

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Bob Rackleff presiding. Present were Commissioners John Dailey, Akin Akinyemi, Cliff Thaele, Bill Proctor, Bryan Desloge, and Jane 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 Commissioner Desloge, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Chairman Rackleff presented a Resolution to Ellen Ontko, Northeast Florida Library Manager, Honoring her 13 years of Dedicated Service to Leon County and its Citizens.
- John Bixler, Department of Health, EMS Bureau Chief, presented a Resolution to Chief Tom Quillin and Leon County EMS for being selected as a recipient of the First Annual State Surgeon General Health Innovation, Prevention, and Management Award for EMS' "Heart Ready" Program.
 - Chairman Rackleff commended EMS staff for their delivery of high quality public service to the community.
 - Chief Quillin recognized Major Darrell Hall, Training and Quality Improvement Manager, for his involvement in efforts to promote public education and training of CPR; and Deputy Chief of Operations, Mac Kemp, who has advanced the placement of AEDs in public and private building. He thanked the Board for its funding and moral support.
- Ed Young, Division Manager, Research & Graphics, Census Bureau Liaison, Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department, and Marion McGee, Northwest Florida Team Leader, U.S. Census Bureau provided an overview and update of the Complete Count Committee (CCC) activities:
 - Census Day - April 1;
 - CRC established by County Commission a year ago, first meeting conducted in June 2009;
 - 21 appointed members;
 - Approximately 3,000 Leon County residents not counted in 2000 Census;
 - Focus on the "hardest to count areas" (FSU, FAMU, TCC);
 - Timeline of Events, and
 - Upcoming CCC EventsMr. Young concluded that more information can be obtained by visiting www.2010census.gov or www.leoncountycensus2010.org.

David Stoutamire, Liberty County Commissioner, appeared before the Board and expressed appreciation for its support and stance regarding the proposed modifications to the Talquin Dam.

CONSENT

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 5 and 17, which were pulled for further discussion.

1. Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting and January 19, 2010 MIS Technology Workshop

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting and January 19, 2010 MIS Workshop.

2. Adoption of Revised Policy No. 03-01, Approval Authority for the Acquisition, Disposition, and Leasing of Real Property

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the revised Policy No. 03-01, "Approval Authority for the Acquisition, Disposition and Leasing of Real Property."

3. Request to Schedule a Workshop on the Charter Review Committee's Final Report and Proposed Amendments for April 13, 2010 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a Workshop on the Charter Review Committee's Final Report and Proposed Amendments for Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 12:00– 1:30 p.m.

4. Adoption of Revisions to Policy NO. 05-3, "Emergency Medical Services Division HIPAA Privacy and Security Policy (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996)"

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt a revised Policy No. 05-3, "Emergency Medical Services Division HIPAA Privacy and Security Policy (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996)" related to Section 2.12, Consent for Participation in the Big Bend Regional Health Information Organization.

5. Approval of the Joint County/City Process to Issue Recovery Zone Bonds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Chairman Rackleff requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

County Administrator Alam explained that the Board had directed staff at the October 27, 2009 meeting to work with the Economic Development Council and the City to develop a joint County/City application process for private investors seeking Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. He noted that a joint process had been developed; by which applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee composed of two representatives from the County and City and one from the EDC.

Chairman Rackleff questioned the role of the Economic Development Council (EDC) and opined that this would be better handled by staff due the lack of transparency of the EDC. Mr. Alam provided clarification on EDC's involvement and established that they would be limited to determining whether the applicant met the minimum requirements for the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve Option 1: Approve the joint County/City process to issue Recovery Zone Facility Bonds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition)

6. Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals in the Amount of \$100,000 for the "Diversion Through Vocational Training Program"

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for no more than \$100,000 for the "Diversion Through Vocational Training Program"

7. Approval of the Contract Amendment between Leon County and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

The Board approved Option 1: Approval of the Contract Amendment between Leon County and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

8. Authority to Submit an Amendment to the 2009/10 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and to Amend the Associated Agreement with the City of Tallahassee

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the submission of an amended Agreement between the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and Leon County Sheriff's Office for the 2009/10 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

9. Approval of the Florida Volunteer Administration Certification Training Program

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the Florida Volunteer Administration Certification Training Program, and 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request to establish budget authority.

10. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for February 23, 2010 and Pre-Approval, of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of February 24 through March 22, 2010

The Board approved Option 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for February 23, 2010 and pre-approve payment of bills and vouchers for the period of February 24 through March 22, 2010. \$1,322,673.00

11. Approval of Sheriff's Request for Utilization of Law Enforcement Trust Fund Monies

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Office General Operating budget for the funding of the requested programs.

12. **Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing the Conveyance of a Perpetual Utility Easement to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water and Wastewater, Inc. across County Property**

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the conveyance of a Perpetual Utility Easement to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

13. **Approval of Resolution and Budget Amendment to Purchase an Aerial Larviciding Unit for Mosquito Control Program**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request to purchase an aerial larviciding unit for the Mosquito Control Program.

14. **Adoption of a Resolution Providing Authorization to Submit Application for a Florida Recreation Trails Program Grant for the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenways**

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution providing authorization to submit an application for a Florida Recreation Trails Program Grant for the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenways, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

15. **Acceptance of Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

16. **Acceptance of Status Report on the Leon County's 2010 Federal Legislative Priorities**

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Status Report on the Leon County's 2010 Federal Legislative Priorities

17. **Acceptance of the FY 10 First Quarter Status Report on the County Sustainability Program**

Commissioners Sauls and Akinyemi requested that the item be pulled for further discussion.

County Administrator Alam introduced the item and shared that staff are available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Sauls requested that staff work with the Fort Braden "Green Thumbs" group on creating a community garden. Maggie Theriot, Leon County Sustainability Coordinator, shared that she has spoken with the group and noted that their enthusiasm and willingness to participate would bring them to the top of the list of potential sites for a pilot program.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve Options 1, 2, 3 & 4: 1) Accept the FY10 First quarter status report on the County Sustainability Program; 2) Adopt the proposed Enabling Resolution establishing the Sustainability Task Force in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Advisory Committees: Establishment, Appointment, Function, Operation"; 3) Approve the Forest Carbon Offset Project Development Agreement and authorize staff to proceed with the development of the project, and 4) Direct staff to pursue a joint anti-litter partnership with the City of Tallahassee, focusing on the Tarp It! Program, and an enhanced Adopt-A-Road Program.

Commissioner Akinyemi thanked staff for their efforts in this area. He expressed disappointment in the City's decision to not partner with the County to form a Joint Sustainability Task Force and added that he will discuss under Commissioner Discussion time the state of City/County relations. He voiced support for community gardens and asked staff to continue to explore opportunities for a community garden pilot program at the Leon County jail. He also asked staff to explore the installation of solar panels on some public buildings and study the potential for a solar farm at the landfill.

Commissioner Thael stated that he was very encouraged by the work done by the program. He suggested that the Sustainability Task Force include a representative from Talquin Electric.

County Administrator Alam and Candice Wilson, Health & Human Services Director, informed the Board that the County would be working with the Capital Area Community Action Agency to make citizens more aware of stimulus dollars offered through the Weatherization Program. Ms. Wilson stated that the funds are available to homes in need of repair and upgrades and approximately 60 homes have been identified that may qualify for the program. Chairman Rackleff suggested that the County's permitting and code enforcement staff assist in the identification of homes. Commissioner Akinyemi recommended that the County's web site be utilized to publicize the program.

Commissioner Thael asked Ms. Theriot to provide an update on the upcoming Leon County Sustainable Communities Summit 2010. Ms. Theriot shared that the event will be held on May 6-8 at the FSU Turnbull Conference Center and noted that the Board's help was needed in sponsorship outreach. She noted that a leadership team has been formed to help guide the topics, break-out sessions, speakers and promotion of sponsorship and attendance.

Commissioner Thael established with County Attorney Thiele that an agenda item would be brought back to the Board at its March 23, 2010 meeting regarding the establishment of Energy Financing Districts for weatherization improvements.

The motion to approve Options 1-4 carried 7-0.

18. Acceptance of the Contractor's Licensing and Examination Board 2008-2009 Annual Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Contractor's Licensing and Examination Board 2008-2009 Annual Report.

19. Acceptance of the FY 2009-2010 First Quarter County Grant Program Quarterly Leveraging Status Report

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 1009-2010 First Quarter County Grant Program Quarterly Leveraging Status Report.

20. Acceptance of Status Report on Leon County's Participation in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Program for 2009

The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on Leon County's participation in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Program for 2009.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

- Barry Haber, Friends of Lake Talquin, 900 Talquin Avenue, Quincy, spoke on the Jackson Bluff Dam Spillway Project and its effect on Lake Talquin and property values.
- Curtis Baynes, 1323 E. Tennessee St., provided comments regarding the economy of County government.

GENERAL BUSINESS

21. Acceptance of Status Report on the Board of County Commissioners' Appointments to the Community Redevelopment Agency

County Administrator Alam stated that this item responded to a request from Commissioner Akinyemi regarding representation on the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Mr. Alam commented that there is no written policy on the terms and conditions in which appointments are made.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Accept the status report on the Board of County Commissioners' appointments to the Community Redevelopment Agency, and 2) Direct staff to draft a proposed policy to incorporate the procedures and terms of the County Commission appointments to the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Commissioner Akinyemi expressed his support of Option 2 to formalize the manner in which county appointments are made to CRC.

The motion to approve Options 1 & 2 carried 7-0.

22. Consideration of Pursuing a Sister City Agreement Between Leon County and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles

County Administrator Alam shared that this issue was initiated by Commissioner Proctor and Board direction was needed regarding the County's inclusion in the Sister City Agreement between St. Maarten and the City of Tallahassee.

Commissioner Proctor commented that the Board was sufficiently aware of the ten-year agreement between the City and St. Maarten and the benefits reaped by the community are well known. He indicated that he was willing to abide by the Board's decision on the matter.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor to approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Accept staff report on pursuing a Sister City Agreement between Leon County and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles and take no further action, and 2) Direct staff to prepare a Sister City Agreement between Leon County and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.

Commissioner Akinyemi offered that the County has hosted events and program initiatives in years past; thus the County would not incur any additional costs associated with an agreement. He mentioned that benefits to the County by a formalized agreement would include cultural, commercial and industrial development, public and private economic development coordination.

Chairman Rackleff sought the Board's interest in pursuing a Sister City Agreement with a town or local government in Haiti.

Commissioner Desloge questioned what would be accomplished by a Sister City Agreement and wondered if it was the best use of time and energy. He opined that the same results can be realized by established relationships with peers/associates in other areas.

Commissioner Sauls pointed out that officials from St. Maarten have not clearly identified the need for a formal agreement, and based upon these comments cannot support Option 2.

Commissioner Sauls offered a substitute motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Option 1: Accept staff report on pursuing a Sister City Agreement between Leon County and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles and take no further action.

Commissioner Proctor suggested that this would be progressive action in keeping with globalization efforts and added that the agreement has benefited students from St. Maarten who attend FSU, FAMU and TCC.

Commissioner Akinyemi clarified with Ken Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development that staff through dialogue with St. Maarten officials has determined that a formal agreement with Leon County was not needed; as any economic development opportunities, shared cultural interest or educational investments could be evaluated by the Board on a case by case basis. Commissioner Akinyemi articulated support to explore, at some point, a relationship with Haiti; however reiterated his support for the original motion.

Commissioner Thael remarked that in lieu of a clear direction or request from St. Maarten he would support the substitute motion. He added that if there was a need for reciprocal economic agreements, the Economic Development Council could be requested to perform that role and task.

The Board continued to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Akinyemi made a friendly amendment that letters be sent to the City and St. Maarten inquiring of their interest in Leon County joining the Sister Agreement. The friendly amendment was not accepted by Commissioner Sauls.

The substitute motion to approve Option 1 carried 4-3 (Commissioners Proctor, Rackleff and Akinyemi in opposition).

23. Consideration of Funding Request for a Sponsorship of the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day

County Administrator Alam explained that a \$2,500 sponsorship request was brought up by Commissioner Desloge at the February 9, 2010 Board meeting. He indicated that plans for this year's reception have been finalized and will be held at the Governor's Club.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the Budget Amendment Request in the amount of \$2,500 as a sponsor for the Florida Association of Counties' 2010 Legislative Day, and 2) Direct staff to coordinate with the Florida Association of Counties to host the 2011 Legislative Day reception in the Leon County Courthouse.

Commissioner Thaelle noted that he would support the motion as he deemed it important that the County support its State Association.

The motion to approve Options 1 & 2 carried 7-0.

24. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Article XVII, Section 11-531 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, entitled "Creation of a Primary Health Care Implementation Advisory Board" for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 24 was continued to March 23, 2010.

25. Consideration of the Purchase of the Wilson Property, a 479-Acre Parcel Located on Tower Road for \$2.5 million

County Administrator Alam advised that the 479-acre parcel has been appraised at \$2.5 million. He noted that an independent consultant had suggested that the County purchase the property and enter into an agreement with the State that if and when State funds became available, they would refund the monies.

Commissioner Thaelle acknowledged that the County does not have the monies to purchase the property and it was too risky to commit County funds in the hopes that the State would one day provide reimbursement.

Commissioner Thaelle moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Direct staff to take no further action on the purchasing of a 479-Acre

Parcel from the Wilson Family, and 2) Adopt the proposed Resolution supporting the purchase of the Wilson Property by the State through the Forever Florida Program.

Commissioner Sauls stated that she would support the motion and opined that should funds be available, she would be more supportive of the purchase of the ChasenWoods property.

The motion to approve Options 1 & 2 carried 7-0.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 PM.

No Public Hearing scheduled.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers)

- Curtis Baynes, 1323 E. Tennessee St., expressed concern regarding the anticipated increase in personnel and operating expenses for the Joint Dispatch Center and stated that he was not in favor of higher taxes to pay for dispatch services which should have cost less, not more.
 - Commissioner ThaeLL dialogued with Mr. Baynes on the sources of his information.
 - Commissioner Desloge requested staff put together a timeline of studies and projected dispatch costs.
 - Commissioner Akinyemi asked for staff to provide an update on costs, savings, etc.
- Barry Haber, Friends of Lake Talquin, 900 Talquin Avenue, Quincy, spoke on the Dam Spillway Project and its effect on possible flooding problems regarding the height of the dam.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Administrator (Parwez Alam):

- Requested the Board adopt a Resolution declaring the Timberlake Subdivision in urgent need so the County could use 2008 Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant funding.
 - Commissioner Dailey asked if there were other areas of the community who should be included in the Resolution. Don Lanham, Grants Coordinator, responded that all other projects meet income guidelines of the grant and do not need to be included in the Resolution.
 - Commissioner ThaeLL remarked on the need for discussion on the approval of private subdivisions as the County has no ability to monitor the agreements. He indicated that he would bring this up under his Commissioner Discussion time.
 - *Commissioner ThaeLL moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to waive the rules. The motion carried 7-0.*
 - *Commissioner ThaeLL moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to adopt a Resolution declaring the Timberlake Subdivision in urgent need of stormwater drainage improvements in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the community. The motion carried 7-0.*

County Attorney (Herb Thiele):

- County Attorney Thiele announced that, pursuant to Board direction, his office has filed a Petition for Formal Administrative Proceeding to challenge the Northwest Florida

Water Management District (NFWWMD) permitting for the modification to the Jackson Bluff Dam Spillway Project. He advised that Leon County was joined in the petition by Wakulla, Liberty and Franklin Counties.

- Mr. Thiele advised that Board approval was needed to appropriate \$50,000 from the Contingency Fund to employ outside engineers with expertise in areas such as dam construction, dam operation, downstream flooding impacts, etc.
 - Commissioner Proctor inquired of shared costs among the Counties. Mr. Thiele responded that cost sharing has not been discussed; however it is believed that the County may have to incur a disproportionate share of the cost. Mr. Thiele indicated that a cost share arrangement will be pursued.
 - *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to waive the rules. The motion carried 7-0.*
 - *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the Contingency Fund for engineering expertise for the formal administrative proceeding.*
 - Commissioner Akinyemi established that the pleading could be amended, if needed, to include Gadsden County.
 - Commissioner Akinyemi suggested that the County expend no more than 50% of the legal costs.
 - Commissioner Dailey stated that he would cautiously support the motion; however, asked that the original intent (to encourage better communication between the City and surrounding Counties) be considered. He asked the County Attorney to keep the Board apprised of developments.
 - Commissioner Akinyemi encouraged more dialogue and engagement with the City on this issue.
 - Chairman Rackleff asserted that the County is offering a resolve of opposition to the harming of citizens of our County and surrounding counties.
 - Commissioner Dailey established with County Attorney Thiele that action was needed by the Board to ensure that there was sufficient time for his office to acquire the expertise needed.
 - County Administrator Alam shared that the Contingency Fund would be utilized to support the County Attorney's request.
 - Commissioner Dailey stated that he was hesitant to move forward at this time and wanted to be 100% sure that there were cost sharing measures in place with the other counties involved.
 - Commissioner Proctor concluded that this action was needed to protect the life, safety and welfare of County residents.
 - Commissioner Sauls asserted that the NFWWMD has issued notice of permit issuance and the County must follow-through with this action.
 - *The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Dailey in opposition)*
- County Attorney Thiele advised that although his office has spent considerable time and money pursuing water quality issues in Lake Talquin, the Engelhard/BASF plant in Attapulgus, Georgia continues to emit significant nutrient pollution into the lake. He referenced a memorandum from him to the Board dated February 18, 2010 regarding this issue.
 - He requested Board approval to file a lawsuit against the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) challenging its authority to not follow the regular permitting process by extending the current

discharge permit to the Engelhard/BASF plant. He reiterated that the existing permit contains no nutrient treatment.

- Mr. Thiele pointed out that his office has monies allocated for Talquin water quality issues and no additional funding is being requested.
- *Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to authorize the County Attorney to initiate a lawsuit against the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.*
- Commissioner Proctor clarified with Mr. Thiele that the lawsuit's intent is to require the Department to establish nutrient standards and would not include damages. Commissioner Proctor affirmed his strong support for moving forward and opined that the County should fight diligently to protect Lake Talquin's water quality.
- Commissioner Dailey stated that he could not support the motion at this time and requested a written agenda item to come back to the Board on March 23, 2010. He articulated that time was needed to review written material prior taking formal action. *Commissioner Dailey urged the maker of the motion to agenda the issue for Board action at the next meeting.*
- Chairman Rackleff offered that this is a continuum of several actions by the County to protect the Ochlockonee River and Lake Talquin. He emphasized that the facility would, by Florida standards, be the second largest emitter of pollution in the State. He stated that he would support the motion.
- Commissioner Sauls established with Mr. Thiele that Lake Talquin has, within the last two years, been placed on the "Impaired Water Body" list. She asserted that to continue to allow these pollutants in the Lake is unacceptable and Board action was necessary.
- Mr. Thiele noted that it was his practice to not agenda actions of intended lawsuit so as not to give too much advance notice to the defendants.
- *Commissioner Sauls stated that she preferred to leave her motion as it stands and not accept Commissioner Dailey's recommendation.*
- Commissioner Thaeff upon questioning Mr. Thiele about the affects of the County doing nothing, established that the Federal government would eventually issue surface water quality rules and TMDL's and would place the burden for clean up on the receiving water body entity. Commissioner Thaeff proclaimed it important to require the contributor of pollution to lessen the environmental damage.
- *The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Dailey in opposition)*

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Proctor:

- Asked that his aide Regina be remembered in prayers and thoughts as she goes through her third surgery as a result of a car accident.
- Requested a Resolution for the Rickards High School Girls Basketball team in anticipation of their winning the State Championship.
- Inquired when the Septic tank issue would be brought back to the Board. Kim Dressel, Senior Assistant to the County Administrator replied the issue would be brought to the Board in April.
- Requested attention be given to the boat ramps at Lake Jackson.
- Asked staff to look into restocking of fish in Lake Jackson. County Administrator Alam advised that staff is working with the Florida Wildlife Commission in those efforts.

- Requested that the issue of the proposed Biomass plant in Gretna be addressed in an agenda item. This was approved without objection.
- Requested staff look into resurfacing of Monroe Street from Orange Avenue to Capital Circle; Adams Street from Orange Avenue to Gaile Avenue/Ridge Road; and from Orange Avenue to Springsax Road and on Springhill Road.
- *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaeil, to send a letter of support for turning the old McCrory's property into a Civil Rights Museum to Rep. Alan Williams and Senator Hill. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Desloge: none

Commissioner Sauls

- *Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to agenda the adoption of a Resolution against off shore drilling, as 60 other Florida communities have done. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Akinyemi:

- Discussed the need to improve the relationship between the County and City. Chairman Rackleff affirmed his commitment to continue his efforts to improve the dialogue and establishment of joint ventures, such as Sustainability Task Force, etc.

Commissioner Thaeil:

- Discussed the \$3.5 million unencumbered State resurfacing funds and whether those funds could be utilized to incorporate Chason Woods into the St. Marks Trail and improvements to the St. Marks Trail.
 - County Administrator Alam advised that he would distribute a memorandum to the Board on this issue.

Commissioner Dailey: none

Chairman Rackleff:

- Requested a Resolution for the 30th Anniversary of the Guardian ad Litem Program.
- Mentioned that a Rotary Club Southside Art Auction Fundraiser would be held at TCC at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26 and attendance was encouraged.
- Requested a Proclamation for the C.K. Steele Day luncheon to be held later in the week.
- Provided an "Ester Update" related to Doctors without Borders efforts in Haiti.

RECEIPT AND FILE: none

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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