

Approved 10/01/07

**Board of County Commissioners
Wakulla County, Florida
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2007**

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida met in regular session on September 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Brian Langston presiding. Present were Commissioners Howard Kessler, Ed Brimmer, George Green and Maxie Lawhon. Also present were County Attorney Ron Mowrey, County Administrator Ben Pingree and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Commissioner Ed Brimmer.

(CD6:04) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes, item (2) Public Hearing to Consider Impact Fee Ordinance will be continued to a future date and will be re-advertised, item (27) Review and Approval of Employee Health Plan Benefits to be considered at the time the Budget Hearing is heard. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

(CD6:12) 1. BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE

(Tim Barden, Director, Office of Management and Budget)

The County Administrator read the following into the record: The proposed countywide Millage Rate is 7.6252 mills, which is 3.00% under the countywide rolled-back rate of 7.8610.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Budget and Adoption of Millage Rate. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD6:23) Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD6:25) Commissioner Kessler made a motion to set the FY07-08 Millage Rate at 7.0852. Second by Commissioner Green for discussion. Voting for: Kessler and Green. Opposed: Langston, Lawhon and Brimmer. Motion Failed. 2-3

(CD6:54) Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to adopt a Resolution setting the countywide FY07-08 Millage Rate at 7.6252 Mills. Second by Commissioner Lawhon.

Voting for: Langston, Lawhon and Brimmer. Opposed: Kessler and Green. Motion Carried. 3-2

(CD6:55) Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the final countywide budget for FY07/08 at \$43,692,991.00; ratifying the actions of staff with regard to the county remaining with the current CHP Plan P Benefit and absorbing the FY07/08 health insurance cost increase in the Board's contribution; take \$32,500.00 out of reserve with \$25,000.00 for the lobbyists and \$7,500.00 to hire an OPS person. Second by Commissioner Brimmer.

Voting for: Langston, Lawhon, Brimmer and Green. Opposed: Kessler. Motion Carried. 4-1

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Continuation of Public Hearing to Consider Impact Fee Ordinance
(Tim Barden, Director, Office of Management & Budget)

**This item is continued and will be re-advertised for a future date.

PUBLIC HEARING

(CD7:18) 3. Additional Senior Homestead Exemption Ordinance
(Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)

Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to adopt the Ordinance for additional Senior Homestead Exemption. Second by Commissioner Kessler. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

Awards and Presentations

CD7:20) Town Hall Meetings in Wakulla County
(Commissioner Kessler)

The next Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Activity Room of Mt. Olive Church at the intersection of Spring Creek Highway and Bloxham-Cutoff on October 30, 2007 from 7:00p.m.to 9:00 p.m.

(CD7:24) 4. Confirmation of FDOT 5 Year Work Program Suggested Work List
(Bruce Ballister, Apalachee Regional Planning Council)

The Board ratified the work list with the exception of the renaming of highway 98 and 319, which would change the Federal designation and asked that this item be deleted from the work list.

CONSENT AGENDA

(CD7:30) Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

5. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2007 Regular Meeting
(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)

6. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for August 30, 2007 –
September 12, 2007

(Brent X. Thurmond, Clerk of Court)

7. Request to Schedule Public Hearing for Awards and Presentations Ordinance

(Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)

**Hearing will be on October 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Request to Schedule Workshop on Renaming Lower Bridge Road to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Road

(Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)

**Workshop will be on November 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Request to Schedule Workshop on Road Paving Issues

(Jessica Welch, Office of Policy Coordination & Public Information)

**Workshop will be on November 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Approval of a Proclamation for “Weatherization Day”

(Catherine Aponte-Gray, Housing Director)

**October 30, 2007 is Weatherization Day in Wakulla County

11. Request to Schedule a Public Meeting for October 4, 2007 on the EAR.

(Lindsay Stevens, Director, Office of Planning and Community Development)

**This meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center on October 4, 2007

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

(CD7:31) 1. Jeannie Jones – Thanking Board for setting Workshop date to consider renaming Lower Bridge Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road.

(CD7:31) 2. James Taylor – The need for a flagpole at Wooley Park and moving the Monument to the upper side.

(CD7:33) 3. John Trice – Town Hall Meetings

(CD7:35) 4. Ron Piasecki – Pig Roast fundraiser on September 29, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Coast Guard Community Building, Flotilla 13

(CD7:37) 5. Pastor Stanley Sims – Day of Race Relations meeting and concerned about customer service relations in county offices

PLANNING AND ZONING

(CD7:42) 12. Board Consideration of Gavin’s request for Family Enclave Agreement

(Lindsay Stevens, Director, Office of Planning and Community Development)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Gavin Family Enclave Agreement.

Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD7:44) 13. Board Consideration of Langston's request for Family Enclave Agreement (Lindsay Stevens, Director, Office of Planning and Community Development)
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Langston Family Enclave Agreement. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD7:45) 14. Consideration of Two Price Quotes for County's General Liability and Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability Coverage (Andrea Simpson, Deputy County Administrator)
Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to renew General Liability and Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability Coverage with FACT for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 with the Multi class liability at a \$5,000.00 deductible and Employees benefits errors and omissions liability at a \$1,000.00 deductible. Second by Commissioner Kessler. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD8:00) 15. Approval of Wakulla County Sewer Utility Billing Services Contract with Cooperatives Computer Center (the billing agent for Talquin Electric Cooperative) (Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)
Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to approve the contract with Cooperatives Computer Center to begin billing the county sewer customers on Talquin water and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement. Second by Commissioner Kessler. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD8:16) 16. Variance Request of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on Performance Based Septic Systems in the following subdivisions: Wakulla Gardens, Griner's Addition, Magnolia Gardens & Lake Ellen Estates (Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)
Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to authorize county staff and Eutaw Utilities to present the attached report to DCA. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Voting for: Langston, Lawhon and Brimmer. Opposed: Kessler and Green. Motion Carried. 3-2

(CD8:50) 17. Request for Board Direction Regarding Appointment of a Wakulla County Representative on Congressman Boyd's Healthcare Council (Pam Portwood, Director, Office of Special Projects)
Commissioner Kessler will be the representative for Congressman Boyd's Health Care Council.

(CD8:54) 18. Approval of Budget Amendment for Lease Payoffs (Jason Honeybone, Fire Chief)
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment to pay off leases for the Burn Building at the Training Grounds in the amount of \$92,806.00 and Tanker 8 in the amount of \$119,505.00 to come out of the MSBU reserve fund. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD8:55) 19. Approval to submit FY 2007-2008 State Aid to Libraries Grant Application

(Doug Jones, Library Director)

Commissioner Brimmer made a motion for approval to submit FY2007-2008 State Aid to Libraries Grant Application. Second by Commissioner Kessler. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD8:57) 20. Approval of Wakulla County Health Departments Core Contract for FY 2007-2008

(Marlon Hunter, Administrator, Wakulla County Health Department)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion for approval of the Wakulla County Health Departments Core Contract for FY 2007-2008. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD8:58) 21. Approval of Wakulla County Health Departments Fee Schedule

(Marlon Hunter, Administrator, Wakulla County Health Department)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion for approval of Wakulla County Health Departments Fee Schedule. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD9:04) 22. Request for Acceptance of Grant Agreement for the DOT Sign Fabrication Project

(Ray Gray, Director, Parks & Recreation Department)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Chairman accepting the grant agreement for the DOT Sign Fabrication Project, execute and transmit the application for the Sign Fabrication Project to FDOT and further authorize Ms. Sheryl Mosley, Parks Facilities Coordinator as the contract manager for this project pursuant to Section 287.057, Florida Statutes. Second by Commissioner Green. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD9:06) 23. Approval to Apply for the Helping Hand Grant

(Ray Gray, Director, Parks & Recreation Department)

Commissioner Brimmer made a motion for approval of the Resolution to apply for the Helping Hand Grant Program Wave 1 for technology improvements on September 30, 2007 and further authorize Ms. Sheryl Mosley, Parks Facilities Coordinator, as the contract manager for this project pursuant to Section 287.057, Florida Statutes. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

(CD9:07) 24. Consideration of a \$12,315.80 Change Order for Summit Construction with Regard to the New EMS Station

(Cleve Fleming, Public Works Director)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the change order to Summit Construction for the amount of \$12,315.80 to construct a holding pond with a clay liner at the new EMS Station at Wakulla Station, with any applicable overage coming from the applicable 06-07 Reserve Account. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSIONER BRIMNER

(CD9:11) 25. Road closing for Veterans Day Parade

Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to approve the road closing application to temporarily close Highway 319 in Crawfordville, from Myrtle Avenue, South to Arran Road on Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Veterans Day Parade. To the extent permitted by Florida law, Wakulla County will assume responsibility for any liability claims arising from, or based upon, acts of omission or neglect by the County in relation to the event. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

COMMISSIONER KESSLER

(CD9:13) 26. Board Meeting Policies & Procedures Regarding "Discussion Items by Commissioners"

(CD9:22) **COUNTY ATTORNEY** – no items

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

27. Review and Approval of Employee Health Plan Benefits

**This item was addressed under Budget Public Hearing

DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS

(CD9:22) Commissioner Green – no items

(CD9:22) Commissioner Brimmer – no items

(CD9:23) Commissioner Langston – Allegation of staff member and Big Bend Regional Meeting held at Wakulla Springs today.

(CD9:26) Commissioner Kessler – no items

(CD9:26) Commissioner Lawhon – no items

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Kessler. All for. Motion Carried. 5-0

Meeting adjourned. 9:30 p.m.

