

**Board of County Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners in and for Wakulla County, Florida met for a regular scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 with Chairman Howard Kessler presiding. Present were Commissioners George Green, Lynn Artz, Alan Brock and Mike Stewart. Also present were County Administrator Ben Pingree, County Attorney Ron Mowrey and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

Invocation provided by Commissioner Kessler

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Brock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(CD6:03) Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following amendments, item 10 pulled prior to the meeting, move item (16) to beginning of General Business, under County Attorney add (1) Confidential Meeting and (2) reports, under Commissioner Kessler add (1) reconsideration of rezoning Deweese/Baze. Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Public Hearing

(CD6:05) 1. Request Board Approval to Conduct a Public Hearing to Approve the Acquisition of Property Necessary for Easements for the Wakulla Gardens Sewer and WWTP Upgrade Projects

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 125.355

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve conducting the public hearing to approve the acquisition of the parcels of land in Wakulla Gardens for Sewer and Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades. Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - 0

CONSENT AGENDA

(CD6:10) Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2009 Regular Meeting

Approved

3. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2009 Workshop Regarding Commissioners Travel

Approved

4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for January 29, 2009 – February 11, 2009

Approved

5. Request Board consideration and approval for Wakulla County EMS to apply for a Matching Grant for an Off Road Vehicle Package

Approved

6. Request Board consideration and approval for Wakulla County EMS and Wakulla County Fire to jointly apply for a Matching Grant for First Responder Jump Bags

Approved

21. Request authorization to schedule a Local Delegation Meeting on February 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. held in the Commission Chambers.

Approved

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - 0

PLANNING AND ZONING

(CD6:11) 7. Board consideration of request for Vearil Family Enclave Agreement
Commissioner Artz made a motion to approve the Vearil Family Enclave Agreement.
Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:21) Commissioner Stewart made a motion for staff to review the present Family Enclave Ordinance and bring back recommendations for regulation and enforcement.
Second by Commissioner Artz. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD6:21) 8. Request Board approval of WORKFORCE *plus* Board Appointment
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the Workforce plus appointment of Dave Buckridge, Wakulla Bank to the Board of Directors. Second by Commissioner Stewart.
Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:35) 9. Request Board approval to spend \$28,375 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund for purchase of Equipment
Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the WCSO expenditure of \$28,375.00 from the Wakulla County Drug Trust Fund to purchase electronic surveillance equipment and to support Community Crime Prevention Programs. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

10. Request Board approval of the Coast Guard Auxiliary to use space at the Wakulla Station Fire Department and Memorandum of Understanding -- This item pulled prior to meeting

(CD 6:36) 11. Request Board review and approval of negotiations with Wildwood Golf Course and approval of the Reclaimed Water Use Agreement with authorization for the County Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of the County
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the proposed Reclaimed Water Use Agreement with Wildwood Golf Course and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract with an attempt to lessen the number of years involved and if that attempt is unsuccessful then the contract will stand as presented. Second by Commissioner Artz.
Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:01) 12. Request Board approval for the Chairman to execute an Employment Contract for the Executive Director of Tourist Development Council
Commissioner Green made a motion to hold a Workshop to address questions on the Tourist Development Contract for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Second by Commissioner Brock. Voting for: Kessler, Brock, Green and Artz. Opposed: Stewart. Motion carried, 4/1.

Commissioner Green made a motion to table item 12, Tourist Development Contract until the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting. Second by Commissioner Artz. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD7:32) 13. Request Board approval of a budget amendment to reallocate funding from three smaller pieces of equipment to purchase a Mini Excavator
Commissioner Brock made a motion to approve the budget amendment to reallocate funding from three smaller pieces of equipment to purchase a Mini Excavator. Second by Commissioner Artz. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

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(CD7:45) 14. Request Board consideration of an Operational Audit
Commissioner Artz made a motion to approach the Legislative Delegation next week for assistance in obtaining a State Operational Audit, if they decline, staff will then petition the Auditor General's Office to see if they will assist, if they decline, staff is directed to form an Operational Audit Selection Committee to include the following: Clerk of Court or designee, Property Appraiser or designee, County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, HR&Purchasing Coordinator, CCOW representative, and Chamber of Commerce representative, and that committee will work on an RFP to bring back to the Board. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD8:11) 15. Request Board approval of Appointments to the Library Advisory Board
Commissioner Artz made a motion to approve the appointments to the Library Advisory Board. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

*District 1 – Molly Clore

*District 2 – Patricia Thomas

*District 3 – Paul Johnson

*District 4 – Linda Sheldon

*District 5 – David Roddenberry

*At Large I – Marj Law

*At Large II – Sue Belford

(CD6:22) 16. Request Board authorization for the preparation of a Request for Proposal(s) based on method of construction as directed by the Board

Commissioner Stewart made a motion for Board approval of Construction Management Services (At Risk) as the construction method and the drafting of Request for Proposals for the Construction Management Services (At Risk) and Architectural & Engineering

Services based on the best practices outlined on page 5. Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD6:31) Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the budget amendment transferring funding from Courthouse Expansion Project to the Community Center Project and direct staff on preparing Phase I construction RFP documents are actionable at the \$1.77 million (funded) or the full \$2.8 million estimated level to include analysis of loan costs for this gap. Second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD8:12) 19. Request board approval to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Commissioner Brock made a motion to authorize staff to pursue submission of an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Land and Water Conservation Fund for \$37,500.00 for repair and expansion of the Mashles Island Boat Ramp and expanded facilities upgrade and approve the use of \$37,500.00 from the Parks and Recreation Reserve in the One-cent Sales Option Capital Improvement 317-Fund. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Voting for: Kessler, Green, Brock, and Stewart. Opposed: Artz. Motion carried, 4/1.

(CD8:17) 20. Request for Board Ratification of the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans Commissioner Brock made a motion to ratify the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans and direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority issue. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Voting for: Kessler, Green, Stewart, and Brock. Opposed: Artz. Motion carried, 4/1.

Commissioner Agenda Items

17. COMMISSIONER KESSLER

(CD8:32) a. Request Board approval of a Budget Amendment to provide additional funds to allow the Wilderness Coast Bookmobile to continue
Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the budget amendment allowing \$5,000.00 for the Wilderness Coast Bookmobile. Second by Commissioner Brock. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Gavel passed to Commissioner Green

(CD8:34) b. Rezoning of Deweese/Baze property
Commissioner Kessler made a motion to reconsider the action taken at the February 3, 2009 Board Meeting regarding the Deweese/Baze property rezoning. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Voting for: Kessler, Green, Stewart, and Brock. Opposed: Artz. Motion carried, 4/1.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to direct staff to advertise the Deweese/Baze property rezoning for a 30-day period. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Voting for: Kessler, Green, Stewart, and Brock. Opposed: Artz. Motion carried, 4/1.

Gavel returned to Chairman

18. COMMISSIONER ARTZ

(CD8:36) a. Request Board approval to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance to lower the threshold for Citizen Initiatives under Wakulla County's Charter – no action taken

COUNTY ATTORNEY

(CD8:53) a. Confidential Meeting

Commissioner Brock made a motion to advertise a confidential meeting for March 3, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. that will not exceed 30 minutes to discuss Snyder vs. Wakulla. Second by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

(CD8:56) b. Report of work performed over the last two weeks

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(CD8:57) a. Update on work at the Commission Complex, re-roofing and painting, code violations at Promise Land Ministries

DISCUSSION ISSUES BY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER STEWART

(CD9:01) a. Board consideration of closing the Upper River Bridge permanently or buying property that is currently available to build a Boat Ramp/Parking Area – discussion

COMMISSIONER ARTZ – 0

COMMISSIONER BROCK – 0

COMMISSIONER GREEN – 0

COMMISSIONER KESSLER – (a) partial closing of Guy Strickland Road (b) Vendors and the possibility of a mini green expo

(CD9:11) There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Brock made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.