Board of County Commissioners

Regular Public Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County, Florida met for a Regular Public meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman Ralph Thomas presiding. Present were Commissioners Randy Merritt, Richard Harden, Jerry Moore and Howard Kessler. Also present were County Administrator David Edwards, County Attorney Heather Encinosa and Deputy Clerk Brandy Raye King.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were provided by Commissioner Harden.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

(CD5:01) Commissioner Moore added a presentation during Commissioner Agenda Item 12. Commissioner Kessler requested to pull item (5) from the consent agenda for discussion. County Attorney requested to pull item (3) from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the agenda as amended; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

***CITIZENS TO BE HEARD***

None.

***AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS***

(CD 5:01) Wakulla County Chamber Strategic Planning Initiative and Process – John Shuff, Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce and EDC Member

(CD 5:05) Unrecognized Respiratory Health Hazard – Howard Kessler, Commissioner

(CD 5:14) Veteran Services Update – Harold Ross, Veteran Services Director

(CD 5:27)Commissioner Harden recognized Boy Scouts earning citizenship badge

***CONSENT AGENDA***

(CD 5:28) Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

1. Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Approve - Minutes from the January 5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

2. Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015

Approve - Bills and Vouchers Submitted for January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015

4. Request Board Ratification of an Emergency Purchase for Repairs to the Sopchoppy Master Lift Station

Approve - Ratification of an Emergency Purchase for Repairs to the Sopchoppy Master Lift Station

6. Request Board Approval of Resolution and Budget Amendment for an E911 Grant Award

Approve - Resolution and Budget Amendment for an E911 Grant Award

7. Request Board Approval of a Line of Credit Renewal Reserved for Emergency / Disaster Relief and Authorize the Chairman and Clerk to Execute the Renewal Agreement

Approve - a Line of Credit Renewal Reserved for Emergency / Disaster Relief and Authorize the Chairman and Clerk to Execute the Renewal Agreement

13. Request Board Approval of a Resolution and Budget Amendment for Azalea Park Improvements

Approve - Resolution and Budget Amendment for Azalea Park Improvements

14. Request Board Approval to Award ITB#2014-19 to the Lowest Responsive Bidder for Azalea Park Trail Renovations

Approve - Award ITB#2014-19 to the Lowest Responsive Bidder for Azalea Park Trail Renovations

***CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***

(CD 5:29) 3. Request Board Approval of Participation and License Agreement between Leon County and Wakulla County for the Big Bend Scenic Byway

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve of Participation and License Agreement between Leon County and Wakulla County for the Big Bend Scenic Byway and allow the County Administrator to negotiate the location of the sign that would have been placed at the Big Bend Maritime Center; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

(CD 5:28) 5. Request Board Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Workshop to Discuss the Fire MSBU and other Public Safety Issues

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve to Schedule and Advertise a Workshop to Discuss the Fire MSBU and other Public Safety Issues; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

***GENERAL BUSINESS***

(CD 5:31) 8. Request Board Approval of an Amended and Restated Fund Balance Policy

Commissioner Kessler moved to approve an Amended and Restated Fund Balance Policy with the following changes: page 3, section Fine & Forfeiture Funds third sentence will read “shall set aside each month a minimum of 10% of all jail bed revenue collected” and last sentence will read “and shall be used for the operations of the Sheriff’s Office”. Second by Commissioner Merritt and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

(CD 5:41) 9. Request Board Approval of the Debt Service Policy

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the Debt Service Policy; second by Commissioner Moore and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

10. Request Board Approval of Change Order No. 3 to Godfrey Builders for Fire Station 8 Improvements

**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED TO A FUTURE MEETING.**

***PUBLIC HEARING***

None.

***PLANNING AND ZONING***

None.

***COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS***

(CD 5:44) 11. Commissioner Merritt –

a. Request Board Approval of a Letter to Florida Department of Transportation Requesting that Landscaping is Included in the Plan for the Improvement of the US319 Corridor

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve a Letter to Florida Department of Transportation Requesting that Landscaping is Included in the Plan adding medians and right-of-ways, for the Improvement of the US319 Corridor; second by Commissioner Moore and motion passed unanimously 5/0.

(CD 5:45) 12. Commissioner Moore –

a. Request Board Approval of a Resolution in Support of Oysters and the Oyster Industry in Wakulla County

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve a Resolution in Support of Oysters and the Oyster Industry in Wakulla County with the following changes: last paragraph, strike the words “Panacea Waterfronts Florida partnership” and replace with “public, private and non-profit organizations”; and strike the words “and, further request State of Florida legislative authorization to provide $2,332,191.77 in funding to implement Comprehensive assessment and monitoring of Wakulla County, FL oyster reef environments: Building sustainable fisheries, creating jobs and preserving our coastal heritage”. Second by Commissioner Kessler and motion passed 4/1 with Commissioners Harden, Thomas, Merritt and Kessler voting for, and Commissioner Moore opposing the motion.

***COUNTY ATTORNEY***

(CD 5:57)Pending litigation status updates forthcoming at February 17, 2015 meeting

***COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR***

(CD 5:57) Azalea Park update: should be open in 60 days

***CITIZENS TO BE HEARD***

(CD 5:58) Boy Scouts Jonah Harvey and Dylan Williamson

***DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS***

(CD 6:01) COMMISSIONER MERRITT – Walker Creek Drive, Hutto property to be used for parking by Panacea Waterfronts, Bettywood Circle, Buck Miller Road, forthcoming comp plan changes.

(CD 6:21) COMMISSIONER KESSLER - Flooding issues on Shadow Oak Circle Lot 12, noise complaints on Trice Lane and noise ordinance, resolution for legislation to reduce training hours for volunteer firefighters.

(CD 6:29) COMMISSIONER MOORE - Recognized Mr. Coker - Director of Prison at Opportunity Park, subdivided property issues.

(CD 6:33) COMMISSIONER HARDEN - WCSO to hold Town Hall Meeting Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. Sopchoppy City Hall, thanked Boy Scouts.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Merritt made a motion to adjourn; second by Commissioner Moore and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.