

**Board of County Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2008**

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2008 with Chairman Ed Brimner 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 Commissioner George Green

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lawhon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD5:57) Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes, items 9 and 16 removed from the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Amend Exhibit "B" of Wakulla County Ordinance 94-28, Commonly Referred to as the "Springs Protection Ordinance"

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the application to Amend Exhibit "B" of Wakulla County Ordinance 94-28. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

(CD6:03) Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Kessler on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at New Bridge Hope Missionary Church in Shadeville.

CONSENT AGENDA

(CD6:03) Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 7 that is pulled for discussion. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2008 Regular Meeting
Approved the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Board Meeting

3. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2008 Workshop on the Board's Consideration of Pursuing a Charter
Approved the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Workshop

4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for April 3, 2008 – April 16, 2008

Approved payment of bills and vouchers

5. Request Board Approval for April 21-26 to be designated Library Appreciation Week in Wakulla County

Designated April 21-26 as Library Appreciation Week in Wakulla County and approved the Resolution.

6. Request Board Approval of a Request for the Wakulla Housing Department to Host the State of Florida Hot Climate Training-Phase II for WAP from May 12-23, 2008

Approve the Wakulla Housing Department hosting the State of Florida Hot Climate Training – Phase II for WAP

7. Acceptance of Status Report on 2008 Board Retreat Priorities

Pulled for discussion – see below

8. Legislative Update

Approved Legislative Status Report

Consent Items Pulled for Discussion

(CD6:04) 7. Acceptance of Status Report on 2008 Board Retreat Priorities

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve acceptance of Status Report on 2008 Board Retreat priorities. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - 0

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD6:08) 9. Request for Board Approval for a Contract with Construction Management Firm Peter Brown – removed from Agenda

(CD6:08) 10. Respectfully request the Board adopt the 2008 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to adopt the 2008 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:14) 11. Request the Board to authorize the signing of a Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Tallahassee and Wakulla County

Commissioner Langston made a motion to authorize the signing of a Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Tallahassee and Wakulla County. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:15) 12. Request Board acceptance of a burned home into the Landfill at no charge
Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the request from William Harris allowing disposal of the burned home from 3 Pineview Drive into the landfill at no charge. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:16) 13. Ratification of Board direction from the Charter Workshop held on April 7, 2008

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve Options 1 & 2 to include, directing staff to draft a simple or starter Charter that presents Wakulla County Government as found in current State law and engage Kurt Spitzer & Associates as consultants on this endeavor. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting in favor: Kessler. Opposed: Brimner, Langston, Lawhon and Green. Motion Failed, 1/4.

Commissioner Langston made a motion to table the issue of pursuing a county charter, directing that staff meet with constitutional officers and city officials to discuss their concerns and then bring the information back before the Board. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:58) 14. Request Board consideration of the Proposed Agreement between Wakulla Expo/Civic Center and Wakulla County

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to direct staff to continue negotiations with the Wakulla Expo Association and bring back a final agreement to the Board. Second by Commissioner Langston. Voting in favor: Brimner, Langston and Lawhon. Opposed: Kessler and Green. Motion carried, 3/2.

(CD7:45) 15. Board Approval and Authorization for the Chairman to sign the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Community Development Block Grant, Buckhorn Plaza Contract Modification #3

Commissioner Langston made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Modification #3 documents and Letter of Justification to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

16. EAR-Based Text Amendment Scope of Services
Removed from Agenda

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

17. COMMISSIONER BRIMNER

(CD7:56) 1. County Attorney

Commissioner Brimner passed the Gavel to Commissioner Green.

Commissioner Brimner made a motion to direct staff to research the options and process of hiring a full time attorney and bring the options back to the Board, including a time line and the transition and what needs to be done to transition from what is currently in place to a full time in house Attorney. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Voting in favor: Brimner, Green, Kessler and Lawhon. Opposed: Langston. Motion carried, 4/1.

18. COMMISSIONER KESSLER

(CD8:08) 1. The Phasing Out of Bottled Water in Wakulla County Government
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution that County Government not purchase small plastic bottles of water and only continue with the large size water bottles used in water coolers. Second by Commissioner Green. Voting for: Kessler, Green and Brimmer. Opposed: Langston and Lawhon. Motion carried, 3/2.

(CD8:18) 2. Adoption of a Resolution That Builders Provide Stub Out Pipes for Sewer When Building in an Area of the County that Has Been Targeted as Present or Future Sewer Projects

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution requiring on all new construction that the stub out lines be placed at the time of new construction from the septic tank to the street site of the expected sewer line. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion and Second withdrawn, to come back on the May 5, 2008 Agenda.

19. COMMISSIONER GREEN

(CD8:27) 1. Wakulla County Tourist Development Council

Commissioner Langston made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Tourist Development Council and approve the hiring of Pam Portwood as the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council Director. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY - 0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(CD8:34) 1. Blue Crab Festival Parade

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the road-closing request for the Blue Crab Festival Parade on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on highway 98 in Panacea. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS

(CD8:35) Commissioner Langston – 0

(CD8:35) Commissioner Green – 0

(CD8:35) Commissioner Kessler – 0

(CD8:35) Commissioner Lawhon – The Health Department is in charge of mosquito spraying and the requirement is to call them every time you need your home area sprayed.

(CD8:36) Commissioner Brimmer – Upgrades to Wakulla Gardens next meeting.

(CD8:43) Commissioner Langston made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.