

Leon County
Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida
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The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:07 p.m. with Chairman DePuy Presiding. Present were Commissioners Sauls, Thaell, Rackleff, Proctor, Dailey, and Desloge. Also present were County Attorney Herb Thiele, County Administrator Parwez Alam, Finance Director David Reid, and Board Secretary Dionte Gavin.

Invocation was provided by Reverend Stanley L. Walker, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Proctor.

Awards and Presentations

- Commissioner Desloge presented the attached resolution congratulating the Tallahassee-Leon County Babe Ruth Prep Team as World Series Champions. Team Members included: Johnny Blue Craig, Cole Davis, Ryan Delvecchio, Michael Hallenstein, Landon Hoffman, Blair Huggins, Garrett Johnson, Bobby Rice, Mark Rumenik, Ryan Sanchez, Nick Shafer, Jared Shouppe, Payson Smith, Thomas Watson, and Gerad Williamson. Head Coach is Roy Weidener and Assistant Coaches are Jerry Hallenstein and Steve Shafer.
- Commissioner Desloge also presented the attached resolution congratulating the U-12 Tallahassee Threshers as State Baseball Champions. Team members are: Chase Barineau, Patrick Desloge, Drew Dickey, Tanner Elsbernd, Garrett Larkin, Conner Loftus, Austin Miller, M. T. Minacci, Paul Palmer, Matt Railey, Robert Robbins, Carson Sands, and Zac Taylor. The Head Coach is David Minacci, and Assistant Coaches are Jep Larking and David Elsbernd.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge and carried unanimously, to approve the following Consent Agenda with the exception of items 9, 11, 15, and 20 which were addressed as described below. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

1. Approval of Minutes: May 16, 2007 Special Town Hall Meeting; July 10 2007 Workshop on Options for Amending the Regulations Governing Policy 2.1.9 and Limited Partition Subdivisions; September 4, 2007 Town

Hall Meeting and Public Hearing on FY 2007-2008 Budget; September 11, 2007 Regular Meeting; and, September 18, 20097 Regular Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: May 16, 2007 Special Town Hall Meeting; July 10 2007 Workshop on Options for Amending the Regulations Governing Policy 2.1.9 and Limited Partition Subdivisions; September 4, 2007 Town Hall Meeting and Public Hearing on FY 2007-2008 Budget; September 11, 2007 Regular Meeting; and, September 18, 20097 Regular Meeting.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for October 9, 2007, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of October 10 through October 22, 2007

The Board approved Option 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for approval October 9, 2007, and pre-approve payment of bills and vouchers for the period of October 10, 2007 through October 22, 2007: \$9,383,467

3. Approval of Extension of Agreements with the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association, Inc., and Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., to Provide Legal Aid Services in Leon County

The Board approved Options 1 and 2: Approve the extension of the agreement between Leon County and Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association, Inc., in the amount of \$44,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute; 2) Approve the extension of the agreement between Leon County and Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$132,500, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

4. Approval to Issue Notice of Contract Renewal with Plant/CML/AK Associates for E-9-1-1 System

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the issuance of a Notice of Contract Renewal for Enhanced 9-1-1 system services with Plant/CML/AK Associates.

5. Request to Schedule Workshop on the Welaunee Plantation Subdivision for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.; Request to Schedule a workshop on Lake Munson Restoration Project for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.; and, Request to Schedule a Workshop on Comprehensive Review of Leon County Insurance Program fro Tuesday, December 11, 2007 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3 as follows: 1) Schedule workshop on the Welaunee Plantation Subdivision for Tuesday, November 27, 2007

from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.; 2) Request to schedule a workshop on Lake Munson Restoration Project for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.; 3) Schedule a workshop on the Comprehensive Review of Leon County Insurance Program fro Tuesday, December 11, 2007 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Leon County and the State of Florida Department of Health for Reimbursement of Expenditures and Coordination of Protocols for Housing a Center of Disease Control Chempack

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Leon County and the State of Florida Department of Health for reimbursement of expenditures and coordination of protocols for housing a Center of Disease Control Chempack and authorize the Chairman to execute.

7. Acceptance of the 2007/08 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Awards for Law Enforcement Equipment and the Enhanced Pretrial/Probation Program

The Board approved Options 1 and 2 as follows: 1) Approve the 2007/08 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Certificate of Acceptance of subgrant award agreement for the enhanced Pre-Trial/Probation Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute; 2) Approve the 2007/08 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award Agreement for the Leon County Sheriff's Office law enforcement equipment, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

8. Adoption of a Resolution for the Housing Finance Authority to Join the Escambia County Multi-County Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bond Program, Series 2007

The Board approved Options 1 and 2: 1) Adopt the attached Resolution R07- authorizing the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority to operate within the boundaries of Leon County, and authorize the Chairman to execute; 2) Ratify and approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority and the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County.

9. Approval to Renew the Agreement Between the Tallahassee Lenders Consortium and Leon County for the Provision of Housing Down Payment Assistance and Home Counseling Services

Commissioner Thaeil explained that Workforce housing is a critical issue in this community. He provided background information and stated that years ago, Leon county used General Revenue dollars to support housing initiatives such as the down-payment assistant program. Commissioner Thaeil asked that staff replace the \$50,000 that the Board relinquished years ago, for the 08/09 budget period. He pointed out that this sends the message to staff to prioritize and find the amount to supplement.

Commissioner Thaeil moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey to approve Option 1 with the amendment to direct staff to find \$50,000 for the FY 08/09 budget period. Option 1: Approve the renewal of the agreement between Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium and Leon County for the provision of the Housing Down Payment Assistance Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

10. Approval of Agreements with the Agency for Healthcare Administration for a Florida Department of Health Matching Grant and the Medicaid Lower Income Pool Program and Approval to Amend the Agreement between the County and Bond Community Health Center, Inc.

The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3 as follows: 1) Approve the Letter of Agreement with the Agency for Healthcare Administration in the amount of \$56,701 to access AHCA/DOH funds for Bond community Health Center, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to execute; 2) Approve the Letter of Agreement with the Agency for Healthcare Administration in the amount of \$5,814 to access Medicaid Lower Income Pool for Bond Community Health Center, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to execute; 3) Approve the amendment to the contract with Bond Community Health Center, Inc., for the provision of primary healthcare services, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

11. Approval of Agreement Between the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and Leon County for the Disaster Mitigation and Education Initiative

Commissioner Thaeil advised that the program for low income individuals in the community was a critical and urged staff to bring back for consideration, a like amount in general revenue in the spring to support the disaster program.

Commissioner Thaeil moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey to approve Option 1 with the inclusion for staff to bring back a like dollar amount in general revenue in the spring to support the disaster program:

Option 1: Approve the agreement with the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross to administer the Disaster Mitigation Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of chambers).

Commissioner Sauls reminded the Board of the difficulty the County is facing next year and support will depend on the funds available.

12. Approval to Grant the City of Tallahassee a 35-Foot Easement to Construct a Shared-use Path on the North Florida Fairgrounds Property

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the dedication to the City of Tallahassee of a 35-foot wide easement along the eastern edge of the North Florida Fairgrounds property for the Campbell Connector Shared-Use Path.

13. Acceptance of Status Report on the Tallahassee/Leon County Multimodal Transportation District and Consideration of Transportation Concurrency Exception Area

The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3 as follows: 1) Accept the status report on the Tallahassee/Leon County Multimodal Transportation District; 2) Direct staff to proceed with development of the *Community Choices* education and citizen participation initiative to support the rewrite of the Transportation Element and related portions of the Land Use Element; 3) Direct staff to discontinue development of a Transportation Concurrency Exception Area in light of the more recently developed Significant Benefit Concept.

14. Acceptance of Conservation, Cemetery Preservation, and Access Easements from Continental 182 Fund, LLC and EOC, LLC

The Board approved Option 1: Approve and accept for recording Conservation, Cemetery Preservation, and Access Easements from Continental 182 Fund, LLC and EOC, LLC.

15. Acceptance of Report on the Effects of Development Activity on Stormwater Runoff

Commissioner Thael pulled the item for discussion and encouraged the Watershed Management Board to work towards a joint stormwater standard rather than waiting for the state to impose that standard on the County.

Commissioner Thael moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to approve Option 1 with an amendment to encourage the

Watershed Management Policy Board to move forward in examining the unification of County and City stormwater standards. Option 1: Accept staff report on the effects of development activity on stormwater runoff.

16. Approval of Agreement to Award Bid to Southeastern General Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$352,713, for Restoration and Installation of Fuel Holding Tanks at Leon County Courthouse, Leroy Collins Public Library and Sheriff's Administration Building

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the agreement awarding bid to Southeastern General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$352,713 for the restoration and installation of fuel holding tanks at the Leon County Courthouse, Leroy Collins Public Library, and Sheriff's Administration building; waive bid requirement and permit the filed Good Faith Statement; and authorize the Chairman to execute.

17. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the September 11, 2007 Workshop on Purchasing Processes

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify Board actions taken at the September 11, 2007 Workshop on Purchasing Processes (as described):

(During the workshop, the Board was given a presentation on Board purchasing processes and discussed various components of purchasing contained in the staff report. The Board accepted the report and directed staff to bring back information on Charitable Contribution Preference System adopted by the city of Tallahassee.)

18. Approval of a Renewal No. 1 Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of a Section of Highway 27 (Apalachee Parkway)

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Renewal No. 1 Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the maintenance of a section of Highway 27, and authorize the Chairman to execute. (This is for maintenance of approximately 1 ½ miles of median and right-of-way on Highway 27 in front of the Solid Waste Management Facility and the Apalachee Regional Park.)

19. Authorization to Publish a Request for Information Regarding Class III Waste Management Services

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize staff to publish a "Request for Information" (RFI) regarding Class III solid waste management.

20. Authorization of Agreement with PBS&J, Inc., for the Continuation of the Water Quality Monitoring Program

Commissioner Rackleff stated that before he approves the contract he would like to see the results of the program. He wanted to know if there have been any changes in the water quality of Lake Lafayette as a result of the Fallschase development and other development in the watershed of lower Lake Lafayette.

Mr. Joe Brown, Director of County Engineering Services, and Theresa Heiker, County Stormwater Management Coordinator, advised that the summary is forthcoming and the water quality data is being reviewed by the Science Advisory Committee and Water Resources Committee, and the data will be placed on Internet.

Commissioner Rackleff moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option 1: Approve the agreement with PBS&J for continued implementation of the Water Quality Monitoring Program in the amount of \$404,372, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

Commissioner Thael moved a friendly amendment, accepted by Commissioner Rackleff, to direct staff to bid out the monitoring of the water quality program, if the contract is terminable, at the end of three years.

Commissioner Proctor requested that staff provide a list of all County water quality studies/reports of the past 10 years, ongoing and completed, and the status of all water quality projects. In addition, he asked that the role of the Water Resources Committee be clarified. Commissioner Rackleff suggested a workshop or agenda item on the Water Monitoring Program and that staff provide recommendations.

The motion with the friendly amendment carried unanimously, 7/0.

21. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the September 11, 2007 Workshop on Consideration of Lobbyist Regulations and Request to Schedule a Public Hearing on a Proposed "Lobbyist Regulations" Ordinance for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3 as follows: 1) Ratify Board direction at workshop of September 11, 2007; 2) Authorize County Attorney to advertise for public hearing and draft ordinance entitled "Lobbyist Registration;" 3) Authorize County Attorney to prepare proposed amendments to the Leon County Code of Ethics Policy.

(At the workshop, the Board reviewed a proposed ordinance which would codify the lobbyist regulations found in the Code of Ethics Policy and provide certain additional regulations, many of which were recommended by Common Cause Florida and the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee. Such additional provisions include the requirement that quarterly compensation reports be filed; prohibited certain conduct of County officials and employees; prohibited certain communications; and imposed penalty provisions. If the Board ultimately adopts the Lobbyist Regulations via the ordinance, the County Attorney's Office recommends amending the Code of Ethics Policy to delete the provisions related to lobbyist regulation.)

22. Request to Approve Travel Expenses for Commissioner Thael to Attend the Orange County Climate Change Summit

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the travel expenses requested.

General Business

23. Approval of Economic Development Council Annual Contract.

Commissioner Desloge moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey to approve Option 1: Approve the FY 07/08 agreement between Leon County and the Tallahassee-Leon County Economic Development Council (EDC) in the amount of \$199,500, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

The following citizens appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of the EDC, explaining the impact EDC has in the community and highlighted investments. Some suggestions included recommending political support since they are competing with the rest of the world including the Internet.

Tripp Transou, Chairman of EDC, Tallahassee/Leon County

Lyle Hackett, Golden Lighting Company

Keith Bowers, Bowers Group, consultant

Todd Franklin, Communications Engineer

Keith Rowe, President of Cornerstone Software Services

Wesley White, Benedict Engineering

Bob Van Riper, Flightline Group (Aviation), 3356 Capital Circle SW

Kim Williams, Marpan Supply, shareholder, Global CNC Solutions.

Beth Kirkland, EDC Executive Director, introduced members of EDC

Commissioner Proctor talked about the need for placement of youth in jobs in the community that would expose them to valuable work experience. Ms. Kirkland responded that they hear from their partners the

need to attract youth in positions and pointed out that a DVD has been created for youth that helps them understand about the jobs available in the community and are encouraged to attend college as well. Commissioner Proctor would like to see the county as a partner that focuses on the youth component of work exposure.

Commissioners thanked the EDC and pointed out that this was a return on County investments.

Commissioner Rackleff noted that there was not much opportunity in the area for entrepreneurs and voiced the importance of concentrating on "growing" the community's own businesses, having permanent jobs and permanent enterprises for continued prosperity. He used broadband as an example, pointing out that the local one had a monopoly with poor service, was expensive and a burden for start-up businesses. Commissioner Rackleff asked that the EDC to make a special effort to improve broadband services for small businesses. Commissioner Rackleff also suggested that the State Legislature is persevering in its attempt to impair financial ability to do anything. He suggested that the local business community should advocate a better product at the Legislature. Ms. Kirkland explained that statewide organizations represent the industry at the Legislature.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

23. Consideration of Participation in the NACo Prescription Drug Program

Commissioner Proctor remarked that there are no participating pharmacies on the Southside and suggested that this item be withdrawn and brought back with all the names of the local pharmacies. He would like to see other the Southside pharmacies participating. County Administrator Alam clarified that the print-out list is from NACo but it does include all the pharmacies listed nationally (i.e. all Albertsons, Harveys, Walgreen, Wal-Mart, CVS, and Publix).

Commissioner Sauls moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell to approve Option 1: Direct staff to pursue Leon 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.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

24. Acceptance of Status Report on the Joint Addressing Steering Committee's Capital Circle Addressing Project and Approval to Proceed with Changing Certain Addresses Along Capital Circle

Commissioner Thaelle moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve Options 1 and 2: 1) Accept the status report on the Joint Addressing Steering Committee's Capital Circle Addressing Project; 2) Authorize staff to proceed with the recommendation from the Addressing Steering Committee to change the addresses of the properties that are inconsistent with the existing addressing pattern along Capital Circle.

Commissioner Rackeff indicated that there was an anomaly in the addressing process within the City. He explained that he discovered a few weeks ago, that there is a two block length of Martin Luther King Boulevard, from the Civic Center to St. Frances Street - the western side is called Boulevard Street and was never changed to Martin Luther King Boulevard. He asked that it be corrected. Staff responded that they will bring it to the attention of the joint City/County Addressing Committee and hopefully it will be corrected.

Commissioner Desloge indicated how expensive and cumbersome it was for businesses to have an address change. Mr. Tony Biblo and other GEM staff explained that they work with the Post Office which cross-references new addresses for a full year; staff sends out pre-notification letters and it is actually around 90 days before the change takes place in addition the post office cross-references up to one year. Mr. Biblo explained that it is a balancing act and the intention is to provide public safety.

It was noted that Chief Quillin was in the audience and is a member of the Addressing Steering Committee.

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

25. Consideration of Sponsorship for the John G. Riley Center/Museum "Applause for the Pioneers Gala"

Commissioner Thaelle moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Option 1: Approve the sponsorship for the John G. Riley Center/Museum's "Applause for the Pioneer's Gala" in the amount of \$2500 from the General Fund Contingency and approve the associated budget amendment request.

Commissioners Dailey, Desloge, and Rackeff advised that the funding request had not gone through the budget process and cycle.

Commissioner Rackleff moved a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 2 (with noted change): Approve funding for the John G. Riley Center/Museum's "Applause for the Pioneers Gala" in the amount of \$2,500 to be provided from each Commissioner's personal account in the amount of \$357 as determined by the Board. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

26. Acceptance of Report on Tourist Development Council (TDC)
Organizational Structure Comparisons

Commissioner Desloge talked about the DMAI (Destination Marketing Association International) standards which were determined in 2004. He wanted to know when TDC would reach those standards.

Mr. Guy Thompson, TDC Director, explained that the DMAI Company is about three years old and they have put together a survey which is now beginning to be used as the standard in the industry; they will probably have changes over the next few years as people use it as the standard for the tourism industry. Mr. Thompson stated that they have started implementation and will probably be done by the end of next year.

Ms. Sharon Liggett, President of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (who is a contractor of TDC) appeared and explained DMAI is a trade organization looking at accreditation program based on data from Purdue. The TDC had just started looking at components of the accreditation process as a result of the Board's request in February regarding return of investments. They have retooled their reports and collected data to get ready for the process and will not apply for the accreditation until the end of 2008 calendar year.

Mr. Thompson referred to the agenda material and Ordinance 95-15 where research was a part of the TDC adopted plan.

Commissioner Desloge moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to approve Option 1: Accept the status report on Tourist Development Council organizational structure comparison.

Commissioner Desloge engaged in discussion and questioned how the TDC measured success and suggested that there should be some way to measure a return on investments. He felt that clear guidelines, methodology, and benchmarks should be established, that currently it was vague and nebulous.

Mr. Thompson explained that \$2 - \$3 million is spent per year on TDC and results in economic impact of \$7.5 million. He further discussed how room

rates locally stayed up while other areas such as Orlando were going down, and that this was the trend throughout the state.

Chairman DePuy suggested taking action on the motion on the floor and then making another motion on preparing a comprehensive evaluation.

The motion on the floor to approve Option 1 carried unanimously, 7/0.

Commissioner Desloge moved and was seconded by Commissioner Rackleff that by the next Board meeting, that Mr. Thompson should come back with a list of benchmarks of how the Board can measure success of the TDC. Chairman DePuy suggested that staff should bring back an agenda item at the next meeting and the methodology of other TDCs or like organizations should be considered. He recommended that Mr. Thompson get with staff and they should come up with a comprehensive document that could be voted on/or modified.

Commissioner Dailey recommended the Commissioners have a working lunch for about an hour (to be properly noticed) to discuss the issue and be prepared to discuss it at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Desloge stated that the discussion was not to evaluate the current TDC director but to determine metrics and goals.

On a different topic, commissioner Proctor asked that the Legislative staff brief the Board on impacts of the Legislature.

The Board engaged in discussion regarding the fact that the Board has direct supervision over the County Administrator, the County Attorney, and the TDC Director. Commissioner Proctor pointed out that all three should be evaluated on a level playing field.

The Board recessed at approximately 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

27. Approval of Agreement with FSU for the Economic Impact of Visitors Study on Tallahassee-Leon County in the Amount of \$68,355

Commissioner Thaeff moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Option 1: Approve the agreement for the Economic Impact of Visitors Study on Tallahassee-Leon County with Florida State University in the amount of \$68,355, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

The Board engaged in discussion with Dr. Bond, Florida State University (FSU) on the effective use of data collected regarding tourism and economic impact. Dr. Bonn explained that his staff provides information to

TDC (Tourist Development Council) who then gives it to CVB (Convention and Visitor's Bureau). If research is discontinued, competitors will gain knowledge and TDC will lose marketability and be at a disadvantage. He further added that he receives many requests from other area businesses; there are trends used to decide whether or not to locate in Tallahassee. If they did not conduct research, they would have missed the historical, cultural and environmental impacts that are occurring.

Commissioner Desloge stated that he does not know if the County is using the research effectively. Commissioner Dailey is concerned that a contract of this magnitude was not let out for bid and suggested that it be done next year. He felt that they should concentrate on hypothesis and methodology and raised the question: What does the County need to concentrate on in concert with the City in slow times such as the second week in August; what is needed to help the TDC bring people to town. Commissioner Daily suggested that he include this in the analysis.

Commissioner Rackleff moved a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Dailey to approve Option 2, with an amendment: Do not approve the agreement for the Economic Impact of Visitors Study on Tallahassee-Leon County with Florida State University in the amount of \$68,355, and put the study out for RFP (competitive bid).

Commissioner Rackleff withdrew his substitute motion and moved another substitute motion to approve Option 1 as amended: Approve the agreement for the Economic Impact of Visitors Study on Tallahassee-Leon County with Florida State University in the amount of \$68,355, and authorize the Chairman to execute but let next year's contract out for bid at the appropriate time. Commissioner Dailey seconded the substitute motion.

The motion carried 6/1 (Commissioner Desloge voted in opposition).

The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

(The Board then entered discussion under "Citizens to be Heard on Non-agendaed Items)

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items

The following citizens appeared and expressed concerns over the Northwest Little League baseball scheduling usage of the field at Canopy Oaks Park for Little League baseball and Pop Warner football. Some issues raised included: getting players on baseball diamonds for games; football people do not want baseball people to use the fields; kids are not getting necessary practice; there are 60 foot fields but no 90 foot fields so

the older kids can play; out of 43 teams only 26 practices and games could be scheduled which presented problems; the Northeast Park has twice as many kids as the parks; suggestions were made for a larger facility to host baseball tournaments; indicated it was important to bring state, regional, and national leagues to the area; concerns ; the fields are not being used all year round and there is no reason for that; recommending finding a common ground since it is a multipurpose field; should not have to drive to Miccosukee to play when Canopy Oaks (in their community)

Alyssa McManus, 2029 Faulk Drive

Jeff Keel, 2525 Fred Smith Road

Gary Hobert, 4722 Knollwood Drive

Dave Mazowski, 5943 Aubemarle Road

Joe Calabrese, 2021 Shady Oaks Drive

Daniel Smith, 5195 Water Valley Drive

Commissioner Thael moved to have this item placed on the next agenda with options to consider. The motion was declared dead for lack of a second.

Commissioner Dailey provided some background on the issue and pointed out that the Stoneler Road park was off line because staff was redoing the sports field, and that with combined problems with scheduling was causing problems in the northwest at Canopy Oaks. Commissioner Dailey advised that he would meet with staff and the Lake Jackson Sports Council, review the policy and would co-host a meeting on Oct 29 at Kings Christian Church. He invited the community to attend and advised that issues would be worked out (scheduling and seasonal conflicts).

A citizen appeared and asked that late games be scheduled earlier if possible. Commissioner Dailey advised that this would be worked out with Pop Warner and would advise.

Commissioner Dailey agreed that 90 foot baseball diamonds were needed but that would be a discussion for October 29 at the meeting at Kings Christian Church.

Commissioner Dailey would bring a report back to board after the community meeting.

29. Approval of Agreement with FSU for the Festival and Event-Related Research in the Amount of \$10,500

During Fiscal Year 03/04 the Tourist Development Council (TDC) commissioned FSU to conduct economic analysis research for festivals and other major events in the Tallahassee-Leon County area. The agreement called for attendee market profiles and room night generation analysis. The events to be researched were to be determined by the TDC. The contract expires on September 30, 2007.

The Board engaged in discussion and Mr. Guy Thompson, TDC Director, provided explanation. He gave the example of the softball tournament involving 30 teams coming to town during a usually slow week (end of July or first of August) which resulted in 13,000 businesses coming to the area and an economic impact of \$1.2 million. With each event, they raise questions such as: should they continue with these types of projects, and they determine the visitor impact.

Commissioner Desloge read off a list of various events and the impact over the past 5-6 years.

Commissioner Desloge moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to approve Option 2 as amended: Do not approve the agreement with Florida State University for Festival and event-related research in the amount of \$10,500. In addition, have the TDC come back to the Board when the TDC thinks an event should be studied.

The motion failed 2 – 4 (Commissioners Sauls, Proctor, DePuy, and Thaelle voted in opposition and Commissioner Dailey out of Chambers).

Commissioner Proctor moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Thaelle to approve Option 1: Approve the agreement with the Florida State University for Festival and event-related research in the amount of \$10,500, and authorize the Chairman to execute. The motion carried 4 – 2 (Commissioners Desloge and Rackleff voted in opposition and Commissioner Dailey was out of Chambers).

30. Acceptance of Status Report on Department of Community Affairs (DCA) v. City of Tallahassee and Leon County, DOAH Case No. 07-3267-GM, Comprehensive Plan Amendments 20070-1-T-015 and 2007-1-T-020

County Attorney Thiele provided an update on the litigation and stated that a 3-day trial is scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Dailey stated for the record that he appreciates both sides coming to the table in attempts for a resolution of the issue.

Commissioner Dailey stated that he believes significant progress has been made toward a settlement and thanked County Attorney staff and Arbor Properties representatives. He stated that he does not support continued litigation but he would continue working with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and the litigants for a settlement agreement. He felt that this could be resolved and could be readdressed at the end of the 2008 Comp Plan Amendment cycle.

Commissioner Desloge moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve Option 1: Accept report and direct the County Attorney's Office to continue to pursue a defense of the enactment of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Numbers 2007-1-T-015 and 2007-1-T-020.

Commissioner Rackleff expressed concerns regarding the effect the settlement agreement would have on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and wanted to know if the amendment was applicable Countywide. He stated that he wants a DOAH Judge to make the decision on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The motion carried 5 – 2 (Commissioners Dailey and Thael voted in opposition).

The Board then entered discussion of the County Attorney.

Scheduled Public Hearings, 6:00 p.m.

31. First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Abandonment Resolution for Ibis Drive in Meadow Hills Unit 1 Subdivision.

Pursuant to the following legal advertisement, a public hearing was conducted.

Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Rackleff inquired about possible access and Mr. Joe Brown, Engineering Services, stated that Fallschase would not allow any kind of access.

Commissioner Sauls moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Thael to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the attached Abandonment Resolution R07-57. The motion carried unanimously, 6/1 (Commissioner Rackleff voted in opposition).

32. First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Abandonment Resolution for a Portion of Right-of-Way Known as Wadesboro Road

Pursuant to the following legal advertisement, a public hearing was conducted.

Commissioner Dailey moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option 2: Conduct the public hearing, adopt the attached Abandonment Resolution R07-58 for a portion of County right-of-way known as Wadesboro Road, and accept a drainage and an access easement. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

33. First and Only Public Hearing on the St. Louis Catholic Church Addition Type "C" Site and Development Plan

Pursuant to the following legal advertisement, a public hearing was conducted.

The proposed site and development plan application proposes the construction of a 7,961 square foot church addition to the existing religious facility, located at 3640 Fred George Road, as the initial phase of the expansion of facilities on the site. There will be one stormwater management facility located within this phase of development. Conservation easements will be provided around County-protected natural features in accordance with the requirements of the Leon County Land Development Code. Environmental features on the site include, but are not limited to, the Canopy Road Protection Zone along Old Bainbridge Road. Old Bainbridge Road is designated as a Canopy Road by the Comprehensive Plan. A religious facility, St. Louis Catholic Church, consisting of 5,920 square foot building is presently the only development on site.

Some discussion ensued. Mr. Fred Rosenblum, representing St. Louis Catholic Church, stated that issues regarding the easement have been addressed and staff concurred.

Commissioner Dailey moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option 2: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the proposed Type "C" Site and Development Plan for the St. Louis Catholic Church Addition subject to those conditions recommended by the Development Review Committee, based on the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and conditions of approval, as set forth in the recommendations of the DRC along with the inclusion of Condition 9 and Condition 10. The motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

County Administrator

a. County Administrator Alam asked that Mr. Ken Morris, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, provide the Board with an update on the legislative session on property tax reform.

Mr. Morris advised that two key activities are being discussed by the Legislature over the past few weeks – one is the finalization of their budget which will be a \$1 billion dollar cut, and they will adopt their official budget on Friday morning. There was not a direct cut to any county programs however, there will be cuts in school services, social services and a \$76 million cut in Department of Corrections for Probation Community Supervision and Inmate Health Services. They are still awaiting the call for property tax reform Special Session which could be on Monday.

Mr. Morris advised that earlier today, the Governor released a draft bill of what he would like to see on the January 29 ballot: a constitution amendment on Property Tax Reform which would consider the following:

- Doubling the homestead exemption to \$50,000 (not applicable to school districts – they would be held harmless)
- “Save Our Homes” portability (not applicable to school districts – they would be held harmless)
- Total revenue freeze – not just ad valorem, it could be any fees that the City or County charges such as impact fees; limited from year to year based on growth in new construction in CPI
- 25,000 TPP exemption (they anticipate a \$1 million hit)
- Revenue caps from year to year – the Governor’s proposal does include certain exceptions - if the Board wants to increase the budget 5 percent beyond what they want, there are options to exceed the Governor’s proposed plan.

b. Mrs. Jenn Meale, Public Information Officer, announced future County events:

- County Picnic – Saturday, October 13th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Daniel B. Chaires Community Park
- United Way Campaign Kickoff – Friday, October 19th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Kleman Plaza. There will be a relay race and pie toss.
- Woodville Community Center Grand Opening – Thursday, October 25th, 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizens will be invited. More information will be provided to Commissioners.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Desloge

- a. Commissioner Desloge moved, seconded by Commissioner Dailey and carried unanimously, 7/0 to direct the Tourist Development Council (TDC) staff to bring back an agenda item to the Board regarding assistance with the State Neighborhood Associations conference to be held in Tallahassee.
- b. Requested information regarding the County's flooded property acquisitions. Tony Park, Public Works Director, stated that a report will be forthcoming to the Board in January.

Commissioner Proctor

- a. Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to expend \$100 out of his Office Account for a full page ad to support the Historically Black High School Athletic Organization.
- b. Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thael and carried unanimously, 7/0, to agenda a funding request by the FAMU Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 for purchase of a table at the FAMU Homecoming Gala.
- c. Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to expend \$500 from his Office Account to contribute to the Bond Community Center Health Center's fundraising gala.

Commissioner Dailey

Commissioner Dailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to expend \$4,000 from his Office Account to participate in Leadership Florida.

Commissioner Rackleff

Referenced an article in the Wall Street Journal about Florida's overcrowding, lack of growth management, traffic congestion, public education system, and water issues, etc.

Commissioner Thael

- a. Requested that staff investigate complaints regarding the restroom facility at Coe's Landing.
- b. Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, and carried unanimously, 7/0, to agenda an item regarding the government's

acquisition of Natural Bridge park property that is for sale. Commissioner Thael pointed out that the subject property has historical and geological implications.

- c. Commissioner Thael moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to present a resolution to Robert Parrish on his becoming President of the Florida Builders Association. Following some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.
- d. Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls and carried unanimously, 7/0, to work with staff to bring back an action plan for hosting a climate change conference in Tallahassee. Commissioner Proctor requested that the conference include consideration of an academic for high school regarding climate change.
- e. The Board concurred to send condolences to the widow of Commissioner John Cooper of Bradford County.

Chairman DePuy

Reminded Commissioners of the Innovation Park Tour on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

Receipt and File

Piney-Z Community Development District Fiscal Year 2008 Meeting Dates

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Approved: _____
C. E. DePuy, Jr.
Chairman

ATTEST:

Bob Inzer
Clerk of the Circuit Court