

**Board of County Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
February 4, 2008**

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Ed Brimmer presiding. Present were Commissioners George Green, Howard Kessler, Brian Langston and Maxie Lawhon. Also present were Steve Mitchell of the County Attorney's Office, County Administrator Ben Pingree and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

Invocation provided by Father James MacGee, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kessler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes, under County Administrator add Healthcare Taskforce. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

(CD6:01) 1. Adoption of Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)
(Lindsay Stevens, Director, Planning & Community Development)

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to adopt the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Awards and Presentations

(CD6:04) Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Kessler on February 26, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Valentine's Parade on Saturday, February 9, 2008

St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 15, 2008

(CD6:06) CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2008 Regular Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2008 Workshop on the Proposed January 29, 2008 Property Tax Constitutional Amendment
4. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2008 Workshops on the Wakulla County Courthouse Addition/Renovation Project and the Minimum Housing Standards Ordinance for Wakulla County

5. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for January 17, 2008 – January 30, 2008

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

(CD6:07) 1. Lynn Artz – Wakulla Healthcare Task Force

(CD6:09) 2. Hugh Taylor – CRA, Wakulla County Christian Coalition Parade to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 and Scholarship dinner at the Senior Center, Friday, February 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING

(CD6:11) 6. Rezoning Application: R07-14

Request to rezone a 2.56+/- acre parcel from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to RR-2 (Rural Residential). This property is located on Shadeville Road, east of Spring Creek Highway. The owner is William J. Bowman.

**Dies for lack of a motion

(CD6:18) 7. Rezoning Application: R07-15

Request to rezone a 1.13+/- acre parcel from RR-1 (Semi Rural Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial). This property is located at the east corner of Shadeville Highway and Valley Road. The owner is Linda H. Lane and the agent is Kathy Shirah.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Langston. Commissioner Langston withdrew the second; therefore, the motion dies for lack of a second.

(CD6:36) 8. Rezoning Application: R07-16

Request to rezone an 8.08+/- acre parcel from RR-1 (Semi Rural Residential) to AG (Agriculture). This property is located at 90 Captain James Street, south of Bob Miller Road. The owner is Clarence Hallman and the agent is Rita Chadwell.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve Rezoning Application R07-16. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:41) 9. Request for Board Acceptance of the Concurrency Management System
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to accept the Concurrency Management System Reports. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD7:18) 10. Request Authorization to Place a Weather Station with an Approximate 30-Foot Support Tower in Shell Point at the Shell Point Beach Park

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the installation of the weather station at Shell Point Beach. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:23) 11. Request Board Approval for the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office to Apply & Manage Two Grants for a Repeater System for a Mobile Tower and for Two Mobile Generators

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Resolution to apply and manage two grants for a repeater system for a mobile tower and two mobile generators. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:13) 12. Request for Board Ratification from the January 22, 2008 Workshop on the Wakulla County Courthouse Addition/Renovation Project
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to support the concept of the 10,000 additional square foot expansion of the Courthouse. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution urging legislative funding for the courthouse expansion project. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to advertise for a Construction Manager for the Courthouse Expansion Project Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:25) 13. Request for Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the December 11, 2007 Second Annual Board Retreat
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to modify the actions taken at the December 11, 2007 Retreat with the exclusion of funding for the Civic Center and add an Operational Audit. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting for: Kessler and Green. Opposed: Brimmer, Langston and Lawhon. Motion Failed, 3/2.

Commissioner Langston made a motion to ratify the Board actions taken at the December 11, 2007 Second Annual Board Retreat. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Voting for: Brimmer, Langston and Lawhon. Opposed: Kessler and Green. Motion carried, 3/2.

(CD7:34) 14. Florida Department of Community Affairs, Community Development Block Grant – Buckhorn Plaza Bid Award, Signature of Agreement with Buckhorn Plaza Developer and Authorization for County Administrator to Negotiate Agreement with City of Sopchoppy

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to award the bid to Stege Construction Corporation. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the City of Sopchoppy for reimbursement of County expenditures from the DEP grant funds with authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement with the Buckhorn Plaza Developer, Freddie Franklin. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion for Staff to negotiate a performance bond with the Developer, Freddie Franklin to guarantee that Wakulla County will not be held liable for any costs. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting for: Brimmer, Kessler, Langston and Green. Opposed: Lawhon. Motion Carried, 4-1.

(CD8:20) 15. Consideration of an Annual Review Reported by ESG Operations Inc., on the County's Public Works and Utility Systems

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to authorize the transfer of the Right of Way Acquisition Agent and Recycling Coordinator positions from the County to ESG and the Chairman to approve any contract amendments that may be necessary to effectuate this transfer; direct the staff to consider the Utility Manager position in the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget process. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Agenda Items

(CD8:28) 16. Commissioner Kessler

Request for Expansion of Commissioner Office B

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the expansion of Commissioner Kessler's Office at a cap of \$10,000.00. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Voting for: Langston, Lawhon, Kessler and Green. Opposed: Brimmer. Motion passed, 4-1 (monies to come out of General Fund)

(CD8:34) Request the Board to Direct Staff to Take Steps to Make Wakulla County A Chartered County

Agenda for 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2008 for a Workshop/Presentation

(CD8:48) Request for Board Approval for the Placement of a Moratorium on Comprehensive Plan Changes for a Period of 18 Months

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve an 18- month moratorium on future comprehensive plan changes. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting for: Kessler. Opposed: Langston, Lawhon, Brimmer and Green. Motion Fails, 4/1.

(CD8:25) 17. Request approval to apply for an Emergency Medical Dispatch Software System Grant.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion for approval of the Emergency Medical Dispatch Software System Grant, in the amount of \$15,934.00 with the match of \$3,984.50 paid by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD8:26) 18. Request approval to apply for AVL Mapping & EMS Components Grant
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the request to apply for AVL Mapping & EMS Components Grant in the amount of \$10,055.00, with EMS providing the \$1,738 match for the EMS components and the Fire Department MSBU fund providing the AVL % mapping match. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

County Attorney - 0

County Administrator

(CD9:00) Approval of the federal appropriation request from the Wakulla County Healthcare Taskforce for submission to the 2nd Congressional District Healthcare Council for further consideration.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the request for establishment of a Wakulla County EMS, Fire and Disaster Relief/Healthcare Services Headquarters to be submitted for consideration by the 2nd Congressional District Healthcare Council's for Federal funding. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Discussion Issues by Commissioners

(CD9:05) Commissioner Langston – Summerwind and Summerwood Subdivision Roads, Thanks to Staff for the great job they are doing at the Rec Park.

(CD9:10) Commissioner Green – Wakulla Legislation will be meeting at the Commission Boardroom on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

(CD9:10) Commissioner Kessler – Speed limits on Rehwinkel Road and Road matrix.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.