

Board of County Commissioners

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2008
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Subject: Follow-up to County Commission Meeting July 21, 2008

Invocation

Pastor Mary Brinson

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Green

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following add-on items; Commissioner Lawhon seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

- Benjamin Pingree, County Administrator has a add-on item for Awards & Presentations
- Commissioner Langston has a add-on item for Awards & Presentations
- Commissioner Brimmer has a add-on item under General Business

Public Hearing

1. Board Approval of Acquisition of Property Necessary for Easements for the Wakulla Gardens Sewer and WWTP Upgrade Projects
(Dale Dransfield, Eutaw Consultant)
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 lots in Wakulla Gardens; Lot 13, Block 29; Lot 16, Block 53 and Lot 49, Block 53 were approved for purchase in order for the sewer collection system to be constructed; Commissioner Kessler seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
2. Request Adoption of the Home Rule Charter Ordinance (First of Two Required Public Hearings)
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)
**This was the first of two Public Hearings conducted. After discussion, Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to direct staff to change 7.3.2 of the Draft Ordinance, Amendment by Petition from 15% to 30%; Commissioner Kessler seconded and the motion passed 5/0. The second Public Hearing will be held on August 4, 2008 at 6:00p.m.
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)**

Awards and Presentations

James Coste, Web Manager, JC Web Solutions - Presentation on New Website

Mr. Coste gave a brief presentation of the redesigning of our new website. Mr. Coste highlighted the additional feature of viewing the Board of County Commissioners Agenda and agenda materials on the web in addition to the other new and updated features.

Commissioner Kessler – Town Hall Meeting to be held July 29, 2008 from 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers

Commissioner Kessler announced his next Town Hall Meeting to be held on July 29, 2008 from 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers. In addition, his Town Hall Meeting in August will be held at the Wakulla County Fire Station and the September meeting will be at the Panacea Welcome Center.

Commissioner Kessler – Announcement of Representative Brad Johnson from Congressman Allen Boyd’s Office is in the Commission Complex the first Tuesday of every month from 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. to meet with local citizens to converse on Federal issues

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Greg James, Chief Deputy Clerk, announced that a Legal Clinic will be provided by Legal Services of North Florida the first Wednesday of each month beginning August 6, 2008, in the witness room, 2nd floor, Wakulla County Courthouse. This will a time when anyone in the community can come in and ask questions about legal problems they may have and/or request help in completing legal forms, etc. Citizens will need to make an appointment by calling the receptionist at the Courthouse at 926-0300.

Benjamin Pingree, County Administrator announced to the citizens that the Tentative Budget Plan for the next fiscal year is complete and will be on the website within the next two days. In addition, Mr. Pingree applauded the Commissioners in the guidance given to put the documents together and thanked the OMB staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Langston congratulated Commissioner Kessler on the advanced certification from the Florida Association of Counties

(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 Kessler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Langston seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2008 Regular Meeting
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the June 23, 2008 regular board meeting minutes.

4. Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2008 Workshop at 4:00p.m. regarding Briefing on Storm Surge Vulnerability of Wakulla County and the 5:00p.m. Workshop Regarding Board Consideration for the Appointment of an 11 Member State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) Advisory Committee
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the June 23, 2008 4:00p.m. Workshop regarding Storm Surge Vulnerability of Wakulla County and approve the 5:00p.m. Workshop regarding Board Consideration for the Appointment of an 11 Member State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) Advisory Committee.

5. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for June 19, 2008 – July 16, 2008
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the bills and vouchers submitted fro June 19, 2008 – July 16, 2008.

6. Approval to Schedule a Workshop to Discuss Paving of Forest Road #13 on October 6, 2008 at 5:00p.m.
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the scheduling of a Workshop to discuss paving of Forest Road 13 on October 6, 2008 at 5:00p.m.
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)
(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)

7. Approval to Schedule a Workshop to Discuss the Proposed Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance on September 22, 2008 at 5:00p.m.
(Dale Dransfield, Eutaw Consultant)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the scheduling of a Workshop to discuss the proposed Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance on September 22, 2008 at 5:00p.m.
(Dale Dransfield, Eutaw Consultant)
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)

8. Board Acceptance of the Emergency Dispatch Software Grant, Resolution and Budget Amendment
(Fran Councill, EMS Director)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve to accept the EMD Software Grant by Resolution and the budget amendment.

9. Board Acceptance of the AVL Mapping and EMS Component Grant, Resolution and Budget Amendment
(Fran Councill, EMS Director)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the AVL Mapping and EMS Component Grant by Resolution and the budget amendment.

10. Board Approval to Increase the 2007/2008 Budget from Deferred County Grant Funds
(Fran Councill, EMS Director)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve to increase the 2007/2008 Budget from deferred County Grant Funds by \$832.37, in addition to the Resolution and budget amendment.

11. Approval of Additional Budget Expense to Purchase and Install Additional Insulation When Replacing the Housing & Building Department Roof
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Department)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the additional budget expense and budget amendment to purchase and install additional insulation when replacing the Housing and Building Department roof.
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)

27. Request for Approval to Set the Two Public Hearing Dates on the Tentative Budget and Adoption of the Millage Rate for September 9, 2008 and September 22, 2008
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)
The Board approved Option #1 – Approve the scheduling of two Public Hearing dates on the Tentative Budget for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers and Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)

Consent Items Pulled for Discussion

Citizens to be Heard

Madeline Carr addressed the Board regarding the new website. Ms. Carr would like to make sure that the Library Link is on the website and look into moving the Chamber of Commerce's link from the Government page.

Philip Spencer addressed the Board in regards to permit fees and the possibility of considering the fees due to the economy and the hardship the builders and contractors are having.

Ron Piiasacki addressed the Board with a Resolution for Board consideration on donations for County Commissioner Candidates.

Gerald Langston thanked the Board for scheduling a Workshop to discuss paving options for Forest Road 13.

Planning and Zoning

12. Application for Variance: V08-11
Request for wetland setback variance on a 29.35 +/- acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Sopchoppy Highway and Otter Creek Road. The owner is Buckhorn First, LLC and the agent is GPI Southeast, Inc.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve the Application for Variance V08-11; Commissioner Lawhon seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

13. Application for Final Plat: FP08-01
Request for final plat to construct an 84 lot residential subdivision, to be known as Buckhorn Village Subdivision. This property is a 29.35 +/- acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Sopchoppy Highway and Otter Creek Road. The owner is Buckhorn First, LLC and the agent is Edwin Brown and Associates.
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve the Application for Final Plat FP08-01; Commissioner Kessler seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
14. Application for Zoning Change: R08-08
Request for change of zoning on a 2.94 +/- acre parcel located on Three Sisters Road. The current zoning district is RR-5 (Rural Residential) and the proposed zoning district is RR-1 (Semi Rural Residential). The owner is Marlene S. Jefferies and the agent is Elyane and Sheldon H. Huebner.
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map, amending the Official Zoning from RR-5 to RR-1 with the condition that the applicant connect to central water service at the time of construction on the subject property; Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
15. Application for Variance: V08-09
Request to allow the continuation of an existing non-conforming use on a 4.55 +/- acre parcel located at 91 Cherokee Drive. The owners are Randy J. and Sheila D. Crum and the agent is Corey Crum.
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to conduct the final public hearing and approve the Application for Variance V08-09 with the condition that the applicant must connect the new mobile home to central water provided by the City of Sopchoppy and the Board must revisit this issue in twenty years to determine if the non-conforming use may continue; Commissioner Green seconded. After discussion, the Board revisited the conditions and Commissioner Kessler made a motion to modify the condition to solely revisit the issue in twenty years for the non-conforming use; Commissioner Green seconded, the motion failed 3/2. Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Application for Variance V08-09 as is with no conditions; Commissioner Langston seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
16. Application for Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment: CP08-01
Request to remove Policy 1.3.3 of the Future Land Use Element of the Wakulla County Comprehensive Plan, which pertains to density allowable on contiguous lots under the same ownership. The applicant is Wakulla County.
Commissioner Langston made a motion to conduct the Public Hearing and vote to transmit the proposed text amendment to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan; Commissioner Lawhon seconded and the motion passed 4/0.

General Business

17. Approval of County Contribution of \$5,000 and Participation in Regional Stormwater Management Symposium
(Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator)
Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve a \$5,000 contribution for the Regional Stormwater Symposium; Commissioner Kessler seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator)

18. Request to Ratify the June 23, 2008 Workshop for Board Consideration for the Appointment of an 11 Member State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) Advisory Committee
(Alfred Nelson, Housing Director)
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to ratify the June 2, 2008 Workshop, and approve the Resolution by appointing the suggested members to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee in addition to the duties and responsibilities of such; Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

19. Board Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing to Amend Ordinance 06-28, with Proposed Language to Provide for Basin Specific Flood Hazard Areas Within The County and Increase Floor Elevations for New Home Construction in Certain Specific Subdivisions
(Luther Council, Building Official)
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to direct staff to continue drafting and amending Ordinance 06-28 and bring back a final draft Ordinance to the Board for review at the September 22, 2008 Board Meeting; Commissioner Lawhon seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Luther Council, Building Official)

20. Board Approval for County's Compliance with Chapter No. 2008-197, a Recently Approved State Mandate Regarding Changes in Value Adjustment Board
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)
Staff recommended the Board to appoint (2) County Commissioners to the VAB and (1) Citizen Member who may not be a member or employee of any taxing authority, and may not be a person who represents owners in any administrative or judicial review of property taxes & must own homestead property within the County. After discussion, Commissioner Langston and Commissioner Kessler volunteered as the (2) County Commissioners to the VAB, and Tim Bozeman volunteered and was appointed as the Citizen Member.
(Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator)

21. Board Approval to Purchase Playground Equipment for the Hickory Park Grant Project
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the purchase of playground equipment for the Hickory Park Grant Project; Commissioner Green seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)

22. Board Approval of a Resolution to Accept Funds for Medart Park Improvements – Phase 2
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the Resolution to accept funds from the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the Medart Park Improvements-Phase 2; Commissioner Langston seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
23. Board Approval of a Resolution to Accept Funds for the Wakulla Equestrian Center
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Resolution to accept funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fund the Wakulla Equestrian Center; Commissioner Lawhon seconded and the motion passed 5/0.
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)
24. Progress of the Operational Audit Issue
(Debbie Dubose, Human Resource Management)
Staff recommended forming a selection committee to further vet the three remaining vendors and negotiate a contract for the most comprehensive operational audit to be returned to the Board for approval at a future Board meeting. Some of the Board members voiced their opinion in not going forth with the Operational Audit at this time due to the cost. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kessler made a motion to support going forth with the Operational Audit to be performed at no cost by the state Auditor General's Office and to petition our legislative delegation to support this audit as required by state policy before the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee; Commissioner Green seconded; the motion failed 3/2.

Add-on **Commissioner Brimner addressed the Board with an add-on item and made a motion to refund a \$30 permit fee to Brian McCormick for installation of five kiosks (Information Signs) for the YMCA Center. After discussion, Commissioner Kessler volunteered to personally refund Mr. McCormick the \$30 permit fee.**

Commissioner Agenda Items

25. Commissioner Kessler
- a) Naming of Park in Honor of Our Military Veterans
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution to designate Crab Apple Park or Cherry Park as "Veterans Park"; Commissioner Lawhon seconded. After discussion by the Board, the Board directed staff to bring back an agenda item with options for re-naming Azalea Park or Crabapple Park, or an otherwise appropriate County facility to "Veterans Park" and to look into including or not including Mr. Hudson (the historical owner/grantor of all the property on which each of these parks are presently located) in the re-naming of such a park. This item will come back to the Board as an agenda request from staff at a future meeting.
(Tim Barden, Assistant County Administrator)
(Ray Gray, Parks & Recreation Director)

26. Commissioner Langston
- a) Board Direction to Address Issues at the Upper River Bridge
Commissioner Langston asked for Board direction in order for staff to proceed with addressing the issues arising at the Upper River Bridge. The Board directed staff to bring back a report from the Community Traffic Safety Team at a future Board meeting to determine the status of the discussed issues.
(Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator)
(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)

County Attorney

County Attorney will be preparing an agenda item regarding the Regional Conflict Councils Lawsuit for the next scheduled Board Meeting.

County Administrator

Discussion Issues by Commissioners

Commissioner Lawhon advised that he will be bringing forth an agenda item at the August 4, 2008 Board Meeting to request a pause on impact fees.

Commissioner Langston asked staff to look into getting a “Real Estate” link on the website that will link citizens to realtor offices.
(Jessica Welch, Office of Policy & Public Information)

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

*The next Board of County Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for
Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.*

Regular Board Meeting and Holiday Schedule

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
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 Regular Board Meeting and/or Workshop

 Holiday

PUBLIC NOTICE
2008 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. Workshops are scheduled as needed.

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
July 2008	Monday 21	5:00 P.M.	Workshop: Presentation and Discussion of the County Purchasing and Purchasing Card Policies
	Monday 21	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	Monday 21	6:00 P.M.	Public Hearing: To Authorize the Purchase of Real Property in Wakulla Gardens for locating County owned waste water collection and transmission infrastructure
	Monday 21	6:00 P.M.	Public Hearing: To Discuss Adoption of a Home Rule Charter Ordinance
August 2008	Monday 4	5:00 P.M.	Budget Workshop: Commission Chambers
	Monday 4	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	Monday 18	5:00 P.M.	Workshop: To discuss the existing County off-premises sign regulations & proposed changes to Section 6-18, Wakulla County Code
	Monday 18	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
September 2008	Tuesday 2	5:00 P.M.	Workshop: To discuss the Wakulla County Travel & Expense Procedures Manual
	Tuesday 2	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	<i>Tuesday 9</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Public Hearing: Tentative Budget and Adoption of the Millage Rate</i>
	<i>Monday 22</i>	<i>5:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Workshop: To Discuss the Proposed Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance</i>
	Monday 22	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	<i>Monday 22</i>	<i>6:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Public Hearing: Tentative Budget and Adoption of the Millage Rate</i>
October 2008	<i>Monday 6</i>	<i>5:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Proposed Workshop: To Discuss Paving of Forest Road #13</i>
	Monday 6	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
	Monday 20	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board
November 2008	Monday 3	6:00 P.M.	Regular Board