

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Desloge presiding. Present were Commissioners Akinyemi, Thael, Proctor, Rackleff, Dailey, and Sauls. Also present were County Administrator Parwez Alam, County Attorney Herb Thiele, Finance Director David Reid and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause

The Invocation was provided by Deacon Rudy Raymaker, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Akinyemi.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chairman Desloge presented a Resolution Designating April 2009 as "Library Appreciation Month". Deborah Sears, Library Services Manager, accepted the Resolution on behalf of the County's Library Services. She also noted appreciation to the citizens for their support. She reported that the "Big Read" was well underway and encouraged reading of Fahrenheit 451 and reported that copies were available for the public free of charge.
- Chairman Desloge presented a Resolution designating 2009 as the "Florida 4-H Centennial Anniversary" and commended the Leon County Cooperative Extension employees and volunteers who direct the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program. Marcus Boston, Leon County Extension Program, accepted the Resolution on behalf of the 4-H clubs and thanked the Commission for its support of the Program. He shared that April 14 is 4-H Day at the Capitol, and included a tree planting ceremony. Commissioners were presented with a commemorative pin by 4-H club members.
- Chairman Desloge presented a Resolution designating April 22, 2009 as "Earth Day" to Maggie Theriot, Sustainability Coordinator, Cynthia Brantley, Leon County Recycling Coordinator and Carol Gentry, Leon County Recycling Educator.
 - Ms. Theriot stated that the Board would be provided quarterly status reports on sustainability.
 - Commissioner Thael shared that the County, in conjunction with the City of Tallahassee, will sponsor the Earth Day Jam on April 18 at Bradfordville Blues Club.
 - Ms. Brantley stated that the compost bin sale would be held on April 25 at 9:00 at the Tallahassee Mall; there would be 1500 compost bins available to the public at \$30/per bin.
- Steve Farmer, Vice President & Senior Account Executive, Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc. (the County's insurance broker), gave a presentation on the Current Market and Insurance Conditions. The report included three issues: 1) general market conditions, 2) carrier updates (State Farm, AIG, Citizens, etc.), and 3) future of program for 2010 renewal. A copy of his presentation was distributed to Commissioners.

- Dr. Lonnie Draper, representing BigBendHealth.com (also known as Big Bend RHIO), requested a letter of support from the Board for a Center for Disease Control grant entitled "Public Health Informatics"; which would enhance cooperation between local and state public facilities and regional health information organizations.
 - *Commissioner Thael moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve a letter of support for Big Bend RHIO's grant application. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Commissioner Proctor encouraged the inclusion of Gadsden County in the regional effort. Dr. Draper responded that Gadsden County was not involved at this time, although an invitation has been extended but no response received. Commissioner Proctor requested an update on the Gadsden County outreach efforts.

CONSENT

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to approve the following Consent Agenda with the exception of items 4 and 5, which were pulled for discussion. The motion carried 7-0.

1. **Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for April 9, 2009, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of April 10 through April 20, 2009: \$8,153,797**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for April 9, 2009, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of April 10 through April 20, 2009: \$8,153,797

2. **Request to Schedule an Economic Development Council Workshop for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Board approved Options 1: Schedule an Economic Development Council Workshop for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

3. **Ratification of the March 26, 2009 Workshop on Establishment of a Citizen Charter Review Committee**

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the Board actions taken at the March 26, 2009 Workshop on Establishment of a Citizen Charter Review Committee

4. **Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals to Utilize Landfill Gas at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility for Energy Production**

Commissioner Akinyemi requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Commissioner Akinyemi commended staff on their initiative to locate a potential buyer for the gas to energy project and encouraged staff to "go all out" in this effort. He also requested that staff seek a second opinion on the report done by St. Petersburg Environmental Research Center (SPERC) to justify their withdrawal, to ensure that we know in fact the capacity is there for purchase.

Commissioner Akinyemi commented that the plant could be used in future initiatives by the County such as solar energy.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option 1: Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals to utilize landfill gas at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility for energy production. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Acceptance of Staff Report Regarding the Utilization of Compressed Natural Gas as an Alternative Fuel for County Vehicles

Commissioner Thaell requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

Commissioner Thaell stated that staff's analysis indicated that this would not be a cost effective move at this time, however he recommended that the issue be reviewed again in a year. He submitted that the Board should fully endorse the School Superintendents request for support to develop a compressed natural gas infrastructure within the Leon County boundary, including the development of compressed natural gas fueling stations for automobiles, small and large trucks, and buses for sale to the public.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to revisit the issue in one year and to support the Superintendent's request for a letter of support.

Chairman Desloge suggested that when the issue is revisited that consideration be given to locating a supply depot or station at Blairstone/Miccosukee Roads.

Manny Joanas, representing Leon County Schools, voiced his appreciation to the courtesies extended to the school district by County staff and stated that a lot of good ideas had been exchanged. He stated that the school district is moving toward making the initiative a reality and that savings on diesel fuel would be significant. He agreed that it was premature for the County to move forward until the fueling station has been established, however, if this is done within the year, he hoped that the County would reconsider earlier.

Commissioner Akinyemi voiced appreciation for the school board's efforts and asked for a broader perspective of the timeline, plan of action and other efforts, i.e., involvement of StarMetro. He asked how the County could assist and partner in the initiative.

Mr. Joanos stated that discussions had been held on adding a few additional cents per gallon to go toward debt service and assist in recapturing investment costs. He noted that participation of Waste Management in utilization of the service would be huge and added that StarMetro was not interested in participating at this time.

County Administrator Alam commended the School Board's efforts and commented that new vehicles can be purchased and could be retrofitted for natural gas. He mentioned that the County would work with Leon County Schools as much as possible, and suggested that Chairman Desloge discuss this issue with the Mayor.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1, as amended: Accept staff report regarding the utilization of compressed natural gas as an alternative fuel for County vehicles and revisit in on year. Authorize the Chairman to discuss the issue with the Mayor. The motion carried 7-0.

6. **Acceptance of a Status Report Regarding the national Association of Counties Prescription Drug Program for 2008**

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on Leon County's participation in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Program for 2008.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

Speakers:

- Al McGonigal, 10376 Rebel Circle, stated that he had previously requested that the County donate property adjacent to the veteran's cemetery to Post 3308. He was assured that the request had been granted, however, no written verification has been received. He advised that they are hesitant to make any improvements to the property until written verification of ownership is received. He requested that the County put something in writing to prove that Post 3308 owns the property.
 - County Administrator Alam stated that the County would ask the Property Appraiser to respond to the request.
- In addition, on behalf of the Disabled Veterans, Mr. McGonigal distributed a memorandum to Commissioners dated January 28, 2009 from the Leon County Property Appraiser regarding a property tax discount on homestead property owned by eligible veterans. In order to qualify, a veteran must meet certain criteria: 1) have an honorable discharge from military service; 2) be at least 65 years old; 3) be partially disabled with a permanent service connected disability. All or a portion of the disability must be combat-related, and 4) must have been a Florida resident at the time of entering military service. He requested the Board's support to change the requirement to be a Florida resident at the time of entering the service.
 - Commissioner Akinyemi requested that the Board ask the Property Appraiser to review the 2006 legislation and opined that when you serve your Country, it should not matter where you live when you enter the service.
- Wilson Barnes, 1949 Setting Sun Trail, shared that Mr. McGonigal was a WWII Veteran and asked the Board to take the lead in trying to rectify the situation he brought to its attention. In addition, he requested that the Board create a Veterans Services Council with a broad perspective on veteran's issues to advise the Board.
 - Commissioner Proctor agreed that the resident provision was not fair to veterans and inquired what options the Commission had to aid in repealing the stipulation and asked the County Administrator to assign a staff person to provide assistance in the effort. He asserted that the Veteran's Administration is not addressing the needs of veterans.
 - Commissioner Rackleff established with County Attorney Thiele that the County was constrained by the State Constitution in its ability to provide property tax exemptions; however, active duty personnel are eligible for a grant to pay for property taxes.
 - ***Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to direct the County Attorney to bring back an agenda item with options on how the Board could provide a property tax exemption for those veterans who have a combat related disability; honorably discharged; are 65 years of age or older; partially disabled with a permanent service connected disability, all or a portion of the disability must be combat-related, and that it is irrelevant where you came from.***
- Chairman Desloge remarked that he would like to be better educated on the services and programs that are available to not only veterans, but disabled seniors as well and asked that this information be included in the agenda item.
- Commissioner Dailey asked if it would be prudent to ask the Attorney General for an opinion to determine if there is any "wiggle room" on the interpretation on the

residence issue and was interested in why the Florida Legislature included the resident provision. Mr. Thiele noted that this information would be provided in the agenda item.

- Commissioner Proctor stated that he was unclear on the definition of "combat related disability".

The motion carried 7-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Consideration of Funding Request for a One-Time Grant in the Amount of \$30,000 from the Tourist Development Council Reserve Fund for the Mary Brogan Museum's Bernard Kinsey Exhibit

County Administrator Alam stated that Commissioner Rackleff had requested at the last Board meeting that the one-time grant be presented for Board discussion and consideration. Mr. Alam shared that if the budget amendment was approved there would be \$4,200 remaining in Tourist Development Council (TDC) Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Rackleff explained that he brought the issue before the Board due to unforeseen budget shortfalls at the Museum and pointed out that staff had initiated self-imposed salary reductions along with other cost saving measures. He stated that the funds would provide support for the Bernard and Shirley Kinsey Exhibit to be held on September 2009 through February 10, 2010. Commissioner Rackleff offered that the exhibit included a collection of art and memorabilia and has appeared in numerous museums across the Country. He added that the exhibit would include a series of lectures and outreach components and would provide support to FAMU's Homecoming. He encouraged the Board's support of the request.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaeil, to approve Option 1: Approve the one-time grant in the amount of \$30,000, and a friendly amendment by Commissioner Thaeil was accepted, to appropriate the money from the County's General Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Proctor expressed disappointment that Florida continues to not teach "integrated history" in its school curriculum. He expressed his support for the funding request and asserted the significance of the exhibit.

Commissioner Dailey inquired from Lee Daniel, TDC Executive Director, and Chucha Barber, Director Mary Brogan Museum and a member of the TDC, if the Board should take action of the request or send back to the TDC for a recommendation.

Mr. Daniel and Ms. Barber both spoke in support of the exhibit and its potential impact on the community. Ms. Barber added that the exhibit would feature a "Tallahassee Collects" aspect and assured the Board that all additional funding sources would be pursued. Mr. Daniel noted that if it was the will of the Board, the issue could be brought before the TDC at its meeting on May 19 and a recommendation back at the June 6 Board meeting.

There was Board discussion regarding whether to address the funding request at this time or wait until a future Board meeting to allow time for the TDC to make recommendation.

Commissioners Rackleff, Thaeil and Proctor voiced support for the funding request through the County's General Contingency Fund and was not in favor of delaying action on the request.

Chairman Desloge remarked that funding the request was the "right thing to do"; however, he favored a more formal process and suggested that the Mr. Daniel come back to the Board with a TDC recommendation.

Commissioner Dailey stated that he expected the Brogan Museum to come back to the Board with information on expenditure of the funds and confirmed with Ms. Barber that it was not the Museum's intent to request additional TDC funding.

Commissioner Sauls inquired from staff the balance of the Contingency Fund. Assistant County Administrator Rosenzweig responded that the Fund currently has a balance of between \$250,000 - \$280,000.

The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Akinyemi out of Chambers)

The board reconvened at 6:00. Commissioners Akinyemi and Rackleff did not return from the break.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING, 6:00 P.M.

8. First of Two Public Hearings to Adopt a Proposed Moratorium Ordinance for the Approval of Applications for Certain Off-Site Sign Permits

County Attorney Thiele recalled that the Board adopted an Ordinance which imposed a moratorium on the issuance of off-site sign permits. This moratorium is scheduled to expire before the new regulations are in place and based on this, Mr. Thiele recommended that the Board extend the moratorium to June 15, 2009.

Chairman Desloge commented that there had been considerable discussion recently on this issue and some of the recommendations presented were fairly substantive. He voiced support for extending the moratorium.

County Attorney Thiele indicated that speaker comments should be limited to extension of the moratorium only.

Speakers:

- Perry Henry, 7768 Bass Ridge Trail, representing In-Site MediaCom, expressed support for the moratorium.
- Bob Ippolito, 2409 Killarney Way, Killlearn Homeowners Association, favored extending the moratorium.
- Paul Sexton, 215 S. Monroe, representing Lamar Advertising voiced support for the moratorium and offered that it should be of sufficient enough length to allow all stakeholders to discuss the issues and develop suggested language.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, approve Option 1: Conduct first of two public hearings on enactment of a further Moratorium Ordinance for the approval of applications for certain off-site signs and schedule the second and final public hearing for April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).

9. First of Two Public Hearings on a Proposed Ordinance Regulating Off-Site Signs

County Attorney Thiele suggested that the Board continue the Ordinance indefinitely.

Speaker:

- Brad Trotman, 2705 Killarney Way, stated that he did not approve of the ordinance as presented.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to continue the issue indefinitely. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)

10. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve Land Development Code Variances for Lake Jackson Stormwater Retrofit Facilities

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

County Administrator Alam explained that the County has entered into a partnership with the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) to construct the Okeehoopkee Regional Stormwater Management Facility on Lake Jackson. He stated that due to the environmental sensitivity of the location a number of variances from the Land Development Code provisions would be required and approved by the Board. In addition, the item requests the Board approve new Land Development Code text that would allow administrative level approval of the variances allowed by Section 2.1.9(C).

Speaker:

- Steven Walworth, 1319 & 1321 Fuller Rd, stated that he would prefer that the construction not occur at the proposed site as it was located between his residence and the lake. He confirmed that road repairs to Fuller and Ty Cobb Roads would be done after construction and that the area would be accessible to residents after construction.

Commissioner Dailey stated that the project would benefit the water quality of Lake Jackson; however he asked that public comment be considered.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thael to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the land Development Code variances to allow the construction of the Okeehoopkee Regional Stormwater Management Facility, and 2) Authorize staff to bring back amendments to the Land Development Code to incorporate the language in Policy 2.1.9[C] for further phases of the Lake Jackson Stormwater Retrofit project.

Commissioner Thael offered that the action pointed to the need to hold stormwater at the site and encouraged that future developments be done right.

The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)

11. First and Only Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Hopkins Crossing Planned Unit Development (PRZ090002)

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

County Administrator Alam provided that the proposed 293 acre site was located at the intersection of Capital Circle northwest and Commonwealth Blvd and would rearrange land use components within the PUD area, which would result in a 6.52 acre increase in lands available for industrial development. He added that the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend the Board approve the PUD Amendment.

Chairman Desloge reported under advice of the County Attorney he would recuse himself from the vote on this matter.

Speaker:

- Wade Pitt, 805 N. Gadsden St., Moore Bass Consulting, represented Hopkins Crossing Ltd., and encouraged Board support for the PUD amendment.

Commissioner Dailey asked if all environmental questions and concerns had been addressed. Zach Galloway, Land Use Planner, advised that concerns had also been expressed by the Planning Commission and assurances had been received that proper buffering and protections would be required per comp plan requirements and existing environmental management ordinance requirements met at the time of the final site plan.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only quasi-judicial public hearing and adopt a proposed Ordinance Amending the Hopkins Crossing Planned Unit Development, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Planning Commission and included herein, and any evidence submitted at the Hearing hereon. The motion carried 4-0 (Chairman Desloge abstained and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)

12. **First and Only Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing on a County Ordinance for a Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zone Classification from the R-3 (Single-Family Detached, Two-Family Attached Residential) Zoning District to the C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District (PRZ #090007)**

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

County Administrator Alam shared that the 1.96 acre property was located at 4410 Crawfordville Highway.

Speaker:

- Alan Richardson, 1821 Fernando Dr., spoke on behalf of the property owner William Powell. He stated that the action was a correction of an omission of two parcels which were part of four parcels which were approved on February 12, 2009.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to approve Option 1: Conduct the First and Only Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing on a County Ordinance for a Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zone Classification from the R-3 (Single-Family Detached, Two-Family Attached Residential) Zoning District to the C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Planning Commission and included herein, and any evidence submitted at the Public Hearing hereon (PRZ #090007). The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)

13. **Public Hearing to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Special Improvements for Linene Woods 2/3 Private Road Paving Project**

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

County Administrator Alam stated that the improvements would consist of street resurfacing and drainage system improvements and the estimated cost is \$900,000. He added that all property owners had been notified.

Speakers:

- Jim Mann, 3329 Nottingham Dr., Linene Wood Homeowners Association, thanked the Board for the 2/3rd program and especially noted the assistance of Joe Brown, Engineering Services Director.
- Mike Free, 3312 Dartmoor Dr., expressed concern over the \$8800 per homeowner that would be required and had numerous questions regarding the reimbursement.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approve Option 1: Conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Special Improvements for Linene Woods 2/3 Private Road Paving Project

Chairman Desloge clarified that the Board was authorizing the issue to move forward and conditions and terms would be addressed would be addressed at a public hearing scheduled at a later date.

Commissioner Sauls expressed concern over the \$900,000 total and inquired how much would be levied to each homeowner. Mr. Brown advised that reimbursement would amount to \$8800 per homeowner. She stated that this was a large amount and would be willing to support a 15 year reimbursement timeframe.

Commissioner Proctor confirmed with staff that no changes were being made to the 2/3rd program.

Commissioner Dailey suggested that the homeowners association discuss and make recommendation to the Board specifically regarding the timeline of payment and offered his assistance in facilitating that conversation.

The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).

ADD ON ITEM

14. Approval of Traffic Court Building Repairs

County Administrator Alam explained that the Traffic Court Building flooded and would require \$700,000 to make functional. Mr. Alam offered that the building was structurally sound and recommended the following: 1) gut the Traffic Court building and construct two courtrooms (rather than one) that are handicapped accessible; 2) not relocate the County Attorney and other County Offices to the Bank of America (BOA) Building ; 3) not build the additional courtroom at the Courthouse. Mr. Alam noted that the proposed renovations to the BOA Building would not be necessary and would be removed from the capital budget. He suggested that the 8th floor of the BOA be leased for approximately \$300,000 as recurring revenue. He added that minor renovations would be needed in the County Attorney's Office, Human Resources Office, and the fifth floor (installation of shower facilities) and renovations to the stairwell.

Mr. Alam pointed out that the Traffic Court Building cost would increase to approximately \$3.45 million; however the final numbers would result in a savings of approximately \$2 million.

Commissioner Sauls concurred with the County Administrator's recommendations and opined that it was a smart move.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaeil, to approve Options 1, 2, 3, & 4: 1) Direct staff to take the appropriate actions to terminate agreements with Barnett Fronczak Barlowe/Spectra and Peter R. Brown Construction for Phase 2A – State 2 renovations; 2) Authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary actions to pursue the renovations of the Traffic Court building through a design-build approach, and authorize staff to pursue modifications of the Courthouse and BOA as described in this agenda item; 3) Authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary actions to secure the services of a broker to make and lease the vacant BOA space, and 4) approve the Budget Amendment Request realigning funds from the existing BOA/Courthouse budgets to the Traffic Court project.

Commissioner Dailey established that discussions had begun with the current tenants of the 8th floor of the BOA on extending their current lease and that broker services would be utilized to secure additional tenants with long term leases.

Commissioner Proctor confirmed that no MBE standards would be waived in the selection of the new architecture/contractor for the project.

Speaker: Grant Slayden, Court Administrator, stated that Traffic Court staff and functions have been temporarily moved to the Courthouse and are operating out of several courtrooms.

The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Akinyemi out of Chambers).

The Board entered into recess at 5:00 p.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3 minute limit)

Speaker:

- Glen Robinson, 3512 Forest Oak Lane, shared that he had committed a code violation; however, once he was made aware of the violation, he immediately contacted code enforcement personnel and began the process to rectify the situation. He stated that there was agreement that if he would return the site to its original condition, the fine would be waived; however this agreement is not being honored and he is still expected to pay the additional \$1800 fine. He requested the Board's assistance in resolving a code enforcement fine of \$1800.

Commissioner Thaeil commented that his office has been working with Mr. Robinson in resolution of the problem. He opined that Mr. Robinson's violation was unintentional and that since he is willing to return the site to its original condition, he would support a waiving of the last \$1800 fine, with the condition that no permits would be issued until the site is restored.

Commissioner Thaeil moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to waive the \$1800 fine contingent upon the site being restored to its original condition.

Commissioner Dailey verified that the action has not as of yet gone before the Code Enforcement Board and was within the Board's authority to intervene.

David McDevitt, Growth & Environmental Management Director, provided additional information on the situation and asked that the Board allow him an opportunity to further review and attempt to resolve the issue before taking any action.

County Administrator Alam stated that staff would review the problem in the next day for possible resolution; however if resolution is not reached it would be brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Thaell amended his motion to authorize the County Administrator to review the issue for possible resolution; if not achieved, it would be brought back to the Board for further action. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Proctor

- **Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to authorize the expenditure of \$100 from his commissioner account to support the Kappa Alpha Psi Guide Right Foundation of Tallahassee, Inc. for a full page ad for its annual Beautillon. The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).**
- **Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to consider a funding request for sponsorship of the Crescent Moon Gala benefiting the Sickle Cell Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).**
- Inquired if any outreach efforts had been made to Madison County in light of the recent flooding.
 - Chairman Desloge asked County Administrator Alam to contact the Madison County Administrator with an offer of support.
- **Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to authorize expending funds from his commissioner account for travel to St. Maarten to attend a summit addressing ongoing relations between Tallahassee and St. Maarten from the County prospective and addressing programs of a continued relationship with the Tallahassee/St. Maarten Foundation on April 26 - May 3, 2009. The motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Thaell in opposition and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)**

Commissioner Thaell

- Expressed concern that apple snails were eating and damaging the plants in Martha Wellman Pond and needed to be eradicated. He requested that the County waive its purchasing rules and expedite the hiring of a contracted vendor to remove the snails.
 - **Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to waive the rules. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).**
 - **Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Chairman Sauls, to waive the purchasing requirements and authorize the County Administrator to spend up to \$7,000 to issue a contract to Sean McGlynn and Jessie VanDyke to eradicate the apple snails at Martha Wellman Park.**
- Commissioner Sauls established that renovations to the pond were a Blue Print project that had been completed and turned over to Public Works.

- *The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)*
- *Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to bring back an agenda item to consider an RFP for broker services for all county insurance needs. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)*
- *Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to bring back an agenda item to consider the hiring of an agent to handle the County's health coverage and work with staff on the Internet Based Benefits Communication Program. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioner Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).*
- Requested a Resolution for architect Mark Tarmey and Myddelton Parker Builders for their efforts in the Extreme HomeMakeover project.
- Commended the Tallahassee Democrat for the creation of the Tallahassee.com/nonviolence web site as a method to discuss ways to reduce violence in the community and requested that the Chairman send a letter expressing the Board's appreciation.

Commissioner Sauls

- Shared that the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Drug Program for 2008 benefited more than 6,000 individuals at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Dailey

- Expressed concern over the flooding of Fairbanks Ferry Road that occurs as a result of any significant rain event and results in the complete displacement of its residents.
 - *Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Chairman Desloge, to direct staff to prepare separate agenda items to discuss the flooding of 1) Fairbanks Ferry Road and 2) Crooked Road. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Thaell out of Chambers and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent)*
- *Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to request an agenda item on the County's sidewalk project policy, i.e., what is the policy, how projects are chosen, funding, etc. The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Thaell out of Chambers and Commissioners Rackleff and Akinyemi absent).*

Commissioner Desloge

- Requested a Resolution for Public Works Week to be presented at the April 21, 2009 Board meeting.
- Asked for authorization to utilize staff to assist in Citizen Engagement Workshops (on behalf of Commissioner Akinyemi)
- Requested a Resolution for Gary Johnson who is retiring with more than 20 years of service (on behalf of Commissioner Akinyemi)

Receipt and File:

Progress Energy Petition for a Base Rate Increase

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Bryan Desloge, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

BY: _____
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida