

Board of County Commissioners

Date: Friday, February 6, 2009
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Subject: Follow-up to County Commission Meeting February 3, 2009

Invocation

Commissioner Kessler

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Artz

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes and add-ons; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

- Tab #10 was pulled
- Commissioner Artz has an add-on under Awards & Presentations
- Commissioner Artz has several add-ons under her discussion items
- Commissioner Stewart has an add-on under his discussion items

Awards and Presentations

Presentation on the St. Marks Bike Trail – Todd McGee, Construction Projects Manager and Rick Halvorsen, Regional Trails Manager

Todd McGee, Construction Projects Manager and Rick Halverson, Regional Trails Manager presented on the scope of the St. Marks Bike Trail. Mr. McGee publicized the project and the current phases that are under design, which include the following: resurfacing paved trail, covered benches/rest areas, enhanced road crossings, public parking & paved accessible parking, connector boardwalk, three level observation tower, Desoto Trails Kiosk; etc. The Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) are continuing to hold meetings to engage in public input.

Commissioner Kessler – Announcement Regarding Cover Florida – Health Insurance Coverage (www.CoverFloridaHealthCare.com)

Gordon McCleary gave a brief presentation on Cover Florida and the benefits. Cover Florida is a new health insurance plan that will make affordable, quality health insurance coverage and access to health care available to Florida's 3.8 million uninsured applicants age 19 to 64, with four of the six carriers insuring children of applicants. Each plan has a robust set of benefit options that include coverage for preventive services, screenings, office visits, as well as office surgery, urgent care, hospital coverage, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, and diabetic supplies. You can logon to our website for a link to the Cover Florida website or logon on to www.CoverFloridaHealthCare.com to obtain additional information.

Kim Tucker, Wakulla County Health Department gave a brief presentation on the Quit & Win Pledge. To enter the Quit & Win, entry forms can be obtained at the County Health Department or the Valentine's Day Festival at Hudson Park.

(To ensure fairness and encourage participation, citizens who would like to speak on any item will need to fill out a speaker's card and turn in to Ms. Welch prior to the beginning of discussion on that particular item. Citizens are allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak.)

Consent

Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for January 15, 2009 –
January 28, 2009
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the January 15, 2009 – January 28, 2009 Bills & Vouchers.
3. Request for Road Closure for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2009
(Benjamin Pingree, County Administrator)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the road closure for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Citizens to be Heard

Leah Bowman addressed the Board regarding the St. Marks Bike Trail and the loss of canopy and vegetation due to the construction.

Planning and Zoning

4. Application for Variance: V08-04
Request for a wetland setback variance to construct a single-family dwelling on a 2.19+/- acre lot located in River Plantation Estates. This property is located on the west side of River Court. The property owners are Jerome and Carina Todd.
Commissioner Stewart made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve Application for Variance V08-04 with the following conditions; Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
 - **The variance will expire two (2) years from the date of approval;**
 - **A plan for protecting the wetlands during construction activities must be submitted and approved during the Development Permit Application (DPA) process. For example, silt fencing and hay bales;**

▪ **Utilizing the Best Management Practices for protection of wetlands on the Subject Property.**

5. Application for Rezoning: R08-18
Application R08-18 is a request for rezoning approval from AG to RR-2. The Subject Parcel is located off Aaron Strickland Rd. The Subject Property has two sets of owners. Frank and Carolyn Dewese own 3.68 +/- acres of the Subject Property. Michael and Jaime Baze own the remaining 1.73 +/- acres of the Subject Property.
Commissioner Stewart made a motion to pull the agenda item and split into two applicants, send back to the P&Z Board for review and then back to the Board; the motion died for lack of a second. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Brock made a motion to conduct the second of two public hearings and approve the Application for Change of Zoning R08-18; Commissioner Stewart seconded, the motion failed 2/3.
6. Application for Request for Variance: V08-29
Application V08-29 is a request for Variance to allow a 1.73 +/- acre tract in the requested RR-2 zoning district per Application R08-18. This application is in conjunction with Rezoning Application R08-18. The Subject Parcel is located off of Aaron Strickland Rd. Michael and Jaime Baze are the owners of the 1.73 +/- acres requesting the variance.
This item was not acted on due to Application of Rezoning R08-18 that Failed, see Tab #5.

General Business

21. Request Board Consideration and Approval to Implement Flex Staff Positions for the Wakulla Fire Department
(Scott McDermid, Public Safety Director)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Wakulla County Fire Department to implement Flex Staff Positions; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
7. Request Board Authorization to Advertise for a Public Hearing on March 3, 2009 to Adopt an Ordinance Clarifying that Citizens Who Install and Maintain a Performance Based Septic System Will Not Be Required to Hook Onto Sewer
(Dale Dransfield, Eutaw Consultant)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve staff to advertise for a Public Hearing on March 3, 2009 to adopt an Ordinance clarifying that citizens who install and maintain a performance based septic system will not be required to hook onto sewer; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Dale Dransfield, Eutaw Consultant)
(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)
8. Request Board Adoption of a Resolution Requiring the Sheriff, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser (optional), Judiciary (optional) and Tax Collector Constitutional Officers to Submit their Tentative Budgets by May 1st of Each Year
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to adopt a Resolution requiring the Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser (optional), Judiciary (optional) and

Tax Collector to submit their tentative budgets by May 1st of each year; Commissioner Artz seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

9. Request Board Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing for March 3, 2009 at 6:00pm to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code as Directed in the County Charter Ordinance No. 2008-14
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Director)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve staff to schedule a Public Hearing on March 3, 2009 at 6:00pm to adopt an Ordinance establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code as directed in the County Charter Ordinance No. 2008-14; Commissioner Artz seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(*Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator*)
(*Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator*)
10. Request Board Approval for the Chairman to Execute an Employment Contract for the Executive Director of Tourist Development Council
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)
This item was pulled.
11. Request for Board Consideration of Proposed Text Changes to Ordinance 06-28, which Establishes and Amends Flood Hazard Areas in Certain Specific Subdivisions, Establishes Building Elevations in Specific Flood Hazard Areas, and Regulates Fill in Specific Flood Hazard Areas, and Approval to Advertise for a Public Hearing on March 17, 2009
(Luther Council, Building Director)
Commissioner Artz made a motion to accept the proposed text changes to Ordinance 06-28 that establishes and amends the flood hazard areas in certain specific subdivisions, establishes building elevations in specific flood hazard areas, and regulates fill in specific flood hazard areas, and approve staff to schedule a Public Hearing on March 17, 2009 at 6:00pm to adopt the proposed text changes; Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(*Luther Council, Building Director*)
12. Request Board Approval to Award Bid #2009-001 to Martin Marietta for the County Road Base Contract
(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to award the low bid to Martin Marietta for the County Road Base Contract; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
13. Request Board Approval to Award Bid #2009-002 to Ernie Jaworski Trucking for the Material Hauling Contract
(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to award the low bid to Ernie Jaworski Trucking for the Material Hauling Contract; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
14. Request Board Approval to Award Bid #2009-003 to Ernie Jaworski Trucking for the Road Striping Contract
(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)
Commissioner Stewart made a motion to re-advertise Bid #2009-003 for the Road Striping Contract to solicit more bids; Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(*Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director*)

15. Requests Board Approval to Authorize the Scheduling of County Town Hall Meetings held Throughout Wakulla County During 2009
(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)
Commissioner Artz made a motion to approve the recommended County Town Hall Meeting dates and locations as follows; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
- **March 25, 2009 at 6:00pm-7:00pm at Wakulla Springs Lodge**
 - **May 27, 2009 at 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Old Courthouse/Chamber**
 - **July 29, 2009 at 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Panacea Welcome Center**
 - **September 30, 2009 at 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Sopchoppy City Hall**
16. Request for Board Ratification of the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans
(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)
Commissioner Brock made a motion to ratify the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans and direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority issue; Commissioner Artz seconded. After discussion, Commissioner Artz withdrew her motion. Commissioner Brock made a motion to table this item to the February 17, 2009 Board Meeting in order to solicit more citizen input; Commissioner Artz seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)

Commissioner Agenda Items

17. Commissioner Kessler
- a. Conveyance and Restrictions for Wakulla Gardens
Commissioner Brock made a motion to direct the County Attorney to give a legal opinion as to the status of Wakulla Gardens and other home owners association Covenants and Restrictions in Wakulla County; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Ron Mowrey, County Attorney)
18. Commissioner Green
- a. Request Board Approval of a Resolution to Observe the Month of February as Black History Month
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve a Resolution to observe the month of February as Black History Month; Commissioner Artz seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
19. Commissioner Brock
- a. Retro fitting county building lights with LED Lights
Commissioner Stewart made a motion to direct staff to gather further information regarding LED Lights and Energy Smart Industry, and bring back as an agenda item with more details regarding the contractual obligations; Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)

- b. Workshop presentation from tourist development council and economic development council, and explore idea to promote Wakulla businesses

Commissioner Brock made a motion to direct staff to schedule a Workshop regarding the EDC/TDC exploring ideas to promote Wakulla businesses on April 13, 2009 at 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)

(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)

County Attorney

The County Attorney requested that the Public Hearing on Muir Woods scheduled for February 17, 2009 be continue to April 7, 2009 due to a public records request by the Muir Woods attorney. Commissioner Brock made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the April 7, 2009 Board Meeting; Commissioner Stewart seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

County Administrator

20. Request Board Ratification of County Administrator's Drawing Upon Irrevocable Letter of Credit - #265, Tallahassee State Bank, Southern Realty & Development Co., LLC for the Flowers Subdivision Phase I

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the County Administrator's drawing upon Letter of Credit - #265, Tallahassee State Bank, Southern Realty & Development Co., LLC for the Flowers Subdivision Phase I; Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

Additionally, the County Administrator commended Scott McDermid, Public Safety Director, Louis Lamarche, Interim Fire Chief, Wakulla County Fire Department, WACUFFA, the volunteer firefighters and Wakulla County EMS for fine leadership.

Discussion Issues by Commissioners

Commissioner Artz asked the Board to sign a letter of support for the Big Bend Scenic Byway. Commissioner Kessler directed staff that the request is too late for the Board to consider at this meeting.

Commissioner Artz asked the Board to consider submitting a proposal of support to Congressman Boyd on behalf of the Health Care Task Force for off road transport to assist the citizens in the Smith Creek area.

Commissioner Artz directed staff to request that Comcast view the February 10, 2009 Impact Fee Workshop.

(Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator)

Commissioner Artz advised that she will be bringing back agenda items to the next Board Meeting regarding Food Bank and a request to lower the threshold for citizen initiatives under Wakulla County's Charter.

Commissioner Artz directed the County Attorney to draft a letter of concern to DEP regarding the stormwater runoff in Hidden Meadows/Revell Sink, and to encourage them to readdress the permit. Staff will provide the Board with any documents, minutes from past meetings, DVD's, etc. and bring back an agenda item to the Board laying out the steps that staff has taken thus far.

(Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator)

(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to reconsider signing the letter of support for the Big Bend Scenic Byway; Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion failed with one opposing.

Commissioner Kessler advised the Board that he will be bringing back an agenda item requesting to amend the Airboat Ordinance amending use of the boats on Sunday afternoons.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00p.m.

*The next Board of County Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.*

Regular Board Meeting and Holiday Schedule
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- Regular Board Meeting and/or Workshop
- Special Meeting
- Holiday

PUBLIC NOTICE
2009 Tentative Schedule

All Workshops, Meetings, and Public Hearings are subject to change

All sessions are held in the Commission Chambers, 29 Arran Road, Suite 101, Crawfordville, FL.
 Workshops are scheduled as needed.

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
February 2009	Tuesday 3	5:00 P.M.	Workshop – Regarding Discussion of Commissioner Travel Budgets
	Tuesday 3	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	Tuesday 10	5:00 P.M.	Workshop – To Discuss Impact Fees and Funding Options
	Tuesday 17	3:00 P.M.	1 st Budget Development Workshop
	Tuesday 17	5:00 P.M.	Workshop - To Discuss Ways to Increase Citizen Information, Input, & Involvement in County Government
	Tuesday 17	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	Tuesday 17	6:00 P.M.	Public Hearing: To Approve the Acquisition of Property Necessary for Easements for the Wakulla Gardens Sewer and WWTP Upgrade Projects
March 2009	Tuesday 3	5:00 P.M.	Workshop - To Discuss Forming and Staffing Additional Citizen Advisory Committees or Working Groups
	Tuesday 3	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	<i>Tuesday 3</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Public Hearing: To Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code as Directed in the County Charter Ordinance</i>
	<i>Tuesday 3</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Public Hearing – To Adopt an Ordinance Clarifying that Citizens Who Install & Maintain a Performance Based Septic System Will Not Be Required to Hook Onto Sewer</i>
	Tuesday 17	5:00 P.M.	Workshop – To Discuss the Proposal for a Faith-Based Publicly Funded Project (Leon-Wakulla Development Corp)
	Tuesday 17	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	<i>Tuesday 17</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Public Hearing: To Adopt Amended Changes to Ordinance 06-28, which Establishes & Amends Flood Hazard Areas in Certain Subdivisions, Establishes Building Elevations in Specific Flood Hazard Areas, & Regulates Fill in Specific Flood Hazard Areas</i>
April 2009	Tuesday 7	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board