

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 24, 2008**

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2008 with Chairman Ed Brimner presiding. Present were 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 provided by Pastor Keith Wallace of Lake Ellen Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner George Green

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD5:58) Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Agenda with some additions under Awards and Presentations. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

(CD5:59) 1. Request Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the Recreational Trail Program for the Mash Island Park Trailhead Project
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the Recreational Trail Program Grant to the Florida Department of Environmental protection for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the Mash Island Park Trailhead Project. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

(CD6:01) Commissioner Kessler
Brief summary from the March 13, 2008 meeting regarding grants and loans.

Commissioner Kessler announced that he would be holding a Town Hall Meeting at the end of April with a location that is to be determined at a future date.

Health Department Director Marlon Hunter will be leaving Wakulla County and is taking a position as the new Gadsden County Health Department Director.

Bill Green has retired after six years of service to Wakulla County and an appreciate plaque was presented to him.

(CD6:22) ***CONSENT AGENDA***

2. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2008 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of March 11, 2008.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2008 Workshop on Policy Number 07-01, Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners
Approved the Workshop minutes of March 11, 2008.

4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers submitted for March 6, 2008 – March 19, 2008
All Bills and Vouchers approved.

5. Request Approval to Schedule a FY 08/09 Budget Development Workshop on April 5, 2008 at 9:00am
Approval to schedule a Budget Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2008, primarily for Citizens.

6. Request for Board Approval to accept unanticipated funds of \$1,140.00 from Wakulla High School into the Emergency Medical Services Budget
Approval of Budget Amendment and Resolution.

7. Request Board Approval to enter into an Agreement to participate with the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services
Approved Agreement to participate with the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services and authorize the Chairman to execute.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - 0

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD6:23) 8. Request Board Approval for rankings of Construction Manager Proposals and authorize County Administrator to negotiate with top ranked firm and Chairman to execute Agreement for Services on the Wakulla County Courthouse Addition/Renovation Project.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to ratify the rankings and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate the contract as per the Statutes with the top ranked firm.
Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

**The firms as ranked were: 1. Peter Brown/Tidewater 2. Childers Construction
3. Culpepper Construction

(CD6:26) 9. Request for Board Approval of Grant-in-Aid Agreement and related documentation for withdrawing Small County Courthouse Funds.
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Spending Plan, Grant-in-Aid Agreement and the request letter for the draw down for the Courthouse

Addition/Renovation Project. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:27) 10. Request Board approval to purchase small truck in the amount of \$17,429.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department.
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2008 Ford Ranger R44 for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$17,429.00.

(CD6:28) 11. Request to consider modification to the County's Local Housing Assistance Program.
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the modifications to the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:31) 12. Board authorization for the transfer of funds from the Reserve Account for the Old Courthouse Renovation Match Account.
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$1,290.72 from the Reserve Account to pay these funds to the vendor, Capital Window Center. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion Carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:32) 13. Request Board authorization to waive Purchasing Policy Rules for emergency demolition of Rock Landing Dock and Board authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract with the low bidder.
Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the emergency demolition of the Rock Landing Dock, approve the lowest and most responsive quote and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with the low bidder Ben Withers. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting for: Brimmer, Green, Langston and Lawhon. Opposed: Kessler. Motion carried, 4/1.

County Attorney – 0

County Administrator – 0

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

(CD6:39) Commissioner Langston

1. Cell phone coverage in the Smith Creek area – Staff tasked to check into the possibility of installation of a cell phone tower in the Smith Creek area.

(CD6:40) Commissioner Green – 0

(CD6:41) Commissioner Kessler

1. On the next Agenda, he will bring up the phasing out of bottled water in County Government.

(CD6:42) Commissioner Lawhon

1. Chamber Building – Old Courthouse

The renovation project is almost complete, additional funding is needed for the repairs to the Old Courthouse, and it was requested that the Chairman bring information back to the Board regarding how much additional funding is needed for the renovation project.

Commissioner Brimmer

1. Budget Workshop for Citizens on April 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

6:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned.