

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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 County Attorney Ron Mowrey, County Administrator Ben Pingree and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

Invocation was provided by Pastor Dennis Hall of Pioneer Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brian Langston.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD5:56) Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the Agenda with changes, under Awards and Presentations there will be some additional announcements. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

(CD5:57) 1. Adoption of the Proposed Revision to the Wakulla County Animal Control Ordinance

Commissioner Langston made a motion to adopt the proposed amended Animal Control Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

(CD6:09) Presentation to Mr. Pingree by Brian Roddenberry of the Parks and Recreation Department

(CD6:13) Commissioner Kessler

Announcement: Grants and low interest loans Workshop/Meeting for very low and low-income homeowners who need sewer access where sewer is available. I have invited Representative(s) from the United States Department of Agriculture to a meeting on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Citizens may qualify for grants or low interest loans. This is especially important to citizens of Wakulla Gardens and other subdivisions where the county is bringing in sewer. I encourage all citizens who are facing sewer hook-up to attend.

(CD6:16) Update on expansion of Commissioner Kessler's office.

(CD6:17) Introduction of J. D. Johnson as the new Veteran's Service Officer for Wakulla County.

(CD6:19) March 22, 2008 as Green Day in Wakulla County
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution declaring March 22, 2008 as Green Day in Wakulla County. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:22) *CONSENT AGENDA*

2. Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2008 Regular Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2008 Workshop on the Update to the Mashas Sands/Shell Point Feasibility Study – Project Update
4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for February 14, 2008 – February 27, 2008
5. Request to Schedule a Workshop to Discuss Amending the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan on May 5, 2008 at 5 P.M.
6. Request to schedule a Workshop on June 2, 2008 at 5:00p.m. to discuss the existing County Off-Premises Sign Regulations and proposed changes to Section 6-18, Wakulla County Code
7. Request to schedule a Workshop on March 24, 2008 at 5:00p.m. to discuss the possibility of City of Tallahassee providing natural gas to Wakulla citizens
8. Request Board approval to schedule Public Hearing on March 24, 2008 at 6:00p.m. for the Development of Mash Island Park Trailhead Improvements Project

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- (CD6:22) 1. Hugh Taylor – Sunshine Week and a public records request that he received from the Governor's Office in a very timely manner.
- (CD6:24) 2. Chad Hansen – Bike lanes for non-motorized vehicles on Lower Bridge Road
- (CD6:26) 3. Ms. Harris – Widening of Mt. Beasor Road and a request for Citizen input when the County addresses this road.
- (CD6:28) 4. Larry Roberts – Deposit of lost dog on Mr. Lawhon's property by Mr. Roberts

PLANNING AND ZONING

(CD6:28) 9. Wetland Setback Variance V07-16

Request to construct a single-family residence, driveway and bridge within the required seventy-five foot wetland setback. This property is located on Spring Creek Highway, south of Coastal Highway and west of Cut-off Road. The property owner is John McGough and the agent is GPI Southeast.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve Wetland Setback Variance V07-16. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD6:44) 10. Request Approval to Spend \$5,020 for the Raptor Video/Audio Recorder from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,020 for the Raptor Video/Audio Recorder from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund for the Sheriff's Department. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:45) 11. Request Approval of an Interlocal Agreement for the Funding of a Force Main Extension along Highway 319.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Agreement for Expansion of Sewer Force Main and Related Matters. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:50) 12. Board Authorization for the Office of Management and Budget to Transfer Funds from the Reserve Account for the We Care Network.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to authorize the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$3,500.00 from the Reserve Account to the We Care Network. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:52) 13. Request for Board Approval to Pay Final Invoice for Paul G. Johnson and Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the final invoice and payment of \$2,979.50 to Paul G. Johnson and Associates, Inc. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Gavel turned over to Commissioner Green for the duration of the meeting.

(CD6:54) 14. Request Board Approval to Purchase Property Required for DEP Permit of Lower Bridge Landfill.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2.34 acres of land at a cost of \$12,168.00 from St. Joe with the funds coming out of the one-cent sales tax public facilities fund. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

**Commissioner Brimner out of the room.

(CD6:56) 15. Request Approval to Accept the Low Bid for the Wakulla County EMS Building and to the Existing Wakulla County Fire Station.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the low bid of \$14,110.00 from Florida Wastewater to install the septic system after construction is complete on the building. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:58) 16. Request for Ratification of the February 4, 2008 Workshop and to Schedule a Public Hearing to Amend Exhibit "B" of Wakulla County Ordinance 94-28, Commonly Referred to As the "Springs Protection Ordinance," on April 21, 2008. Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to ratify the February 4, 2008 Workshop and to schedule a Public Hearing on April 21, 2008 to amend exhibit "B" of Wakulla County Ordinance 94-28, referred to as the Springs Protection Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0

(CD7:00) 27. Request to schedule a Joint Workshop with Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, Leon County Board of County Commissioners and Tallahassee City Commissioners on April 10, 2008 to discuss Coordination of Measures to Protect Wakulla Springs. Commissioner Kessler made a motion to direct staff to advertise a Joint Workshop on Wakulla Springs Protection on April 10, 2008 at Wakulla Springs State Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:03) 17. Consideration of Participation in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Program. Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve Wakulla County's participation in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Card Program and authorize the Chairman to execute the NACo/Caremark Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Consumer Card Program Agreement. Second by Commissioner Brimmer. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:09) 18. Request Approval for Purchase of Extrication Equipment. Commissioner Brimmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Extrication Equipment and Brackets (commonly called Jaws of Life) at a cost of \$19,597.00 with the funds coming out of MSBU Capital Outlay Account 180-9000-522-990-000. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

19. Request Approval to Accept & Fund FEMA Fire Grants
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion for approval to accept and fund two FEMA Fire Grants for the Medart and Wakulla Station Volunteer Fire Departments. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0. (The match of \$6,522.00 to be paid out of the MSBU funds)

(CD7:11) 20. Request Board Approval of the Wakulla County Travel & Expense Procedures Manual. Commissioner Kessler made a motion to schedule a Workshop on June 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Travel & Expense Procedures Manual. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:14) 21. Request Board Approval to Accept the Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Contract and Funds for \$46,620.00.

Commissioner Brimner made a motion to adopt the Resolution to accept Weatherization Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program contract and funds for \$46,620.00 and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:15) 22. Request Board Approval to Accept the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funds for \$21,185.00.

Commissioner Brimner made a motion to adopt the Resolution to accept the Weatherization Assistance contract and funds for \$21,185.00 and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:16) 26. Request Board Approval to waive Purchasing Policy rules and accept JC Web Solutions for the Redesigning, Organization and Maintenance of the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Website.

Commissioner Langston made a motion to waive purchasing policy rules, approve JC Web Solutions to redesign, organize and maintain the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Website, and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement. Second by Commissioner Brimner. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

(CD7:19) 23. **COMMISSIONER BRIMNER**

Medical Flex Plan versus Medical Savings Accounts

Commissioner Brimner made a motion for staff to research Medical Flex Plan versus Medical Savings Accounts and bring the information back to the Board. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:21) 24. **COMMISSIONER KESSLER**

Request to Schedule Workshop on April 21, 2008 at 5:00p.m. to discuss the Road Matrix & the "Non Political" method of continuing to pave neighborhood roads.

Commissioner Brimner made a motion to schedule a Workshop on April 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Road Matrix and the Non-Political method of continuing to pave neighborhood roads. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Request to Direct Staff to Contact the Department of Transportation (DOT) and explore how Wakulla County could partner with DOT to address our most dangerous traffic intersections.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to direct staff to contact the Department of Transportation and explore how Wakulla County can partner with them in addressing dangerous traffic intersections in Wakulla County. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY - 0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - 0

DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS

(CD7:24) Commissioner Langston – Commended staff for all of the back-up documentation on tonight’s Agenda; residents of Summerwood met on February 26, 2008 regarding private road paving; the need for directional signage at the Recreation Park and a layout of the fields for the elderly.

(CD7:27) Commissioner Brimner – Gratitude to Commissioner Green for chairing part of this meeting; Budget Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. primarily for Citizen in-put.

(CD7:34) Commissioner Kessler – Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department issues; Sewer and competitive bidding for Wakulla Gardens.

(CD7:40) Commissioner Lawhon – Trespass notice going out to Mr. Larry Roberts.

(CD7:41) Commissioner Brimner made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

7:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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