

Board of County Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Ed Brimner presiding. Present were Commissioners Howard Kessler, George Green, Brian Langston and Maxie Lawhon (absent). Also present were County Attorney Ron Mowrey, County Administrator Ben Pingree and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

The invocation was given by Myers Carter.

Commissioner Langston led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD6:03) Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following changes, under Planning & Zoning add Temporary Land Use; under General Business move item (9) Board Acceptance of the audited financial statements right below Citizens to be Heard; Commissioner Kessler requests an announcement under Awards and Presentations and adding Bus system between Crawfordville and Tallahassee under his items; under Awards and Presentations Commissioner Langston and Commissioner Brimner will be making announcements. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

(CD6:06) Commissioner Kessler will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on July 29, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom.

Commissioner Langston announced that Commissioner Brimner has been awarded the 2008 Presidential Advocacy Award from the Florida Association of Counties.

The next televised Board Meeting from Comcast will be on Channel 16.

CONSENT AGENDA

(CD6:09) Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

1. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2008 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2008 Workshop at 4:00 p.m. regarding Discussion of key elements that may be included in a County Charter document and the 5:00 Workshop regarding updating the BOCC & Wakulla County on the 5 year DOT Work Plan and additional transportation issues of interest in Wakulla County.

3. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for May 29, 2008 – June 18, 2008

4. Approval to reschedule the Travel Policy Workshop scheduled for July 21, 2008 (Date-TBD) with the Purchasing Card & Purchasing Policy Workshop.

The Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

(CD6:10) 1. Hugh Taylor – Benefit for the Wakulla Independent Reporter at Wakulla Springs Lodge with Ion Sancho speaking on July 3, 2008 and a Chataqua will be held at Hudson Park on July 5, 2008, co-hosted by CCOW, Wakulla News and Wakulla.com.

(CD6:11) 9. Financial Statements by Powell and Jones Auditors for Wakulla County
FY2006/2007

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented by Powell and Jones, CPA's for FY2006/2007. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

PLANNING AND ZONING

CD6:47) 5. Application for Temporary Use: TU08-07

Request for the temporary use of a 10-day firework sale on a 1.37+/- acre parcel located on Crawfordville Highway, north of the intersection of Crawfordville Highway and Coastal Highway. The owner is Jerry Moore and the agent is DND Fireworks.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve Temporary Use Application TU08-07 with conditions as set by Staff. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD6:47) 6. Application for Temporary Use: TU08-08

Request for the temporary use of a 7-day firework sale on a 1.297+/- acre parcel located at 2235 Crawfordville Highway, immediately south of Petty's BP. The owner is Robert Voorting and the agent is Bryan Thomas Fireworks.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve Temporary Use Application TU08-08 with conditions as set by Staff. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD6:48) Two applications for Temporary Use for the Sale of Fireworks by Carlos Ward Thaxton, located on Woodville Highway just North of Jerry's Bait and Tackle and Panacea Plaza.

Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Temporary Use Applications with conditions as set by Staff for Carlos Ward Thaxton with the locations on Woodville Highway just North of Jerry's Bait and Tackle and Panacea Plaza. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD6:50) 7. Requests Board approval to authorize Wakulla County Sheriff's Office to seek Boating Education Grant

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Department to submit an application for the Florida Boating Improvement Program Boating

Education Grant to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for fiscal year 2007-2008. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD6:50) 8. Board Direction for Tax Year 2000 Tax Certificates

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to apply for the 27 Non Homestead Tax Deed Certificates for tax year 2000 and exclude the one homestead property. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

9. Board Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements presented by Powell & Jones CPA's for the FY 2006/2007 – see CD6:11

(CD6:57) 10. Request for Board direction on the use of Eminent Domain for Road and Stormwater Improvements

Commissioner Langston made a motion to allow the usage of Eminent Domain on a case-by-case basis. Gavel passed and Commissioner Brimmer seconded the motion. Voting for: Brimmer, Langston and Green. Opposed: Kessler. Motion carried, 3/1.

(CD7:09) 11. Request for Ratification of the June 2, 2008 Transportation Planning Workshop

Commissioner Langston made a motion to ratify the June 2, 2008 Workshop, accept the staff's report, provide additional direction to staff to work with ARPC, CRTPA and the Wakulla County Traffic Safety Team to draft recommended projects for the 2010-2014 DOT work plan and present these recommended projects to the Board for approval in September 2008. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:13) 12. Budget Amendment and Resolution for funds received from EMSTARS Grant

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution and Budget amendment for the EMSTARS Grant for \$8,500.00. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:13) 13. Request Board approval to accept and award the bid for the Sheriff's Communication Tower to TowerCom

Commissioner Green made a motion to accept and award the communications tower bid to TowerCom, direct staff and the County Attorney to negotiate the contract and authorize the Chairman to execute the final contract. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:22) 14. Request Board Approval of a request for the Wakulla Housing Department to host the First Annual Weatherization Day Golf Tournament on October 17, 2008, at the Wildwood Country Club

Commissioner Langston made a motion to approve the Wakulla Housing Department hosting the First Annual Weatherization Day Golf Tournament on October 17, 2008 at the Wildwood County Club. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:23) 15. Request for Adoption of User Fee Resolutions ratified at the June 2, 2008 meeting

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt all user fee Resolutions for Emergency Medical Services, Probation, Parks and Recreation, Extension Services, Building Department and Planning and Zoning. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:27) 16. Board Approval of 2007/2008 Contract for Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the 2007/2008 Hazardous Waste Assessment Contract for Apalachee Regional Planning Council with authorization for the Chairman to execute the contract. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:8) 17. Board Approval of a Budget Amendment and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Resolution to amend the County's 2007-2008 Budget to provide grant funds for the Old Fort Road Boating Facility Improvements, awarded by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment and authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution to establish revenue and expenditure accounts for these funds in the County's 2007-2008 budget by \$445,000.00 to provide for the payment of eligible expenditures under this Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation grant award for the Old Fort Boating Facility. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:29) 18. Ratification of the June 2, 2008 Workshop regarding Discussion of key elements that may be included in a County Charter document

Gavel passed to Commissioner Green and Commissioner Brimner made a motion for the Board to cease all pursuit of a Charter County at this time. Second by Commissioner Langston. Voting for: Brimner and Langston. Opposed: Kessler and Green. Motion failed, 2/2.

(CD7:49) Commissioner Kessler made a motion to ratify the June 2, 2008 Workshop, move forth with the charter documentation, change nothing about the current local form of government, any changes that might come forth in the future to the Charter that is currently being written would have to be during a General election and not by a Special called election. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:53) 19. Board Approval for the County Administrator to Negotiate & for the Chairman to execute agreement with lowest bidder for the replacement of the housing & building roof.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the County Administrator negotiating the contract with the low bidder Gulf Coast Metal Systems in the amount of \$34,790.00 for the replacement of the housing and building roof, authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract, staff direction to look into an additional level of insulation, if contract particulars are not acceptable with the low bidder then approval is given to the County Administrator to proceed with the next lowest priced vendor until the award is successful. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

(CD7:56) 20. Board approval to modify cost-reimbursement for additional funding for 2006-2007 Low-Income Emergency Home Repair Program (LEHRP Contract)

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the modification of the Cost Reimbursement Agreement for \$2,000.00 in additional funding for the 2006/2007 Low-Income Emergency

Home Repair Program (LEHRP) Contract and adopt the Resolution and budget amendment. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

(CD7:57) 21. COMMISSIONER KESSLER

a. Request Board Approval to Schedule a Workshop to Discuss the Paving of Forest Road #13
Commissioner Kessler made a motion for staff to set a Workshop to discuss the paving of Forest Road #13. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

b. Update on the Rock Landing Pier

Commissioner Kessler made a motion for staff to explore and see if there are any other ways to expedite the permitting process. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

c. Whooping Crane Colony

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to adopt a Resolution in support of the establishment of a permanent Whooping Crane Migratory Winter Colony within the confines of the St. Marks Refuge in Wakulla County. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

d. Expo Update – The Expo group has withdrawn negotiations with the County.

e. Bus system with City of Tallahassee due to high gasoline prices

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to direct staff to urgently enter into discussions with the City of Tallahassee, Star Metro and Leon County in seeking ways to quickly establish bus service between Crawfordville and Tallahassee. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY - 0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(CD8:17) Grant Agreement Amendment for Old Fort Boating Facility Project

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the Florida Wildlife Commission recommended amendments to the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign the amendments to the document. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS

(CD8:19) Commissioner Langston – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
This issue will be on the July Agenda

(CD8:21) Commissioner Green – 0

(CD8:21) Commissioner Kessler – 0

(CD8:22) Commissioner Brimmer – Regional Stormwater Symposium

This issue will be on the July Agenda

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.