Board of County Commissioners

Regular Public Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County, Florida met for a Regular Public Meeting on Monday, January 5, 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 Kessler requested to pull item (8) from the consent agenda for discussion and added one announcement to Awards and Presentations. Commissioner Thomas requested to add two items to Awards and Presentations: a proclamation pertaining to First Responders and Chuck Robinson from Palaver Tree Theatre.

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the agenda with the changes; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

***CITIZENS TO BE HEARD***

(CD 5:02) W.D. Lansford—Panacea Incorporation Report

***CONSENT AGENDA***

(CD 5:04) Commissioner Merritt moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Commissioner Harden and the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

1. Approval of Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Approve - Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

2. Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for December 4, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Approve - Bills and Vouchers Submitted for December 4, 2014 through December 31, 2014

3. Request Board Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing and Commending Evelyn Evans for 26 Years of Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Wakulla County

Approve - a Proclamation Recognizing and Commending Evelyn Evans for 26 Years of Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Wakulla County

4. Request Board Approval of the FY2015/2016 Budget Calendar

Approve - FY2015/2016 Budget Calendar

5. Request Board Approval of the Disposal of County Property

Approve - Disposal of County Property

6. Request Board Approval of a Resolution Replacing/Appointing Members to the Wakulla County Parks Advisory Committee

Approve - Resolution Replacing/Appointing Members to the Wakulla County Parks Advisory Committee

7. Request Board Approval of a Resolution Accepting the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Off System Project Maintenance Agreement Regarding OBBT Phase 2

Approve - Resolution Accepting the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Off System Project Maintenance Agreement Regarding OBBT Phase 2

***CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***

(CD 5:05) 8. Request Board Approval of a Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Code Enforcement Board to Fill a Vacant Seat

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve a Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Code Enforcement Board to Fill a Vacant Seat; second by Commissioner Moore and the motion passed 4/1with Commissioners Merritt, Moore, Thomas and Harden voting for and Commissioner Kessler opposing the motion.

***AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS***

(CD 5:06) Announcement Honoring Mrs. Evelyn Evans – Brent Thurmond, Clerk of Court

(CD 5:11) First Responder Proclamation – Commissioner Thomas

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve First Responder Proclamation; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

(CD5:13) Town Hall Meeting January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Commissioner Chambers – Commissioner Kessler

(CD 5:14) Martin Luther King Day Celebration and Remembrance Events – Chuck Robinson

***GENERAL BUSINESS***

(CD 5:16) 9. Request Board Approval of Eagle Scout Project for a Veteran’s Monument to be place at Woolley Park

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve Eagle Scout Project for a Veteran’s Monument to be place at Woolley Park; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously 5/0.

(CD 5:16) 10. Request Board Approval to Waive the County’s Subordination Policy to allow the Refinancing of a 1st Mortgage Loan and the Subordination of the County’s $15,000 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Loan to the Refinanced 1st Mortgage Loan for Mr. Duane Hatmaker

Commisioner Merritt moved to approve to waive the County’s Subordination Policy to allow the Refinancing of a 1st Mortgage Loan and the Subordination of the County’s $15,000 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Loan to the Refinanced 1st Mortgage Loan for Mr. Duane Hatmaker; second by Commissioner Kessler. The motion passed 4/0 with Commissioners Merritt, Moore, Harden and Kessler voting for the motion and Commissioner Thomas abstaining from the vote and filing form 8B.

(CD 5:17) 11. Request Board Appointment to the DCF Circuit 2 Community Alliance and Alternate Appointment to the Canvassing Board

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve Jessica Welch as the Alternate Appointment to the Canvassing Board and have staff designate an Appointment to the DCF Circuit 2 Community Alliance; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

(CD5:23) 12. Request Board Approval of Updated 2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Commissioner Kessler moved to approve Updated 2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities with the following changes: prioritize bridges in the order of Sopchoppy River Bridge, Upper River Bridge and Mashes Sands Bridge; acquire land if possible at Upper River Bridge; include Small County Coalition priorities; and add rehabilitation of lift stations in Panacea. Second by Commissioner Merritt and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

(CD 5:29) 13. Request Board Direction Regarding Adopting a Proclamation Declaring a Zero Tolerance to Racism and Racial Discrimination in Wakulla County

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve Adopting the Proclamation Declaring a Zero Tolerance to Racism and Racial Discrimination in Wakulla County striking the words “WHEREAS**,** there’s a need to reaffirm our commitments to the purposes and principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and”; second by Commissioner Kessler and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

(CD5:48) Commissioner Harden moved to approve Adopting a Proclamation Declaring a Zero Tolerance to Discrimination in Wakulla County; second by Commissioner Merritt and the motion passed 4/1 with Commissioners Merritt, Moore, Thomas and Harden voting for the motion and Commissioner Kessler opposing the motion.

***PUBLIC HEARING***

(CD 5:52)14. Request Board Approval to Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Land on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rd. (MLK) for a New Fire Rescue Facility and Indigent Burial Site

Commissioner Moore moved to approve to Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Land on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rd. (MLK) for a New Fire Rescue Facility and Indigent Burial Site conditional upon being able to get a LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) for the property and not to approve the purchase price unless that happens; second by Commissioner Merritt and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

***PLANNING AND ZONING***

(CD 6:00) 15. Application for Short Form Subdivision SF14-02- Tiger’s Den - Mortham Governmental Consultants, LLC, Marcelo Llorente, Ijjasz Oscar Tirado, Owners/Edwin Brown & Associates, Agent

Commissioner Merritt moved to approve to Conduct a Public Hearing and the proposed Application for Short Form Subdivision SF14-02, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Department and the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board and any evidence submitted at the Hearing hereon; second by Commissioner Harden and the motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

***COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS***

(CD 6:03) 16. Commissioner Kessler –

Request Board Approval of an Anti-Fracking Resolution and a Letter to the State Requesting a Statewide Ban on Fracking

Commissioner Kessler moved to approve an Anti-Fracking Resolution and a Letter to the State Requesting a Statewide Ban on Fracking. The motion dies for lack of second.

(CD 6:05) 17. Commissioner Thomas –

Request Board Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Display of the National Motto “In God We Trust” in the Wakulla Commission Chambers

Commissioner Harden moved to approve a Resolution Supporting the Display of the National Motto “In God We Trust” in the Wakulla Commission Chambers under the seal and half the size of the words “Wakulla County”; second by Commissioner Merritt and the motion passed 4/1 with Commissioners Merritt, Moore, Thomas and Harden voting for the motion and Commissioner Kessler opposing the motion.

(CD 6:25) 18. Commissioner Moore –

Request Board Approval of a Resolution on the Incorporation of the Panacea Community

Commissioner Moore moved to approve a Resolution on the Incorporation of the Panacea Community; second by Commissioner Harden and the motion passed 4/1 with Commissioners Merritt, Moore, Thomas and Harden voting for the motion and Commissioner Kessler opposing the motion.

***COUNTY ATTORNEY***

None.

***COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR***

(CD 6:50) Azalea Park Construction Update

***CITIZENS TO BE HEARD***

(CD 6:51)Anginita Rosier – Racism in Wakulla County

(CD 6:54) Simon Nelson – Racism Proclamation

(CD 6:57)Chris Russell - Racism Proclamation

***DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS***

(CD 6:59)COMMISSIONER MERRITT - FDOT Landscaping at US Hwy 319/98 Intersection,

Guy Strickland Road stabilization

(CD 7:03)COMMISSIONER KESSLER - Zero Tolerance Proclamation, Town Hall Meeting on January 27, 2015 at 7p.m., noise complaints from vehicles on Trice Lane, resident complaint about storage shed planning fee

(CD 7:15) COMMISSIONER THOMAS – Racism in Wakulla County

(CD 7:16) COMMISSIONER MOORE - Mashes Sands Park Project, Shell Point Beach Project, boat ramp at Shell Point, sidewalks at Senior Center, Otter Lake Road, Levy Bay warning traffic sign

(CD 7:21) COMMISSIONER HARDEN - Racism and Discrimination

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 7:22pm.