday". **Commissioner Dobbs moved to change the employee policy to recognize Good Friday or Easter Sunday as a County holiday. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED:

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Ryan Perez, Chair

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2022

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PRESIDING: Chairman Ryan Perez

RECORDING: Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

ATTENDING: Vice-Chairman Dobbs; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James Tallman; Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Perez welcomed the public and called for public comments.

JR Davis brought to the attention of the Board, properties that have RV's and are not complying with the County's LDR plans, which do not pay the proper Special Assessment fees but use the services provided by the County. Chairman Perez indicated that they have ask Mr. Wade to contact Attorney David Theriaque, to review and fortify the County's LDR. Mr. Williams interjected that the particular lots Mr. Davis mentioned are vacant lots that have RVs parked and are not currently building a new home.

Tracey Tate stated that a program is being provided through the Woman's Club which is giving stuffed animals to children for Christmas. Noon to 4 on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is trying to spread the news.

Chair Perez closed the floor to public comments

The Finance report was presented, **Commissioner Croft moved to accept with Commissioner Dobbs seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

Addendum Agenda was presented by County Coordinator with the addition of two items.

First item to consider award of professional services for the Brownfields Program. Mr. Williams recommends PPM. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept PPM as the professional service company for the Brownfields Program, Commissioner Johns seconded the motion passed unanimously.**

Agricultural Educational Building, Phase III Mr. Williams' recommendation is to continue services with Union La-Steel who presented a sealed bid of \$290,915.00. Which includes the enclosed building, pavilion with lean-tos. A drawing was provided at the workshop held on December 15, 2022. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept bid and continue using La-Steel Metal Building services for Phase III of the Agricultural Education Building. Commissioner Johns seconded. The Board voted unanimously to accept bid and continued services.**

Mr. Williams requested consideration of the services for the oversight and construction of the Public Safety Complex. Committee reviewed companies who submitted qualifications. AJAX Building Corporation was chosen by the committee based on their qualifications. After discussion of the advertisement Mr. Williams stepped out of meeting to confirm specifics with Sheriff Whitehead.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 22-05 to amend Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Perez ask if there was a motion to accept Ordinance 22-05. **Vice-Chairman Dobbs moved with Commissioner Johns providing second. Ordinance 22-05 was passed unanimously.**

Ordinance 22-06 second reading for consideration for Ridge Point Structures, LLC to change Land Use Classification. **Vice-Chair Dobbs moved to accept Ordinance 22-06 and Commissioner Croft seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**



Consideration of Ordinance 22-07 in favor of Bergsma of land use change. **Vice-Chair Dobbs moved to accept Ordinance 22-07 with Commissioner Johns providing the second. The Board approved unanimously.**

Consideration of Ordinance 22-08 to rezone land from Agricultural 4 to light industrial. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept Ordinance 22-08 with Commissioner Johns providing the second. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration of Ordinance 22-09 relating to rezoning. Providing to rezone from Agricultural to light industrial. **Commissioner Johns moved to accept Ordinance 22-09 with Commissioner Croft seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Advertising CEI services for road projects 229N and 149<sup>th</sup> required due to grant amount. **Vice-Chair Dobbs moved to advertise; Commissioner Croft seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Consideration of Compression schedule raises presented by Mr. Williams at the December 15, 2022 workshop. **Commissioner Croft moved, with Commissioner Tallman seconded. Compression schedule raises passed unanimously.**

Mr. Williams confirmed with Sheriff Whitehead that AJAX Building Corporation will stay within the parameters of the grant requirements and oversee the Public Safety Complex. **Commissioner Tallman moved to accept AJAX Building Corporation with Commissioner Croft second. Passed unanimously.**

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the demolition project of the New River Public Library Coop, making room for the future Public Safety Complex. Mr. Davis, Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Hayes along with their staff moved quickly and very efficiently. Mr. Davis also notated the items for repurposing. Mr. Davis also offered compliments of the efforts from the Road Department and Solid Waste Departments.

Mr. Williams reported on the status of the FRDAP grant at OJ Phillips. Ballfield grounds are close to completion prepped to install chain link fence. Mr. Williams stated his calculations of completion, the project should come well under his original estimate. Mr. Jenkins is currently on site completing one field with all LED lights, 2<sup>nd</sup> field partially with LED lights saving enough monies to place 4 LED lights on first and third base of every field. Hopefully saving the Rec Board monies in electricity bills. Mr. Williams also stated project should be completed in a month.

Kim Hayes – Thankful for the wage increase for her staff, excited to share the news in the morning.

Shelton Arnold – Thankful for the pay increase

Mary Brown – Merry Christmas

Toby Witt –stated that he is proud to report that we are contributing as much mutual aid as we requested. Also working well with Lake Butler Hospital. Revenue increase came from Lake Butler Hospital. Thank you for the increase in wages over the past year which was instrumental in recruiting new employees.

Mrs. Woodington – to pay JR Davis when invoice presented, but total monies of work not available for tonight's meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to pay Mr. Davis and Commissioner Johns second. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Wade has been made aware along with Mr. Maines the City attorney that Mr. Walker on behalf of the City of Lake Butler had sent notice to terminate the interlocal agreement effective December 31, 2022. The Board, upon receipt of notification formed a committee to discuss with City officials the agreement, however the Committee was not able to meet to resolve the issues. The problem is that effective December 31, 2022 the interlocal agreement would terminate along with the special assessments which would then revert to the City and the City would then be responsible for their own Garbage and Emergency Medical Services. Council for both the City and the County do not think this is the intent and recommend that the interlocal agreement continue as currently proposed on a one year term to be reviewed and addressed. December 31, 2022 is important due to Bruce Dukes,

Property Appraiser, preparing to disburse TRIM notices to be sent to taxpayers. Mr. Wade ask for permission from the Board to convey the message that the County Board will continue the interlocal agreement with the city. **Vice Chair Dobbs moved to continue the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake Butler with permission given to Attorney Wade to convey the message to Attorney Maines.** Commissioner Tallman ask if the Board has been provided with the letter of termination. County Coordinator Williams stated that it had and he believes it was discussed in the June 2022 board meeting. Commissioner Perez stated that the intent of the city when speaking with Mayor Schenck was to strengthen the relationship between the County and the City and that a letter of termination might assist with a timeline to remedy questions from both the city and the County. Healthy discussions were had in reference to the CRA district and improvements that could be made. Commissioner Perez stated that the letter to terminate was not made with any ill intent. **Commissioner Tallman stated that the thought process of a letter of termination to create more healthy discussion was confusing to him but he would second the motion to assist with creating a better working relationship with the City. Vice Chair Dobbs amended motion to state to continue with all interlocal agreements on identical terms with the City and Mr. Wade to convey message to Mr. Maines. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Perez ask reports from Commissioners. Vice Chair Dobbs ask for Chairmen Perez to begin who wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Vice Chair Dobbs also continued with Merry Christmas and thanks Department Heads and their staff for the work they do. Commissioner Tallman wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Johns also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and considers it an honor to be able to provide raises and wishes more could be done. Commissioner Croft thanked all employees for their work all year and appreciates everything employees do and wishes all a very Merry Christmas.

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 6:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez., Chair

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2023

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PRESIDING: Ryan Perez, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James A. Tallman; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Perez called the meeting to order 5:00 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lance Thornton, former EMS employee, informed the Board of the chain of events that led to his termination. He stated that he was accused of insubordination. He told the Board that he has worked through three directors at EMS, and that other employees are job scared. He encouraged Board members to pull his file, stating that he had no disciplinary actions in it. He felt that he had been disciplined and terminated for reporting problems with leadership. Mr. Thornton submitted a copy of a Facebook post made by Toby Witt, the EMS Director. He also stated that Mr. Williams told him that is a supervisor was messing up, he would be help accountable, but questioned where the accountability is. Mr. Thornton told the Board that they are losing staff due to leadership, and are about to lose more. He told the Board that Mr. Witt claims that he isn't qualified to know right from wrong. He said that he had been offered the job of the Fire Chief, but declined because he felt he wasn't ready for that and needed to learn more. He proposed a question to the Board that if he wasn't capable of knowing right from wrong, why would he be offered that position of leadership. He closed by asking the Board to review the wrong doings of Mr. Witt, Mr. Williams, and Lieutenant Broshar and do right for the people of Union County.

Carly Shaw Loznicka reported to the Board about disappointing service that she received from the EMS Department. She had a baby via caesarean section during the week of October 24, and then developed severe pre-eclampsia after arriving home from the hospital. She called 911 because her blood pressure was very high. Medics arrived. She happened to know one of them, and they were very nice. She said that they did not bring a stretcher inside, and that the blood pressure machine was broken and the manual cuffs they used were broken. She was asked to walk across the yard to the ambulance, and felt that she should not have walked given her condition. She stated that the ambulance was disgusting: blood and trash were on the floor, and the ambulance was falling apart and was unkempt. She reported this incident so long after the fact because of her health and dealing with a newborn baby. She said that she received a bill for \$1,200, and due to the poor service, stated that she would not be paying it. She noted that Mr. Williams was helpful in hearing and processing her complaint, but from talking to others in the community, she has found out that there have been multiple problems with the EMS service.

Margaret Ducksworth approached the Board and gave the details about a recent experience with the EMS Department, which she had previously relayed at the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2023. She said that since that meeting, some things have come to light. She said that she took her son to Lake Butler Hospital, and that they wanted to transfer him to another facility, but had to wait over 12 hours. She said that she heard Lt. Broshar instructing staff rudely to not transport him. She said that there was a time when the County had a great EMS service. She reminded the Board that Lt. Broshar had her removed from the hospital by security. She said that the

County has a problem, and needs the state to conduct an internal investigation on Mr. Williams, Mr. Witt and Lt. Broshar. She questioned why the Board has leaders from other counties that create a hostile work environment.

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

#### **COURTHOUSE SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL**

Commissioner Perez recognized Judge Bishop to address the Board regarding courthouse security. Judge Bishop informed the Board of the need for access control to various doors throughout the courthouse. He said he has no opinion on the vendor used, but that we need a secure badge-access system. He was willing to answer any questions the Board had. Judge Bishop also stated that he understood there was discussion of creating a committee to handle the task. Commissioner Johns said that he had spoken with the Judge and the Sheriff, and would like to create a committee for the task, and was willing to sit on it himself, and suggested it include Mr. Williams, the Judge, the Sheriff and the Clerk. Security should be developed to their terms, and should be done as soon as possible. Judge Bishop reminded the Board that 30-40% of the criminal case docket is Department of Corrections inmate cases, where they commit crimes inside UCI or RMC, but have gang affiliations that are still on the street.

**Commissioner Johns moved to create a committee for courthouse security consisting of himself, Judge Bishop, Sheriff Whitehead, Mr. Williams and Clerk Rhoades. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Mr. Williams asked the Board to consider sole sourcing the proposal from Empire for \$54,983. Clerk Rhoades stated that it is over \$30,000 and therefore does not follow the purchasing policy, as sealed bids are required over that amount. Commissioner Johns asked Attorney Wade what could be done to legally move forward. Attorney Wade answered that the Board can waive its own policy.

**Commissioner Tallman moved to waive the purchasing policy for this item. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Tallman moved to accept the proposal from Empire for \$54,983. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Chair Perez recognized Toby Witt, EMS Director to address the Board. He gave an overview of his time in Union County. He was the director in Hamilton County, and this is the only job that he would have left for. He said he does business in Union County and went to school here. He told the Board that after he was offered the job, but before he started, he assisted Mr. Williams with getting coverage for the County when no staff was on. He has reduced mutual aid needed, and had to make changes regarding the clearance process to get ambulances staffed, and he brought in Lt. Broshar, who is a 25-year veteran. Mr. Witt apologized to Mrs. Loznicka, stating that we have old units, but like all other counties are having a hard time getting new ones, and that he has addressed the cleanliness issue. He also said she should not have been made to walk to the ambulance, and was sorry that it happened to her. Mr. Witt addressed the complaint made by Mrs. Ducksworth, stating that under his directorship, the policy has been changed from only alerts were transported out of Lake Butler Hospital to transporting as long as another truck is available for 911 calls, as someone in Lake Butler Hospital has access to medical care, and one ambulance should be available for someone that has an emergency at home. He said that immediately after the call to transport her son, a 911 call came in, and Lt. Broshar had to make a decision. He reviewed the situation of the 911 call, and determined that it could wait for him to check in with Lake Butler Hospital to let them know that a 911 call had been received, and that they would respond as quickly as possible. He concluded that Union County EMS acted in accordance with policy, and Mr. Thornton disagreed with the decision. He addressed the incident reports that were submitted in the previous meeting.

Mr. Dobbs addressed a comment made during public comments, stating that he is deeply offended at the accusation that someone is lining their pockets with the revenues from EMS, and adding that the General Fund has contributed \$850,000 in a single year to EMS because it's not self-sustaining. Mr. Williams told the Board that Mr. Thornton was terminated when he refused to return to work, and that he reached out to legal counsel and followed their recommendation.

Mr. Thornton submitted an article in the Lake City Reporter where Mr. Witt spoke to Columbia County, and questioned differences in treatments where the symptoms were the same. He said that Mr. Witt lost his cool in the room with other employees, and that the director was belligerent. He stated that he was suspended because he refused to work under Lt. Broshar. Mr. Witt addressed the question about the difference in treatments.

Tita Mungia, former EMS employee, told the Board about an incident involving Lt. Broshar intubating a patient. After the call, she tried to review with the team and was shut down from attempting to train over the matter. She said that no training was offered even after asking, and that it is better in Bradford. She has grown as a medical provider, and stated that under Mr. Raulerson's interim directorship, he got on to her for a situation, but that she grew from it. Mr. Witt said that he pulled the medical report of the incident in question, and backed up the actions taken. He added that training is available on every shift and that every other month, a training is scheduled.

Chairman Perez said that is one of the first times he's dug into a lot of info. He said he's pulled the CAD, talked to Lake Butler Hospital, and talked with many others, and in the end, there's a lot of he said-she said, none of which can be proven. The concrete evidence that he has is that the Ducksworth call came into 911 at 8:22, and a truck was there at 10:22. He is lacking in knowledge of deviation from policy, but that he is concerned that employees needed to come to the Board. Chairman Perez said that he would like a concrete grievance policy, and that HR was a new position added after the grievance policy was written, and that grievance should not end in one person. He added that HR should report directly to the Board so that employees can talk to HR and HR report to the Board. He said he has received both praise and criticism for all employees involved. Chairman Perez asked Mr. Thornton what he wanted, and Mr. Thornton answered that he wants to work other places without this being on his record. Chairman Perez stated that he supports the directors and policies, and told Mr. Thornton that if he suspects malpractice, that it should be reported to the appropriate agency, as this Board does not have the knowledge to properly investigate that.

Chairman Perez concluded that he would recommend that HR be changed to report directly to the Board and Mr. Thornton's employee record be cleared. Commissioner Dobbs agreed. Commissioner Tallman commended Mr. Thornton for speaking out, and stated he knew him to always be a good kid. He added that EMS is an important and difficult job, but he has to support the directors. **Commissioner Dobbs moved for HR to report directly to the Board, and Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved for Lance Thornton's employee record be cleared.** Board members discussed the matter, agreeing that they would like his employment file not contain a termination. Caden Massey, EMS employee, addressed the Board on Mr. Thornton's behalf, and tried to clear up that he did not abandon his post. Patricia Harris, Union County citizen and EMS employee, and she stated that she listened to the entire incident. She said Mr. Thornton's meeting was on a Tuesday, and the next day was told he was sent home, and that she never received any paperwork regarding the situation. Commissioner Tallman interjected that sometimes tensions get high and you need to leave a situation. He said to Mr. Thornton that the reality is that he can't come back to work here right now, and asked what he wanted. Mr. Thornton answered that he lives here, and doesn't want to see people treated how they are in the reports that he gave, and that he wants accountability for Mr. Witt. Chairman Perez answered that the Board can only do so much, and if he thinks anyone is in danger, he encouraged him to report it to the proper medical agency.

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to have Mr. Thornton's employee file cleared. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Dobbs moved, and Commissioner Cannon seconded, to approve the fuel card policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE**

Mr. Williams said that there is a need for credit card payments to be taken over the phone. Pamela Woodington, Finance Director, stated that it was originally set up for payments to be made over the Internet, but those forms have not been completed yet. Board members stated that payments can be made over the phone anywhere, and it should be that way here. Clerk Rhoades said that the technical capability is not there, but if the Internet forms are made available, staff taking the payments could use that system to process a credit card payment from a phone conversation. Mr. Williams said he would get those forms working.

**RURAL COUNTY DAYS**

Upon a request from Mr. Williams, **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the release of a check for \$750 for Rural Counties Day. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion. All commissioners voted for the motion.**

Mr. Williams also asked that the Board grant him the authority to sign all task work orders for all pre-approved grants for companies accepted by the Board. Clerk Rhoades indicated that Attorney Wade already has a resolution drafted that will grant that authority.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION GRANT**

Mr. Williams told the Board that we have received a \$50,000 grant for design for courthouse restoration, and that the construction portion will require a match, but it has not been awarded yet. He stated that the County has until 2026 to expend the courthouse security appropriations. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept the restoration design grant, and Commissioner Johns seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

Upon the recommendation by Mr. Williams, **Commissioner Tallman moved for Phil Bishop with North Florida Professional Services do the design, as there is already a continuing services contract and he is familiar with the building. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams discussed that he can't get prices on state contract for vehicles, as they aren't available. Commissioner Tallman indicated that he talked to Wilson Whidden, building inspector, and he doesn't want a new truck, but just requested the rear brakes be fixed. Mr. Williams wanted the Board to allow him move forward with purchasing vehicles. Commissioner Johns indicated that he should get prices and report back. After other discussion, Commissioner Johns reiterated that he should get prices and report back to the Board. Chairman Perez agreed that no action should be taken.

Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez, Chair

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SERVING AS THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 17, 2023

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: Ryan Perez, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James A. Tallman; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Perez called the hearing to order at 5:45 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Perez called for public comments in favor of the application to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Perez recognized Gerry Dedenbach, of CHW Professional Consultants, as agent for the Ann Christoforidis Trust approached the Board. Mr. Dedenbach explained that they were asking for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations, with plans to build a small grocer on the property located at the intersection of CR 241 and CR 18. It is currently Ag-4, and they are asking that it be changed to Commercial 4. He gave a brief history of the site. Commissioner Dobbs asked if there was a particular company that was planning to build there, and Mr. Dedenbach answered that there was a company in mind, but at this point, the zoning is for land use only. Commissioner Johns asked if the property's proximity to the river has been considered. Mr. Dedenbach answered acknowledged the concern, and said that the property is very high and out of the flood plain, and also that it is very small, so they are not concerned about drainage and affluent into the river, and added that all construction will be in compliance with the Suwannee River Water Management District. Commissioner Johns asked if the study had been done yet, and Mr. Dedenbach answered that it will be done as part of the site plan. Commissioner Dobbs asked him to expand on the history of the site, and Mr. Dedenbach answered that many years ago there was a gas station and a meat packing facility on the site. He closed his discussion by saying that he would be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have about the project.

Chairman Perez called for additional comments in favor of the application, and hearing none, he called for any comments opposed to the application.

Chairman Perez recognized Bill Lennon to address the Board. Mr. Lennon stated that he and his wife moved here 50 years ago, to raise their kids in a rural environment. He explained that he was raised in New York City, and purposely chose to not raise his family in the same environment. He said he lives close to the site, and that the quality of life in the area is good, but that it would diminish with commercialization. He added that if someone wants a store right next door to them, then they should move to the city. He closed by asking the Board members what they would rather have in their front yards: trees, cows and a clean river or commercialization.

Chairman Perez then recognized Shawn Newsom. Mr. Newsom stated that he was a life-long resident of Union County, except that he had joined the Army and for a period of time lived in North Carolina. He stated that he had heard about the future development, and speaks for many families from the Providence area, when he says that they don't want this store. He added that he would like to bring solutions to the Board, and that the County needs



to grow, but in the right way, noting that we Union County is a bedroom community for Gainesville. Mr. Newsom said that we have a special thing here in Union County. He gave a personal history of the community that he lived in in North Carolina, adding that it, ironically, was a bedroom community of Union County, North Carolina. He said that when they moved there, there was no commercialization. A Harris Teeter grocery store was built, and after several years, had a Chic-Fil-A and many other restaurants and stores. Mr. Newsom noted that the planners of the project are from Alachua County, and the Trust is registered in Ohio. He said that it appears to be that the store is just a beginning, and that then there will be a gas station and then there will be anchor stores for a subdivision. Mr. Newsom told the Board that the development that he saw in North Carolina was so rapid and uncontrolled that they ran out of water. He suggested that three elected officials travel to North Carolina to talk to the folks there to see what they did wrong, and how they fixed it, and offered to make the connections. Mr. Newsom said that we pray here in our meetings, and we pray a football games, and that he values that; but bringing in the wrong growth will stop that. He noted that the applications were filed on December 15, and that the Trust has been filed in Ohio. He asked if the development was wanted, and then provided an answer that we should bring in developers that are invested in the county. He encouraged the Board to bring the growth, but after they go to Monroe, North Carolina and learn from their mistakes.

Chairman Perez recognized William McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel stated that he lives just down from CR 18. He said that for years, CR 18 has been in terrible condition, and questioned how much worse it would be when trucks start traveling on it. He questioned that if this is built, what the next zoning change would be. Mr. McDaniel stated that if he and his neighbors wanted to be near growth, they would move to town. He conveyed that he was concerned about safety and poor road conditions if this is built.

Chairman Perez recognized Mallory Southwell. Mrs. Southwell presented a petition of 150 signatures in opposition to the change, and noted that she focused on the area in question, and most citizens were unaware of the proposal. She stated the progress is going to come, but this would hurt other stores, specifically naming Mrs. Williams' store and Spires. Mrs. Southwell stated that research shows that small Marketplace grocers like the one proposed brings a 30% loss to local grocers, adding that many local governments are passing laws to keep this type of store out of their community. She said that they don't bring jobs. She gave evidence that "dollar stores" are not good for the economic environment.

Chairman Perez recognized Brandon Elixson, who stated that if all goes as planned, he will inherit land within a stone's throw of the site. Mr. Elixson said that he is in favor of personal property rights. He noted that the planners didn't hear any argument for the project, just a desire. He said the commission has the responsibility to manage the growth, and it need to be strategic with zoning. Mr. Elixson stated that he works in a local business and a pastor of a church. He added that news spreads fast, and he's spoken to no one that's in favor of this development. He asked the Board to consider if passing this amendment would be strategic in managing the growth.

Chairman Perez recognized Clay Dale, who informed the Board that he moved to Florida at age 11, and doesn't know many people. He conveyed that his dad worked hard to save for the piece of land that they own within a golf ball's hit from the site. Mr. Dale said his dad chose that site because they didn't want to be in Alachua County, and wanted a rural area. He said the majority of people who have chose to live in that area want it to stay that way.

Chairman Perez recognized Ryan Southwell. Mr. Southwell stated that this was dropped in his lap, and no one is thrilled about these stores anywhere. Union County has pride, and when he was able to work, he took pride in it. He noted that these stores have a history of building a very nice building, but that once they are built, they let them go, and they are trashy. Mr. Southwell questioned if marketplaces give back to the community. If the county is going

to grow, where and how is important. He said that he currently lives around commercialization in another county, but doesn't want that.

Mr. Dedenbach approach and asked Chairman Perez for permission to address concerns, and yielded the floor to him. He stated that since 2005, he has built approximately 300 stores, and his goal is to do a good job. He said they are not trying to rob the culture, and that change takes time. He's iterated that he's here to discuss any question, and find a way or conditional way to move forward with the project.

Chairman Perez recognized Matt Cason, who stated that he currently lives in Gainesville, but his family has lived in Columbia County for five generations, and that his in-laws live less than a five-minute drive from the site. He expressed that some people do want it, and gave examples of how Columbia, Suwannee and Levy Counties have managed growth. Mr. Cason said that this store would provide a convenience to residents, and that it would increase safety by reducing trips to further grocery stores.

Chairman Perez recognized Donald Parrish. Mr. Parrish stated that he is a life-long resident of Providence. He challenged that if Mr. Cason and his family care so much about Union County, then why did they leave?

Hearing no further public comments, Chairman Perez called for discussion from Commissioners. Commissioner Johns said that he has asked questions about the project, and is glad to see people that have shown up. He noted that no one from District 4 has shown up in favor of the change. He said that he ran his campaign on anti-growth of District 4, and that he does not want commercialization in District 4. He noted that Districts 4 & 5 are the only two that are undeveloped, and he wants to keep it that way.

Commissioner Tallman announced that came into the meeting expecting support of the change, and commended those for speaking up for rural life in Union County. He noted for the record that he owns a store which would compete with this, and asked Attorney Wade if he should abstain from voting. The attorney answered that it is a pretty tenuous connection, but would look into it.

Chairman Perez thanked the citizens that spoke, and appreciated their being a part of the democratic process. He expressed that their comments help the commissioners to make the best decision for the county.

Commissioner Dobbs said that he has spoken to many and feels their concerns. He is proud to see so many stand up to protect Union County life. He noted that it is a problem that many didn't know about this until very recently, and while he doesn't want the County to have a Facebook page due to public records issues, he acknowledged that there needs to be a better process to update the public of issues such as this.

Chairman Perez noted that he asked the Property Appraiser pull the taxes that the three Dollar General stores pay to the county, and that each store pays approximately \$4,000 per year. He said that the tax dollars paid by the store is not a big advantage.

Commissioner Croft expressed appreciation for all citizens coming out to express their opinions.

Mr. Dedenbach approached the Board, and asked that they vote, but remove the item from the Commission agenda, and also suggested that the Board vote first on the application to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Newsom approached the Board again, and said that this seems to have been done secretly, and that's not the way to do things in Union County. He suggested that if developers want to please Union County residents, that they hold community forums to hear from the residents.

Attorney Wade advised that PZ CPA 22-04 is regarding amending the Comp Plan, the companion, Z22-03, is regarding zoning and is much stricter. If the legislative determination of the first fails, zoning is irrelevant.

**Commissioner Dobbs moved to deny the application by the Ann Christoforidis Trust for the amendment of the Union County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. Upon the recommendation of Attorney Wade, Commissioner Tallman declared a conflict of interest because of competition with his business and abstained from voting. All other commissioners voted unanimously to deny the application.**

Attorney Wade stated that Z22-03, the companion resolution regarding zoning was rendered moot by the failure of the application to amend the Future Land Use Map, and did not require Board action.

Chair Perez adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:00 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez, Chair

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner Ryan Perez; Commissioner James Tallman; Pam Woodington, Finance Director; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

Chair Tallman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and turned the floor over to Attorney Wade for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Tallman nominated Commissioner Perez. Attorney Wade called for any further nominations. Hearing none, he closed the floor to nominations. He called for a vote, the Board unanimously voted for Commissioner Perez, and Attorney Wade passed the gavel to Chairman Perez.

Chairman Perez called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Tallman nominated Commissioner Dobbs. After calling for additional nominations and hearing none, Chairman Perez closed nominations and called for a vote for Commissioner Dobbs. All voted in favor of Commissioner Dobbs for the Vice-Chair.

Chairman Perez opened discussion regarding committee appointments, and assignments to the following committees and boards were determined:

1. **Florida Crown Workforce:**  
Member: Commissioner Johns
2. **Transportation for the Disadvantaged Board**  
Member: Commissioner Johns
3. **North Florida Regional Planning Council:**  
Member: Commissioner Tallman
4. **New River Solid Waste Association**  
Members: Chair Tallman & Commissioner Dobbs
5. **New River Public Library Cooperative:**  
Members: Commissioner Tallman & Commissioner Dobbs
6. **Union County Public Library:**  
Member: Commissioner Croft                      Alternate: Commissioner Johns
7. **SREC: (1 year term begins March 2023)**  
Member: Commissioner Croft                      Alternate: Commissioner Johns
8. **SHIP**  
Member: Chairman Perez                      Alternate: Commissioner Johns

**9. North Florida Economic Development Partnership**

Member: Chairman Perez

Member: Jimmy Williams

**10. Small County Coalition**

Member: Chairman Perez

**11. Broadband Initiative**

Member: Chairman Perez

Commissioner Tallman moved to reappoint all assignments to committees and boards announced by Chairman Perez, and Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed without opposition.

Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez, Chairman

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-4, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, to prepare, adopt and enforce land development regulations;

WHEREAS, Sections 163.3161 to 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to prepare and adopt regulations concerning the use of land and water to implement the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, an application for an amendment, as described below, has been filed with the County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been designated as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been designated as the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Local Planning Agency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Land Development Regulations, the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency, held the required public hearing, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency, reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners approval of said application for an amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Board of County Commissioners, held the required public hearing, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing, including the recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency, and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described below, would promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to an application, Z 23-01, by Jimmy Matthew, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district on certain lands, the zoning district is hereby changed from AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) to INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 1, Township 6 South Range 19 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 88°46'20" West 2,080.10 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence North 42°43'50" East 230.84 feet; thence South 88°46'20" West 210.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 121; thence South 42°43'50" West, along the Easterly right-of-way of said State Road 121, a distance of 230.84; thence North 88°46'20" East 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.81 acre, more or less.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, as amended, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Florida Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Florida Department of State.

The effective date of this amendment, Z 23-01, to the Official Zoning Atlas shall be the same date as the effective date of Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment, CPA 23-01. If Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment, CPA 23-01, does not become effective, this amendment, Z 23-01, to the Official Zoning Atlas shall not become effective. No development orders, development permits or land uses dependent on this amendment, Z 23-01, to the Official Zoning Atlas may be issued or commence before it has become effective.

Section 5. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, and Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners this 20th day of February 2023.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, County Clerk

Ryan Perez, Chair



ORDINANCE NO.2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN 50 ACRES OF LAND TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-4 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 5 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY 1.2.2) TO INDUSTRIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, to prepare, adopt and implement a Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Community Planning Act, empowers and requires the Board of County Commissioners to prepare, adopt and implement a Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, an application for an amendment, as described below, has been filed with the County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been designated as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Planning and Zoning Board;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has been designated as the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Local Planning Agency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, and Land Development Regulations, the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Local Planning Agency, held the required public hearing, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Local Planning Agency, reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners approval of said application for an amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held the required public hearing, with public notice having been provided, under the procedures established in Sections 163.3161 to 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing including the recommendation of the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency, and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described below, would promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to an application, CPA 23-01, by Jimmy Matthew, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification of certain lands, the future land use classification is hereby changed from AGRICULTURE-4 (less than or equal to 5 dwelling units per acre, except as provided for in Policy 1.2.2) to INDUSTRIAL on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 1, Township 6 South Range 19 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 88°46'20" West 2,080.10 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence North 42°43'50" East 230.84 feet; thence South 88°46'20" West 210.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 121; thence South 42°43'50" West, along the Easterly right-of-way of said State Road 121, a distance of 230.84; thence North 88°46'20" East 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.81 acre, more or less.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Florida Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Florida Department of State.

The effective date of this plan amendment shall be thirty-one (31) days following the date of adoption of this plan amendment. However, if any affected person files a petition with the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as amended, to request a hearing to challenge the compliance of this plan amendment with Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, within thirty (30) days following the date of adoption of this plan amendment, this plan amendment shall not become effective until the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity or the Florida Administration Commission, respectively, issues a final order determining this plan amendment is in compliance. No development orders, development permits or land uses dependent on this plan amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued, this plan amendment may nevertheless be made effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status, a copy of which resolution shall be sent to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Development, 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, First Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120.

Section 5. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, and Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session this 20th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Perez, Chair

RESOLUTION 2023-01  
Small County Outreach Program  
Design, Construction and CEI on the Widening and Resurfacing of Existing Lanes on CR 229 S  
from Bridge #394004 to SR 121 N  
Financial Project ID: 445822-1-54-01

This resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida (the "County"), approved as of the date hereunder, accepts the grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (the "Department") to construct the project described therein in Union County, Florida.

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT has authority, under Section 334.044 (7) Florida Statutes, to enter into this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small County Outreach Program has been created within the DEPARTMENT pursuant to Section 339.2818, Florida Statutes, to assist small counties in repairing or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads, addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or reconstructing county roads, or constructing capacity or safety improvements to county roads ; and

**WHEREAS**, the COUNTY has certified to the DEPARTMENT that it has met the eligibility requirements of said Section 339.2816, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT is willing to provide the COUNTY with financial assistance, under FM No 445822-1-54-01, for costs directly related to the "Project", consisting of the design of CR 229 S from Bridge #394004 to SR 121 N in Union County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the PROJECT; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of the Project is \$1,320,000.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union County Board of County Commissioners agrees to the terms outlined in the proposed Agreement attached hereto; and that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the Agreement with the Department.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** in regular session by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, this 20th day of February, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Ryan Perez, Chairman

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2023-02**  
**Small County Road Assistance Program**  
**FPN: 438212-1-54-01, 02**  
**Supplemental Agreement**  
**UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT has authority, under Section 334.044 (7) Florida Statutes, to enter into this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties agree that the Agreement is to be amended and supplemented as follows; and

**WHEREAS**, Supplemental Agreement #3 adds funding in the amount of \$500,000 based on the Engineer's Estimate for CR 229 N from SR 121 to Baker County Line and an additional .32 miles N. to Norman Lane; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Union County Board of County Commissioners agrees to the terms outlined in the proposed Agreement attached hereto; and that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the Agreement with the Department.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** in regular session by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Perez, Chairman

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Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts

## **RESOLUTION 2023-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT THAT THE DESIGNATION OF RURAL AREA OF OPPORTUNITY (RAO) CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION INCORPORATING BAKER, BRADFORD, COLUMBIA, DIXIE, GILCHRIST, HAMILTON, JEFFERSON, LAFAYETTE, LEVY, MADISON, PUTNAM, SUWANNEE, TAYLOR, AND UNION COUNTIES (INCLUDING THE CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN EACH); AND, THE CONTINUATION OF ALL REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (NFEDP) THROUGH FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2003 Governor Jeb Bush, by executive order, identified fourteen counties (Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union) as one of the three Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO), and that this designation was renewed in 2008; and again in 2013; and again in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP) was created as the regional organization to work in cooperation with the 14 counties to promote and improve economic development throughout the North Central Florida region; and

**WHEREAS**, various counties and municipalities in the NFEDP's region request that Governor Ron DeSantis renew this designation as a Rural Area of Opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFEDP, in cooperation with and through the support of the 14 counties, all municipalities with the 14 counties, all Local Workforce Development Boards serving the region, and corporate sector partners, has made great strides in improving the economic outlook for the North Central Florida RAO by assisting with recruiting new industries, supporting infrastructure projects and working together with local communities and other organizations such as Enterprise Florida, DEO, DEP, FDOT, and the Governor's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the progress that has been made since 2018, there is still much work that needs to be done to help these fourteen counties and the region strategically plan and actually compete for economic development projects, and to retain and expand existing businesses to generate jobs and wealth in the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Union County Board of County Commissioners does hereby express its support of the following:

1. That the designation of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) continue to apply to Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties; and
2. The continuation of all Regional Rural Development Grant funding be continued and expanded for the North Central Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP) through funds appropriated by the Florida Legislature and administered through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and/or other designated agencies.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day February, 2023.

UNION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Perez, Chairman

## **RESOLUTION 2023-04**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS TO THE COUNTY COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, traditionally, the ministerial function of executing written legal contractual agreements on behalf of Union County ("County") by the Union County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has been delegated to the chair of the Board after the Board has approved the underlying contract through proper motion and affirmative vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board has now instituted the office of County Coordinator, to assist the Board in the everyday coordination and executive oversight of County business and performance of ministerial functions on behalf of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it proper to delegate to the County Coordinator the authority to perform the ministerial function of signing legal documents, contracts, and other instruments on behalf of the Board after the Board has approved them through proper motion and vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board further deems it proper for the County Coordinator to authorize certain change orders with County contractors made in connection with ongoing county road projects without the need for prior Board approval, provided that such change orders do not require the expenditure of additional county funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The Board hereby delegates to the County Coordinator the authority to execute contractual agreements, or other necessary paperwork and task work orders, on behalf of the County, for which the underlying contract and cost has been previously approved through motion and vote of the Board. Such authority shall specifically include the ability to execute contracts with any agency of the State of Florida.
2. The authority set forth herein shall specifically include the ability to execute any contracts, supplemental agreements, legal agreements, or other necessary paperwork with the Florida Department of Transportation to implement grants that have been awarded to the County under the Small County Outreach Program, the Small County Road Assistance Program, any successor to such programs, or any other program administered by the Florida Department of Transportation that may provide funding or assistance to the County to construct, repair, improve, or maintain any portion of a County road. In connection with such projects, the Board hereby further delegates to the County Coordinator the authority to execute change orders deemed necessary or advisable by the County Coordinator in accordance with the recommendation of the contractor, so long as such change order falls within the project budget previously approved by the Board and results in no net additional expenses to the County.



β. It is the intent of the Board to grant to the County Coordinator only those powers and duties which are administrative or ministerial in nature and not to delegate any governmental power imbued in the Board of County Commissioners as the governing body of the county pursuant to s. 1(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution. To that end, the above specifically enumerated powers are to be construed as administrative in nature, and not in delegation of the authority of the Board of County Commissioners in its role as the policy-setting governing body of the county.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida in open session this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**Attest:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
By:

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**Kellie Hendricks Rhoades**  
Clerk of Court

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**Ryan Perez**  
Chair

UNION COUNTY SOLID WASTE

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH	PRIVATE RENTALS	PRISON CONTRACTS	TONAGE FOR UNION COUNTY	CHARGE FOR COUNTY	SALE OF SURPLUS AND SCRAP METAL	MONTHLY TOTAL
10/01/22	\$2,608.59	\$3,085.00	257.16	\$10,923.48	\$1,255.69	\$18,129.92
11/01/22	\$6,301.96	\$2,325.00	323.6	\$12,463.05	\$1,773.75	\$23,187.36
12/01/22	\$4,213.13	\$2,805.00	402.4	\$17,383.74	\$1,938.96	\$26,743.23
01/01/23	\$3,203.56	\$2,465.00	298.22	\$13,020.48	\$4,195.50	\$23,182.76
02/01/23						
03/01/23						
04/01/23						
05/01/23						
06/01/23						
07/01/23						
08/01/23						
09/01/24						
YTD	\$16,327.24	\$10,680.00	1281.38	\$53,790.75	\$9,163.90	\$91,243.27

UNION COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL				
MONTHLY REPORTS				
01/01/2023 - TOTAL INTAKES FOR THE MONTH				
LIVE INTAKES	CANINE	FELINE	TOTAL	
STRAY/AT LARGE	22	0	22	
RELINQUISHED BY OWNER	2	0	2	
OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA	0	0	0	
TRANSFERRED IN FORM AGENCY	0	0	0	
OTHER INTAKES	1	0	1	
TOTAL LIVE INTAKES	25	0	25	
OUTCOMES				
ADOPTION	0	0	0	
RETURN TO OWNER	1	0	1	
TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY	11	0	11	
RETURN TO FIELD	0	0	0	
OTHER LIVE OUTCOME	15	0	15	
SUBTOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	27	0	27	
DIED IN CARE	0	0	0	
LOST IN CARE	0	0	0	
SHELTER EUTHANASIA	0	0	0	
OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA	0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES	0	0	0	
TOTAL OUTCOMES	27	0	27	
MONTHLY MONIES COLLECTED			\$574.00	

**ROAD DEPT  
JANUARY 2023  
MONTHLY WORK SUMMARY**

**DISTRICT 3**

- Picked up paper and trash throughout district
- Mowed and weeded throughout district
- Patched and repaired pot holes in roads for district
- Graded roads in district

**DISTRICT 4**

- Picked up paper and trash throughout district
- Mowed and weeded throughout district
- Patched and repaired pot holes in roads for district
- Graded roads in district

**DISTRICT 5**

- Picked up paper and trash throughout district
- Mowed and weeded throughout district
- Patched and repaired pot holes in roads for district
- Graded roads in district

**DISTRICT 1**

- Picked up paper and trash throughout district
- Mowed and weeded throughout district
- Patched and repaired pot holes in roads for district
- Graded roads in district

**DISTRICT 2**

- Picked up paper and trash throughout district
- Mowed and weeded throughout district
- Patched and repaired pot holes in roads for district
- Graded roads in district



## Union County Public Library

250 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Phone 386-496-3432

### Library Director Report – January 2023

Jan 2 – The library was closed for the New Year holiday.

Jan 3 – The library held its Senior Social program where participants discussed new year resolutions and “took a stroll down memory lane.”

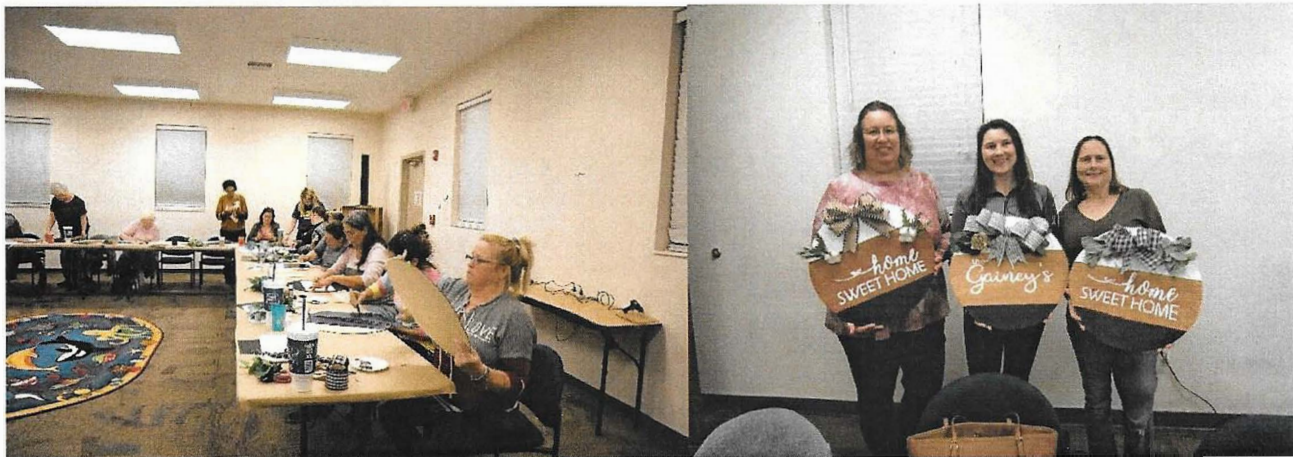


Jan 6 – Renee and I met with our counterparts from Emily Taber Public Library and discussed program ideas.

Jan 9 – Priti attended the LBMS Advisory Council meeting.

Jan 10 – Priti was a judge for the LBMS Science Fair at the Lake Butler Community Center.

Jan 10 – Tennille presented the monthly adult program where participants made wooden door hangers.



Jan 14 & 16 – The library was closed for the Martin Luther King jr. holiday weekend. I held a half-day staff development day on Jan 14.

Jan 17 – I attended the Department Head meeting and the UCBCC regular meeting.

Jan 24 – The library hosted an appreciation brunch for the Friends of the Library.

[www.UnionCountyPublicLibrary.org](http://www.UnionCountyPublicLibrary.org)

UNION CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY Jan-23	FY23
ATTENDANCE	1535
REGISTRATION	8927
E-BOOKS CIRCULATION	336 2034
COMPUTER USE	324
REFERENCE	633
NUMBER OF MATERIALS	40,094
DAYS OPEN	23
PROGRAMS CHILDREN ON SITE CHILDREN OFF SITE YA YA OFF SITE ADULT	0 0 0 1/14 3/43
VOLUNTEER HOURS	35
AVE. ATTENDANCE PER DAY	67
AVE. CIRCULATION PER DAY	103



UNION COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES



P. O. BOX 266  
LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054

PHONE (386) 496-3839  
FAX (386) 496-2158

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DIRECTOR

## **Total Call Report for January 2023**

Total 911 Calls: 211  
Total Transports: 130  
Total Non-Transports: 81  
Total DOC Calls: 27  
Total LBH Calls: 24  
Average Calls Per Day: 7

Total Times UCEMS Requested Mutual Aid: 12  
Total Times UCEMS was Requested for Mutual Aid: 6

## **Total Call Report for February 2023**

Total 911 Calls: 81  
Total Transports: 49  
Total Non-Transports: 32  
Total DOC Calls: 6  
Total LBH Calls: 12  
Average Calls Per Day: 6

Total Times UCEMS Requested Mutual Aid: 3  
Total Times UCEMS was Requested for Mutual Aid: 0



Commissioner’s Report – UF/IFAS Extension

January 2023 – Union County 4-H Extension Agent Activities – Meagan Daniel

February 15, 2023

- Hosted camp on January 3 where 24 youth attended to learn about 4-H around the world
- County Wide Events held on January 28 where 48 youth participated with about 120 adults present
- Held 4-H county public speaking contest sponsored by FPL
- Facilities hosted Bradford 4-H Beef Bash with about 300 participants and guests

Upcoming Events:

Swine Show: March 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Cattle Breed Show: March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Steer Show: March 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Goat Show: March 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
Swine & Cattle Sale: Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Union County 4-H Agent Contacts

Type of Contact	Number of Contacts
Office Visits	215
Phone Calls	145
Emails	102
Educational Program Contacts	36
Social Media Posts Reach	814
Total Number of Contacts	1,312
Educational articles created/social media posts	6
Educational talks/programs held	3
Meetings attended	4