



Union County Board of County Commissioners
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**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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

1. Meeting Called to Order.....Chairman
2. Invocation and Pledge.....Commissioner Tallman
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Consent Agenda.....Chairman
 - Finance Report
 - Minutes May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting and May 22, 2023 Special Meeting
5. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-03 **First Read Ordinance**Russ Wade
6. Meridian Budget Fund Request.....Donald P. Savoie, President & Chief Executive Officer
7. Consideration to Accept Report of Discounts, Errors, Double Assessments and Insolvencies.....Lisa Johnson
8. Consideration of **Resolution 2023-10** in Support of Union County Tax Collector & Property Appraiser with Respect to Residential Private Assessment Clean Energy Loans.....Lisa Johnson
9. Consideration of SW 92nd St. Request Letter for Design Exception/Variation.....Jimmy Williams
10. Consideration of CR 18 Request Letter for Design Exception/Variation.....Jimmy Williams
11. Discussion of Garbage Containers for Fire Damaged Homes.....Commissioner Dobbs
12. Consideration of CEI for CR 18.....Jimmy Williams
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
JUNE 19, 2023**

1. Minutes:

- May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting
- May 22, 2023 Special Meeting

2. Finance Report

- Checks submitted for approval of payment
- Additional bills submitted after processing

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 22, 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 (Remotely via Zoom)

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; 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 noon. Commissioner Croft offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Williams stated the meeting was called to approve payment on invoices #18170, 18173, 18042, 18047 and 18038 from North Florida Professional Services, and an invoice to the Economic Development Council. Mrs. Woodington responded that the invoice to the Economic Development Council has already been paid and has cleared the bank. She also stated that Mr. Williams had asked her not to pay the invoices related to the fire station. Mr. Williams answered that the remaining were for DOT road projects. Mrs. Woodington said that she had received the invoices to pay, but they had not been approved and progress reports not provided before the last Board meeting. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve payment of all invoices presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

There was additional discussion regarding the PayClock system. Mr. Williams requested that employees be able to edit their own time punches, and Clerk Rhoades recommended against this, as it was not a good control procedure, but that if that was what the Board wished to do, other controls could be created. Other directors were happy with employees not being able to edit their own time, and the Board agreed to maintain the current process of any needed edits to be made by the Supervisor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ryan Perez, Chair

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 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 & 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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Sirmones, Jr. approached the Board, stating that he has a team ready to put a youth center in the community, and would like to work with the commissioners to provide a trash pick-up service for earned income to support it.

Carol Pittman approached the Board about an issue he had previously brought up about a year ago. The County maintains a retention pond behind his property, and uses an easement on his property for access to it. At his request, the County put up "No Trespassing" signs, and he's now asking that they be removed. They are being ignored, and the Sheriff's Office has indicated that they cannot enforce them because the signs make the property appear to be county property. He also questioned lime rock being removed from the Providence Fire Station site, and said it appeared that the project is not moving forward. Commissioner Johns responded that the Fire Station is one of his priorities, and gave credit to the previous commissioner, Lacey Cannon, for getting the project funded. Commissioner Johns said the lime rock was never intended to be used at the fire station, and was only placed there for staging because of the convenience of the site, and that it was removed when it was needed. He understood Mr. Pittman's frustrations, and agreed that he was unhappy that it was moving so slowly because the Fire Station is one of his priorities. Commissioner Johns said that the problem is red tape and bureaucracy, and that things in government just move slow. Commissioner Johns also responded that he has no issue with removing the signs, and the Board agreed by general consent, and asked the Road Superintendent to remove the signs.

Rita Acevedo approached the Board about a road issue by her home. She asked that the road be closed, and that the County stop maintenance, and that signs be posted as such. No objection was made by any Board member.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Chairman Perez close the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Rhoades brought several financial items to the attention of the Board. The first was an invoice to Department of Economic Opportunity for reemployment. She stated that the amount of \$3,343.12 is an old invoice, but she has not been able to determine what employees this is for, and concern that the county may not actually owe the amount. **Commissioner Tallman moved to deny the payment to DEO. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

Clerk Rhoades presented the consent agenda, which included the checks presented for approval, additional bills presented after checks were prepared, and minutes. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the consent agenda containing minutes and additional bills presented by Clerk Rhoades. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

WW GAY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Williams presented the renewal of the maintenance contract with WW Gay for the courthouse chiller, and stated that there was no increase from the previous year. **Commissioner Croft to approve the contract. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

MORATORIUM FOR RV PARKS

Commissioner Tallman announced that he had attended a meeting organized by Bruce Dukes, Property Appraiser regarding RVs, and has reviewed policies from other counties, and stated Union County has no policy. He expressed that he felt there was a good mix of people at the meeting, and several different concerns were made. Commissioner Tallman recommended a moratorium for three months for RV Park applications. Attorney Russ Wade said that there are rules in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations, and that they are done through a special exception from the Board of Adjustments. There was further discussion about code enforcement, and JR Davis also expressed concern about people living in private RVs on their property. He stated that he felt this should be allowed in certain hardship cases, but that others should have to pay for county services. Attorney Wade gave a synopsis of current RV Park regulations. Commissioner Dobbs asked the attorney how long he recommended, and after discussion, a consensus was made to make the moratorium for one year, as it could be lifted if a solution is made earlier. **Commissioner Dobbs moved, and Commissioner Tallman seconded, to direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance and advertise for the next meeting to create a one-year moratorium from processions applications for campgrounds and travel trailer parks. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Tallman again brought up the issue of code enforcement, and Chairman Perez answered that he has discussed the issue with Sheriff Whitehead, and he will report back at the next Board meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO REGIONAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Perez expressed that he is already on the Economic Development Council, and felt that the two items would be closely related, and volunteered to be on the committee. **Commissioner Tallman moved to appoint Ryan Perez to the Regional Utilities Committee. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2023-08, BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Williams stated that the building department fees are still needing to be increased to catch up from not being changed for years, and presented a new fee schedule. **Commissioner Croft moved to adopt the new fee schedule as presented in Resolution 2023-08. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2023-09, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION FEE SCHEDULE

Commissioner Croft moved, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded, to adopt the new fee schedule as presented in Resolution 2023-09. It passed unanimously. Clerk Rhoades asked Mr. Williams to instruct the Building Department Secretary to follow up with the finance department so that everyone involved would be following the correct amounts.

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

Attorney Wade advised that the LDR Administrator is the Building Administrator by default, but the Board could name the County Coordinator. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to appoint the County Coordinator as the LDR Administrator. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Perez announced that the insurance committee, consisting of himself, Lyn Williams, Pamela Woodington, Lisa Johnson and Michaela Clemons, had received back responses from the RFQ, and after tabulation, the highest ranked company was Brown & Brown. He provided the tabulation results to the Clerk. **Commissioner**

May 15, 2023
Regular Meeting

Dobbs moved to appoint Brown & Brown as the County's broker for Health Insurance. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Tyson Johnson, from the County's current insurance provider, thanked the County for the years of partnership, and assured everyone that they would do their part to ensure a smooth transition.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Williams provided an update regarding new state funding, including \$305,000 for fire equipment, \$300,000 in recurring Payment in Lieu of Taxes for DOC Housing, and \$6.9 million for a public safety complex. He also provided an updated regarding road projects and broadband being installed throughout the county. Chairman Perez interjected that this is federally funded, and the placement of the lines are being determined at the federal level.

Commissioner Dobbs asked about the TD Bank building, and Mr. Williams answered that they will not give an amount for a purchase price, and it appears that several buyers are in a bidding war.

Kim Hayes, Solid Waste and Animal Control Director, approached the Board, stating that she would like to build a better relationship with the City of Lake Butler regarding animal control. Commissioner Johns asked if it was possible for the County work with the City to expand facilities. Mrs. Hayes answered that she is willing to work with the city, but they are only offering \$7,000 a year, and that isn't enough to cover the increased cost. She stated that both the county and the city need an employee and a new facility.

Jim DeValerio told the Board that a Swine Show for St. Jude's was held at the Ag Education Building, and was a huge success, raising around \$10,000. He also said that he had a part-time intern for the summer.

Denise Vogelgesang introduced herself as the new representative with FMIT Insurance.

Chairman Perez addressed the gypsum road materials issue that passed legislation, and Mr. Williams assured the Board that all designs are reviewed by the County, and these materials would not be allowed.

Commissioner Dobbs thanked Mr. Williams for his part in procuring the PILT on state houses.

Commissioner Dobbs also recognized Rondoll Huggins, the newly elected City of Lake Butler Commissioner, who was in attendance at the meeting. He asked that Mr. Huggins do his part to ensure that the promise of a lift station for the ag building in exchange for an easement across OJ Phillips. Commissioner Johns reiterated the need for the City of Lake Butler and Union County to get along. Mr. Huggins expressed that he would like to bridge the gap.

Commissioner Johns announced that Sarah's Park is complete, and he is planning a grand re-opening to the park. Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:20.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ryan Perez, Chair

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION 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, the Community Planning Act, requires the Board of County Commissioners to prepare and adopt regulations concerning the use of land and water to implement the Comprehensive Plan;

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, the Land Development Regulations currently permit campgrounds as a special exception within the "ESA" Environmentally Sensitive Area zoning districts and permit travel trailer parks or campgrounds as a special exception within the "A" Agricultural zoning districts;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the Land development Regulations concerning travel trailer parks and campgrounds to continue to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, at a public meeting held on May 15, 2023, adopted a motion directing the County Attorney to draft a moratorium ordinance for review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners prohibiting the acceptance and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for a period of one year in order for the Board of County Commissioners to develop and adopt amended regulations concerning travel trailer parks and campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was conducted by the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board and serving also as the Local Planning Agency, for the consideration of said travel trailer parks and campgrounds moratorium ordinance, where public comment was heard, on June 19, 2023, which resulted in a recommendation of approval; and

WHEREAS, two duly noticed Board of County Commissioners public hearings were held for the consideration of a proposed moratorium on the acceptance and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds, where public comment was heard, on June 19, 2023 and July 17, 2023, with both public hearings being held after 5:00 p.m.

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

Section 1. Findings. The Board of County Commissioners finds and declares the following findings:

- a. That all the statements set forth in the preamble to this ordinance are true and correct;
- b. That there exists a need to impose a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds as set forth hereinafter in order to fulfill the County's constitutional responsibility and statutory obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County; and
- c. That the purpose of this ordinance is to enable the Board of County Commissioners sufficient time to review and consider amending the Land Development Regulations related to travel trailer parks and campgrounds.

Section 2. Prohibition. As to any property located in the incorporated area of the County, there is hereby declared a moratorium upon the acceptance and processing of special exception applications for the travel trailer parks and campgrounds permits for a period of one year. No special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds shall be accepted or processed, and no travel trailer parks and campgrounds special exception permits shall be issued between May 15, 2023 and May 14, 2024.

Section 3. 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 4. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are suspended during the time period set forth in Section 2, to the extent of such conflict, hereby.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. Expiration Date. This ordinance shall expire on May 14, 2024, unless earlier terminated or further extended by ordinance.

Section 7. 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 UPON FIRST READING on the 19th day of June 2023.

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

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Kellie Hendricks Connell, County Clerk

Ryan Perez, Chair



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June 1, 2023

Ms. Dianne Hannon
Secretary to the
Board of County Commissioners
Union County
15 Northeast First Street
Lake Butler, FL 32054-1701

TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

RE: Application No. M 23-01 (Board of County Commissioners)

Concerning
Moratorium Ordinance No. 2023-03

Dear Dianne:

Please find enclosed the above referenced ordinance for first reading only. Prior to the second reading of the ordinance, an ordinance for adoption and signature will be sent to the County.

If any changes are made to the document, please send a copy of the changes made in strike-through underline format to me.

The County Attorney should review the ordinance as to legal form and sufficiency.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Joseph, Senior Planner, at 352.955.2200, ext. 111.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Koons, AICP
Executive Director

Enclosure

SRK/cf

xc: Denise Clemons, Building Department Secretary
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, County Clerk
Leslie C. Snyder, Deputy Clerk
Russell A. Wade III, County Attorney
James Williams, County Coordinator

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May 31, 2023

Dianne Hannon
Board Secretary
Union County Board of County Commissioners
15 NE 1st Street
Lake Butler, Florida 32054

Dear Ms. Hannon,

Please accept this letter and the attached report as Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.'s request for FYE 2024 funding. As you know, Meridian seeks local matching funds from the counties we serve so that we can meet our requirement to generate local match for State and Federal funds. Those funds support services to those who cannot otherwise afford them.

We are requesting – and believe the data supports – a restoration of funding to go to Meridian's required local match. The details of our funding and our FYE 2024 requests are in the enclosed presentation.

We look forward to presenting our report at a regularly scheduled commission meeting and are happy to answer any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,



Donald P. Savoie
President & Chief Executive Officer

Admin Office: 1565 SW Williston Rd. Gainesville, FL 32608

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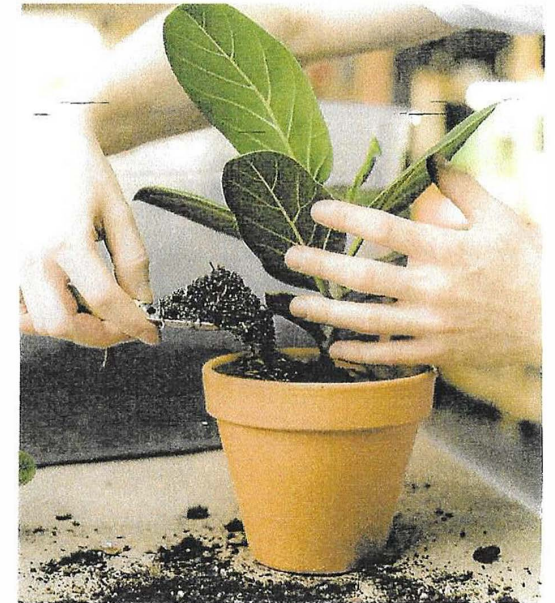
MyMeridianHealthcare.org



Funding Requirement

Meridian is required to generate local matching funds for some of our state and federal funds. Our expected FYE 2024 local match requirement is \$ 1,925,248.

We are requesting a restoration of funding in the County to include the addition of Mobile Response Teams (MRT) and Community Action Teams (CAT), and to move closer to the total match required, bringing the County contract with Meridian to \$ 37,500.





REPORT OF DISCOUNTS, ERRORS, DOUBLE ASSESSMENTS, AND INSOLVENCIES

Section 197.492, Florida Statutes

DR-505
R. 09/17
Rule 12D-16.002, F.A.C.
Eff. 09/17

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-22-2008 BY 60322 UCBAW

Certified to the Board of County Commissioners by Lisa B. Johnson, Tax Collector for Union County, Florida.

Discounts, errors, double assessments, insolvencies, and exemptions are the only reasons for not collecting personal property taxes. Do not list any personal property tax item unless it is uncollectible. Do not take credit for items which are expected to be collected and remitted later.

Before submitting this list to the board of county commissioners, the tax collector must fill out and sign the certificate at the end of this form as the last page of the report and recapitulate the amount of all taxes that will be credited.

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Year	Population (millions)	Urban Population (millions)	Rural Population (millions)
1950	2.5	0.8	1.7
1960	3.0	1.2	1.8
1970	3.7	1.8	1.9
1980	4.4	2.5	1.9
1990	5.3	3.3	2.0
2000	6.1	4.1	2.0
2010	6.9	4.9	2.0
2020	7.7	5.7	2.0
2030	8.5	6.5	2.0
2040	9.3	7.3	2.0
2050	10.1	8.1	2.0
2060	10.9	8.9	2.0
2070	11.7	9.7	2.0
2080	12.5	10.5	2.0
2090	13.3	11.3	2.0
2100	14.1	12.1	2.0

{table continues as long as needed}

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	Increase	Decrease	Net
Correction Totals			
Total Insolvent			
Total Litigation			
Grand Totals			

INSTRUCTIONS

To Tax Collectors:

1. Use this for the last sheet on your report of discounts, errors, double assessments, and insolvencies.
2. Do not list any item without showing the reason for reduction in the right-hand column.
3. As much as possible, group together all items coming under one heading. For instance, place all errors under one heading, all double assessments under another, exemptions under another, etc.
4. For exemptions, specify whether widow, veteran, homestead, disability, etc.

Tax Collector Recapitulation

I, Lisa B. Johnson, Tax Collector of Union County, Florida, certify this is a report of all discounts, errors, double assessments, insolvencies, and federal bankruptcies on the assessment roll for 2022; that the discounts were actually earned for the month as shown; that the attached list shows all errors and double assessments as the property appraiser certified; that I have allowed no exemptions, other than those the attached list shows as certified by the property appraiser; that each item marked insolvent on the attached list is in fact insolvent and, although I have made a diligent search, I have been unable to find the tangible personal property to levy on to enforce the payment of the tax; and that I have not collected any of the items on the attached list.

I am entitled to credit against the 2021 assessment roll on the following amounts:

Discounts	195,471.81
Errors	8544.80
Double Assessments	
Insolvencies	
Federal Bankruptcies	
Total	204,016.61

Lisa B. Johnson
Signature, Tax Collector

Union
County

6/1/23
Date

RESOLUTION 2023-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE UNION COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND UNION COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE ASSESSMENT CLEAN ENERGY LOANS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, having been apprised of the imminent financial risks such loans posed to homeowners, affirmatively rejected a request for authorization to originate or approve Residential Private Assessment Clean Energy ("R-PACE") to residential property owners within the territorial jurisdiction of Union County, Florida;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Board's unequivocal rejection of R-PACE lending, the Florida PACE Funding Agency ("FPFA") began making R-PACE loans inside Union County in February of 2023, with FPFA recording notices of assessments or liens in excess of one (1) residential property inside Union County, Florida;

WHEREAS, in opposition to the Board's legislative determination that R-PACE loans should not be permitted in this county, FPFA asserts that it is empowered to make loans inside Union County without approval of the Board by virtue of an order in a bond validation proceeding to which Union County was not a party;

WHEREAS, FPFA has asserted in correspondence to the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser that collection of these R-PACE loans by those constitutional officers is required of them, and has given notice in claims of lien and notices of assessment that those offices will collect these R-PACE loans via assessment;

WHEREAS, the Union County Tax Collector, and tax collectors across the state, dispute the authority of FPFA to create any such assessment without the approval of the local county or municipal legislative body, and absent such authority do not intend to collect any assessment claimed by FPFA pursuant to any R-PACE loan made without such approval;

WHEREAS, the Union County Property Appraiser, and property appraisers across the state, dispute the authority of FPFA to create any such assessment without the approval of the local county or municipal legislative body, and absent such authority do not intend to include on TRIM notices any assessment claimed by FPFA pursuant to an R-PACE loan made without such approval;

WHEREAS, to avoid any doubt about the position of the Board of County Commissioners for Union County, the Board wishes to adopt this resolution in support of the Union County Tax Collector and Union County Property Appraiser in their efforts to resist this attempt to assess against residential properties in Union County, Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Union County Tax Collector and Union County Property Appraiser shall have the full support of the Board of County Commissioners in all efforts to stop R-PACE lending in Union County, Florida; to prevent assessment of any R-PACE loan against any residential property situated inside the territorial jurisdiction of Union County, Florida; and to obtain relief for those homeowners who may find themselves adversely affected by the unauthorized R-PACE loans made by FPFA in Union County, Florida.

DULY PASSEED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kellie H. Rhoades, Clerk & Comptroller

Ryan Perez, Chairman

Request Letter for Design Exception or Variation
SW 92nd ST

TO: Union County BOCC

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: ☐ DESIGN EXCEPTION or ☒ DESIGN VARIATION

Local road number or street name: SW 92nd ST
Project description (limits): From SR 121 to SW 146th Lane.
Type construction (new, rehabilitation, adding lanes, resurfacing, etc.): Rehabilitation with widening.
Design Speed: 35 mph (Posted Speed = 30 mph)
State and/or Federal Road number (if applicable): NA
FDOT Financial Project ID No. (if applicable): 447733-1

DESIGN EXCEPTION OR VARIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Design Speed	<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping Sight Distance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lane Width	<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum Grade	<u>Horizontal Clear zone</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Width	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Slope	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal Curve Radius	<input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Clearance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Superelevation Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Loading Structural Capacity	

Include a brief statement concerning the project and items of concern.

Attach all supporting documentation to this exhibit in accordance with Chapter 14, Florida Greenbook.

SW 92nd ST is a low speed residential collector road. The ADT is approximately 420. This roadway has extremely limited right of way with areas where the combination of the 7' clear zone, 10' lanes, and 6' shoulder widths are unobtainable. Extensive right of way acquisition and clearing/grubbing would be required to construct the required clear zone, lane width, and shoulder width. These activities would not be financially feasible to the County. This variation consists of reducing the clear zone to 6', reducing the lane width to 9', and reducing the shoulder width to 2'. Due to the low speed of the roadway, these reductions will not have any negative impact on the safety of the roadway.

Recommended by: Gregory G. Bailey
(Responsible Professional Engineer)

Signature: 

Approval: Jimmy Williams
(Maintaining Authority's Professional Engineer or Designee) Union County Coordinator

Signature: _____

Concurrence: NA
FDOT (if applicable)

Concurrence: NA
FHWA (if applicable)

**Request Letter for Design Exception or Variation
CR 18**

TO: Union County BOCC

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: ☐ DESIGN EXCEPTION or ☒ DESIGN VARIATION

Local road number or street name: CR 18
Project description (limits): From County Line to SW State Road 121
Type construction (Milling and Resurfacing, Widening, etc.): Widening & Resurfacing
Design Speed: 55 mph (Posted Speed = 55 mph)
State and/or Federal Road number (if applicable): NA
FDOT Financial Project ID No. (if applicable): 44 1325-1-54-01

DESIGN EXCEPTION OR VARIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENT:

() Design Speed	() Stopping Sight Distance	(x) Other (explain):
() Lane Width	() Maximum Grade	_____
(x) Shoulder Width	() Cross Slope	_____
() Horizontal Curve Radius	() Vertical Clearance	
() Superelevation Rate	() Design Loading Structural Capacity	

Include a brief statement concerning the project and items of concern.

Attach all supporting documentation to this exhibit in accordance with Chapter 14, Florida Greenbook.

The Florida Green Book requires an 8-foot shoulder for an ADT higher than 750. CR 18 is a higher speed rural road with an ADT of approximately 2700. In order to provide an 8' shoulder, multiple box culverts and bridges will have to be widened, which is not financially feasible due to the fixed funding amount that the County has for this project. In order to minimize cost and maximize safety, the proposed shoulder for stations 185+00 – 188+50, 229+20 – 233+60, 272+40 – 275+80 (RT only), and 341+60 – 345+60 is 5 feet. These areas will include guardrail which will increase the safety of the roadway by shielding the narrower shoulder. There have been 2 known crashes within the areas of the reduced shoulder width (see attached) which both involved vehicles leaving the roadway. The added guardrail would help prevent these types of traffic in the future.

Recommended by: Ryan D Asmus
(Responsible Professional Engineer)

Signature: Ryan D Asmus

Digitally signed by Ryan D Asmus
DN: cn=Ryan D Asmus,
o=North Florida Professional Service, Inc.,
c=US
Date: 2023.08.08 17:23:34 -0400

Approval: Jimmy Williams Signature: _____
(Maintaining Authority's Professional Engineer or Designee) Union County Coordinator

Concurrence: Not applicable
FDOT (if applicable)

Concurrence: Not applicable
FHWA (if applicable)



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Union County Request for Qualifications

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Scoring Tabulation Sheet

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Scoring:

Score each criterion with the corresponding point range. The total of the combined criteria should not exceed 100 points.

Criteria	Points	Earned
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Project Approach	0-35 Points	
Quality Control	0-10 Points	
Previous Projects/References	0-15 Points	
TOTAL		

Notes: _____



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TOTAL		

Notes: _____

**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	\$4,246.36	\$2,765.00	469.59	\$12,403.16	\$2,124.00	\$22,008.11
03/01/23	\$3,342.94	\$2,510.00	301.53	\$13,123.92	\$1,253.12	\$20,531.51
04/01/23	\$2,737.92	\$2,480.00	257.76	\$11,129.80	\$2,765.00	\$19,370.48
05/01/23	\$3,730.48	\$3,260.00	305.62	\$13,212.32	\$2,241.75	\$22,750.17
06/01/23						
07/01/23						
08/01/23						
09/01/23						
YTD	\$30,384.94	\$21,695.00	2615.88	\$103,659.95	\$17,547.77	\$175,903.54

ROAD DEPT
May 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 ANIMAL CONTROL				
MONTHLY REPORTS				
05/01/2023 - TOTAL INTAKES FOR THE MONTH				
LIVE INTAKES	CANINE	FELINE	TOTAL	
STRAY/AT LARGE	35	0	35	
RELINQUISHED BY OWNER	7	0	7	
OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA	0	0	0	
TRANSFERRED IN FORM AGENCY	0	0	0	
OTHER INTAKES	2	0	2	
TOTAL LIVE INTAKES	44	0	44	
OUTCOMES				
ADOPTION	7	0	7	
RETURN TO OWNER	5	0	5	
TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY	28	0	28	
RETURN TO FIELD	0	0	0	
OTHER LIVE OUTCOME	13	0	13	
SUBTOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	53	0	53	
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	53	0	53	
MONTHLY MONIES COLLECTED			\$326.00	



Union County
Public Library

250 SE 5th Avenue Lake Butler, FL 32054
Phone 386-496-3432

Library Director Report – May 2023

May 2 & 16 - The library hosted the Senior Social programs where participants enjoyed fellowship and fun.

May 3 – I attended the NRPLC director meeting where we discussed details pertaining to the new automation system, KOHA.

May 8 – Renee visited the Lake Butler Elementary School and spoke with over a thousand students about our upcoming summer programs.

May 9 – Tennille presented the monthly adult craft program where participants made decorative bows.



May 9 & 19 – I attended an online KOHA meetings about patron profiles, overdue notices and administrative reports.

May 17 – I presented the scholarship awards to the JFOL graduating seniors at the UCHS Senior Awards.

May 23 – The library was closed for training pertaining to the new automation system that goes live on July 17. All staff attended the training at the Bradford County Public Library.

May 24 & 25 – Priti, Tennille and I attended additional KOHA training at Bradford's library.

May 27 & 29 – The library was closed for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

UC PUBLIC LIBRARY May-23	FY23
ATTENDANCE	1708
REGISTRATION	7841
E-BOOKS CIRCULATION	368 2304
COMPUTER USE	284
REFERENCE	740
NUMBER OF MATERIALS	40,017
DAYS OPEN	24
PROGRAMS	
ON-SITE	0
OFF-SITE	10/1160
YA ON-SITE	0
YA OFF-SITE	1/10
ADULT	2/17
VOLUNTEER HOURS	9
AVE. ATTEND PER DAY	72
AVE. CIRC PER DAY	112



UNION COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054

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DIRECTOR

Total Call Report for May 2023

Total 911 Calls: 204
Total Transports: 132
Total Non-Transports: 72
Total DOC Calls: 31
Total LBH Calls: 20
Average Calls Per Day: 7

Total Times UCEMS Requested Mutual Aid: 7
Total Times UCEMS was Requested for Mutual Aid: 3

Total Call Report for June 2023

Total 911 Calls: 86
Total Transports: 55
Total Non-Transports: 31
Total DOC Calls: 7
Total LBH Calls: 4
Average Calls Per Day: 6

Total Times UCEMS Requested Mutual Aid: 4
Total Times UCEMS was Requested for Mutual Aid: 0



Commissioner's Report – UF/IFAS Union County Extension

June 14, 2023

May 2023 – Union County 4-H Extension Activities – Meagan Daniel & Jim DeValerio

1. Hosted the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet May 1st.
2. Hosted St. Jude's Swine Show at the Extension Complex May 6th & 7th.
3. Jim & Meagan attended UF/IFAS Professional Development meetings May 9 – 11.
4. 4-H placed flags at veterans' resting places at 9 cemeteries in Union County.
5. Ag/CED Agent had 274 client contacts (86 Ag, 53 Administrative, 8 Horticultural and 127 4H) including eleven farm nutrient management consults that are critical to comply with Best Management Practices.



Union County 4-H Agent Contacts

Type of Contact	Number of Contacts
Office Visits	123
Phone Calls/Texts	93
Emails	395
Educational Program Contacts	84
Social Media Posts Reach	4837
Total Number of Contacts	5532
Educational articles created/social media posts	11
Educational talks/programs held	3
Meetings attended	5