BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 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 Thaell, 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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was provided by Vice-Chair John Dailey, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Presentations

- Commissioner Bryan Desloge presented a Resolution Commending Killearn Lakes Plantation and the Killearn Lakes Arbor Committee for their continuing dedication to the preservation of the environment and the preservation of the native environment "One Tree at a Time."

- Commissioner Bryan Desloge presented a Resolution Congratulating the Leon High Lady Lions Tennis Team on their 14-1 record and Winning the State Championship.
  - Head Coach Kevin Record accepted the Resolution on behalf of the team and Leon High School and pointed out that this was the first public school, North of Gainesville, to ever bring home a ladies state title since the inception of the FHSAA tennis competition in 1938.

- Commissioner Cliff Thaell presented a Resolution Supporting Responsible Tobacco Products Placement.
  - Vincent Irvin, Leon County Health Department and representatives of SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) accepted the Resolution.

- Chairman Bob Rackleff presented a Resolution Commending Deloitte Consulting LLC on its commitment to actively encourage community involvement in volunteerism and for the establishment of its annual IMPACT Day.

- Chairman Bob Rackleff presented the following 2010 Neighborhood Recognition Awards:
  - Unincorporated Neighborhood: Killearn Lakes Plantation
  - Small Neighborhood (99 homes or less): Avondale
  - Large Neighborhood (200 or more homes): Woodland Drives
  - 2010 Neighbor of the Year: Pat Bruner, Neighbor of the Year, Avondale

Consent:
Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers).

1. **Authorization to Submit the FY 2010 Florida Department of Law Enforcement Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application and Approval of the Distribution of the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds**

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Authorize the submittal of the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and 2) Approve the proposed distribution of the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds.

2. **Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the U.S. Space Program and Human Space Flight**

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution supporting the U.S. Space Program and Human Space Flight.

3. **Authorization to Negotiate a Contract with DISC Village in the amount of $100,000 for Vocational Training and Case Management Services**

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a contract with DISC Village in the amount of $100,000 for vocational training and case management services.

4. **Approval of Payment of Bills and Voucher Submitted for June 8, 2010, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of June 9 through June 21, 2010: $8,551,175**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for June 8, 2010 and pre-approve payment of bills and vouchers for the period of June 9 through June 21, 2010: $8,551,175

5. **Approval of the Plat of Sierra Woods Gardens Subdivision for Recording in the Public Records**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Sierra Woods Gardens Subdivision for recording in the Public Records.

Add-On

14. **Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting** (to be taken up under Consent)

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

- Chairman Rackleff confirmed there were no speakers.

General Business

6. **Acceptance of 2010 Florida Legislative Session Final Report; Consideration of State and Federal Lobbying Contracts; and, Request to Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2011 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for October 19, 2010 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

County Administrator Alam invited Ken Morris, Legislative Affairs and Economic Development Director, to provide the Board with a summary of issues from the 2010 Regular Legislative Session. Mr. Morris recalled that the Board at its October 27, 2009

Workshop on State and Federal Legislative Priorities, directed staff to refine the County's priorities, resulting in the following substantive priorities for the 2010 legislative session: 1) Opposition of State Cost Shift to Counties; 2) Protection of State Workforce; 3) Comprehensive Statewide Energy Reform Policy; 4) Guarding Against Property Tax Reform, and 5) Working with and Support of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). In addition, he noted that the Board provided staff and its lobbyist additional direction via Resolutions on specific issues such as:

- Assist FAC in pursuit of Florida Forever Funding. (Legislature provided $15 million in funding this year.)
- Support efforts for the creation of a Civil Rights Museum at the Old McCrory's site. (Legislation passed creating the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame to be located inside the Capitol Building in a location to be determined by the Department of Management Services.)
- Opposition to off-shore oil drilling. (Governor may call a special session to address this issue.)
- Opposition to legislation restricting eligibility for pretrial release programs. (Legislation was not taken up on this issue.)
- Opposition to Hometown Democracy Constitutional Amendment requiring voter referendum on local government new or amended comprehensive plan use. (The FAC, the League of Cities, and legislative leaders oppose the amendment but did not attempt to circumvent the issue already placed on the ballot.)

Mr. Morris indicated that the Board's agenda packet contained a more in-depth reporting on these and other state and federal issues. He shared that he and the lobbying team were available to answer any questions the Board may have.

Commissioner Dailey established with Mr. Morris that both the state and federal lobbying contracts are subject to year to year renewals. In regards to the State contract, he remarked that a year to year contract did not serve the County well and suggested that it be structured on a two to three year basis, for continuity. He suggested that the federal contract be put out to bid through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. He spoke that although he was not dissatisfied with the level of service or federal representation being provided by Patton Boggs, it was "good government" to send these large type contracts out for RFP and suggested that this agreement be for three years with a two year option for a total of five years.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Options, 1, 2, 3, & 5, <u>as amended</u>: 1) Accept the 2010 Legislative Session Final Report; 2) Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for October 19, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.; 3) Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing Agreement with the Capitol Alliance Group for one year in the amount of $40,000, and 5) Issue a Request for Proposals for state and federal lobbying services.

Commissioner Proctor commented on the need for the County's federal lobbyist to have a good rapport with local federal legislators and their staff and deemed that this had been achieved by the current lobbying firm. He noted that cuts in higher education by the legislature could impact the County as students from FSU, FAMU and TCC contribute significantly to the local economy and success of businesses. He suggested that the County remember this impact when local students give voice and objection to proposed cuts in this area.

Commissioner Akinyemi requested and received additional information on SB550, as it relates to the requirement for advanced septic tanks and the County's current efforts in this regard. He also requested clarification on the motion.

Commissioner Dailey clarified that his motion was to issue an RFP for federal lobbying services only; however opined that the state lobbying contract should also not be a on a yearly renewal basis, but for three years with a two year renewal for a total of five years. Commissioner Akinyemi offered that Option 3 could be amended to reflect this change.

Commissioner Desloge stated that he would support the motion as it puts a much needed "trigger" in place, and produces a plan or process by which the Board can make the most appropriate decision on lobbying services.

Mr. Morris provided an overview of the state and federal lobbying contracts and noted that the process proposed by Commissioner Dailey had been in place prior to 2008 when the Board requested RFP's for both state and federal lobbying services. He reminded the Board that it had rejected the federal RFP and "re-upped" with Patton Boggs for one year and this has continued since that time.

Commissioner Proctor expressed his support for the renewal of the Patton Boggs contract as they have been engaged and are very familiar with issues of concern and interest to Leon County, such as the fairground and sewer and water issues and as he noted earlier has an established positive relationships with federal leaders.

Chairman Rackleff voiced his agreement with Commissioner Proctor's comments and noted that the County benefits by Patton Boggs familiarity with the federal legislative process and indicated that he was not in favor of putting out an RFP for federal lobbying services.

Commissioner Thaell upon establishing with Commissioner Dailey that the motion did not include a contract length, requested a friendly amendment that the RFP for federal lobbying services include a three year contract with an option to extend for two years; as this would allow the firm ample time to work and be effective for the County. Commissioner Dailey accepted the friendly amendment.

There was continued discussion on whether the proposal would be an RFP or an RFQ and if the amount of the contract would continue at $100,000. There was agreement that a firm should be chosen based on its qualifications and not on a "bid". Chairman Rackleff inquired from County Attorney Thiele if there was a requirement to accept the lowest bid. Mr. Thiele responded that he considered this a personal services contract and was not subject to award based on the lowest bid amount. He offered that the RFP could include the amount the County has expended in the past for lobbying services or this amount could be omitted and the contract negotiated after the firm had been chosen based on its qualifications.

Commissioner Dailey asked that the Board give full consideration to the motion. He acknowledged the comments made by both Commissioners Rackleff and Proctor and offered that his motion provided the continuity and the established representation they referenced. He also noted that the motion provided a clear and transparent process by which firms would know that upon the conclusion of five years, the service would again be put out for bid. Commissioner Dailey encouraged staff to sit down with Capitol Alliance Group (state lobbyist) and address these issues and bring back ideas related to this contract as well.

Commissioner Akinyemi requested a friendly amendment that Option 3 be amended to extend the existing agreement with Capitol Alliance for three years and at the expiration of the agreement, an RFP be issued. The friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Dailey.

The Board affirmed that the direction to move forward with the RFP process was not a reflection on the quality of work being done by either lobbying firm, but a very prudent move to ensure that the County continues to be provided with the best and highest lobbying services possible.

Commissioner Proctor along with Chairman Rackleff reiterated their support for the continuation of the Patton Boggs agreement and suggested that the County would disadvantage itself by removing the firm's services. Commissioner Proctor recommended that Option 4, amended to include a three year commitment, be considered by the Board.

The motion made by Commissioner Dailey and seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Options, 1, 2, 3, as amended & 5, as amended: 1) Accept the 2010 Legislative Session Final Report; 2) Schedule the Board Workshop on the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Priorities for October 19, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.; 3) Authorize the County Administrator to extend the existing Agreement with the Capitol Alliance Group for ~~one~~ three years in the amount of $40,000, and at the expiration of the Agreement, issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), and 5) Issue a Request for Proposals for ~~state and~~ federal lobbying services. The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioners Rackleff and Proctor in opposition).

7. Request to Reschedule the August 23, 2010 Regular Meeting for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 and Request to Reschedule the October 26, 2010 Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Reschedule the Monday, August 23, 2010 regular meeting for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and 2) Reschedule the Board's October 26, 2010 regular meeting for Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Akinyemi out of Chambers)

8. Authorization to Solicit an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for Installation of Power Production Project at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility

County Administrator Alam explained that the item directs staff to explore a power production project at the landfill. He stated that several "cells" have been identified as having sufficient size and conditions to support a power production project.

Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1: Authorize the solicitation of an Invitation to Negotiate for a power production project at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility.

At Chairman Rackleff's request for additional information, Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator, shared that the market is unknown at this time and that a final negotiated product would be brought to the Board for consideration of the project and the value to be provided to the County.

Commissioner Proctor affirmed with Mr. Alam that this was "absolutely not" a bio mass plant, but energy that would be generated by solar panels, wind, etc. Commissioner Proctor conveyed that he could not support the motion as the proposal was vague and he did not see the urgency to move forward at this time.

Commissioner Dailey applauded staff for this type of thinking and asserted the need to move in this direction.

Commissioner Thaell referenced the actions of Alachua County in this area and suggested that the County could equal or exceed their efforts. He commended Commissioner Akinyemi for championing this undertaking and for keeping it in the forefront of the Board for two years.

Commissioner Akinyemi stated that he looked forward to moving forward in this endeavor and assured Commissioner Proctor that this in no way was a bio mass plant and encouraged his support of the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

This concluded the Board's discussion on Consent and General Business items.

Scheduled Public Hearings, 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Rackleff opened the public hearing.

9. **First of Two Quasi-judicial Public Hearings on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Mahan Residential Corridor Node (MRCN) to the Mahan Corridor Node (MCN) Zoning District (PRZ #100008).**

Chairman Rackleff announced the Public Hearing and confirmed that there were no speakers on this issue.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Conduct the first of two quasi-judicial public hearings on the proposed Ordinance, amending the Official Zoning Map from the Mahan Residential Corridor Node (MRCN) to the Mahan Corridor Node (MCN) zoning district, and 2) Schedule the second and final public hearing on the proposed Ordinance for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Proctor and Akinyemi out of Chambers).

10. **First of Two Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Residential Preservation and Mahan Residential Corridor Node Zoning Districts to the Mahan Corridor Node Zoning District (PRZ #100009)**

Chairman Rackleff announced the Public Hearing and confirmed that there were no speakers on this issue.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Options 1 & 2: 1) Conduct the first of two quasi-judicial public hearings on the proposed Ordinance, amending the Official Zoning Map from the Residential Preservation (RP) and Mahan Residential Corridor Node (MRCN) zoning districts to

the Mahan Corridor Node (MCN) zoning district, and 2) Schedule the second and final public hearing on the proposed Ordinance for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Akinyemi and Proctor out of Chambers).

11. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of County Road 12 Right of Way off State Road 61 and Adoption of an Abandonment Resolution

Chairman Rackleff announced the public hearing and confirmed that there were no speakers on this issue.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly second by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the Abandonment Resolution for a portion of County Road 12 right-of-way off State Road No. 61. The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioners Proctor and Akinyemi out of Chambers).

12. Public Hearings to Impose Special Improvement Liens and Adopt a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Rainbow Acres 2/3 Paving Project

County Administrator Alam announced the public hearing.

Mr. Alam stated that the project was completed and the County had expended $1,033,196. He advised that the amount would be assessed to affected property owners based upon a 15-year amortization schedule at 4.22% interest.

Speakers:

- Mickey Britt, 4407 Millwood Lane, appeared before the Board and declared that the assessment was "unconstitutionally done" and not fairly distributed to property owners.
- Eugene Koontz, 1429 Breck Dr., stated that the assessment was not fair as the amount assessed for his one lot was the same as the assessment for a property owner with five lots.
- Annie Graham, 1421 Breck Dr. expressed dissatisfaction with the completed project and agreed that the assessments were unfair. She suggested that a meeting with residents be held regarding the completed project.

In response to concerns raised by the speakers, Chairman Rackleff pointed out that the process had been in place for many years and assured the property owners that the process was fair and it appeared that there was some misunderstanding. He requested Joe Brown, Engineering Services Director, provide information on this issue. Mr. Brown explained that the neighborhood's original petition was based on the number of owners in the subdivision regardless of the number of lots owned. He reported that the homeowners were aware of and agreed to the "per owner" method of assessment. Mr. Brown conveyed that this method of assessment was no longer utilized by the County.

Chairman Rackleff in continuing dialogue with Mr. Brown reaffirmed that the residents were aware of and agreed to the method and amount of payment and that public meeting were held with residents where projected estimates were provided. It was noted that the actual cost of the project came in lower the projected. Chairman Rackleff shared that he was very familiar with the project and that the roads in the neighborhood were unpaved and conditions intolerable. He opined that the completed project has resulted in increased property values to the homes in the neighborhood. Chairman Rackleff pointed out that this was a private subdivision where the developers

were allowed to put in substandard or unpaved roads and that the County needed to develop standards whereby unpaved roads were not allowed in private developments.

Commissioner Thaell engaged in lengthy dialogue with County Attorney Thiele on the legalities of changing the methodology in determining property assessment such as consideration of rebates to property owners that donated easement as opposed to those properties purchased by the County. Mr. Thiele expressed a concern over the constitutionality of paying a property owner for land rights and then reassessing them the same amount.

Commissioner Akinyemi stated that while he understood the concept of the program and what it attempts to achieve, he suggested that the Board may want to rethink the manner in which it's implemented. He confirmed with Mr. Thiele that it was his recommendation that a per lot method was the most appropriate for calculating assessments; however, staff proposed the assessments be levied as requested by the neighborhood petition, which was based upon property ownership at that time.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Thaell, that the County assesses the paving project per lot ($8,135.40).

Commissioner Proctor expressed disappointment that the County had allowed the developer to install a road system that was unusable by emergency vehicles and buses and asserted that he was not prepared to "encumber the lives of modest living citizens" through their efforts to resolve the problem. He requested that he be allowed to facilitate meetings with staff and residents in an attempt to find a resolution that was agreeable to all.

Commissioner Dailey echoed the frustration shared by his colleagues and agreed that a review of the 2/3 program was needed including a reassessment of the charging of interest. He supported Commissioner Proctor's suggestion to allow him an opportunity to meet with affected parties.

Commissioner Akinyemi withdrew his motion

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to 1) postpone action on this issue, 2) authorize Commissioner Proctor along with staff to revisit this issue with the neighborhood, and 3) continue the public hearing to July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m..

Chairman Rackleff noted that the County had spent $1.033 million to rebuild the roads within the private subdivision to meet County standards and to benefit the residents of the neighborhood. He verified with Mr. Rosenzweig that throughout the history of the program, interest has been included in the payback and had been applied consistently to participants of the program.

Commissioner Desloge stated that would support the motion and wanted to be as fair and equitable as possible; however, the County had made an over $1 million investment based on the need and request of the neighborhood and there was no turning back at this point.

Commissioner Akinyemi thanked Commissioner Proctor for his offer of mediation and questioned how much of the total project cost was actual vs. administrative and interest costs.

Commissioner Proctor had questions regarding the imposing of the Special Improvement Liens and received additional information from the County Attorney on this issue. Commissioner Proctor stated that he wanted to meet with legal and engineering staff prior to the community meeting and wanted to ensure that meeting notices would be distributed to affected residents.

Commissioner Thaell confirmed that the available options for negotiation or consideration included 1) per owner assessment of $11,608.94; 2) per lot assessment of $8,135.40, or 3) if legal, some type of forgiveness policy, i.e., rebate. County Attorney Thiele agreed that these were the methodologies that could be considered; however reiterated his concerns over allocating the cost of right of way acquisition from an individual it was purchased from. Commissioner Thaell also discussed with Mr. Brown the factors involved which significantly increased the project cost. Commissioner Thaell concluded his comments by pointing out that the public meeting held to provide an update on the project, including construction costs was attended by 19 owners representing 27 lots and opined that in the future better outreach was needed prior to a decision to move forward with a project.

Commissioner Dailey expressed his support to explore an alternate method of payment for this project and stated that he was hesitant to place a lien on property when other options may be available.

Commissioner Proctor requested that the Board consider the placement of a cap by which a property assessment cannot exceed a certain percentage of the value of the property.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to hold a workshop on the 2/3 program.

Commissioner Sauls asked that the workshop include a report on the road stabilization program.

The motion carried 7-0.

13. Public Hearing to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Special Improvements for Windwood Hills 2/3 Paving Project

Chairman Rackleff opened the public hearing.

Speakers:

- William Strickland, 6122 Weeping Willow Way, representing the Windwood Hills Homeowners Association, expressed appreciation to the County for moving forward with this project and looks forward to working with staff on its completion.
- Ronald Kasper, 6426 Weeping Willow Way, had numerous questions about the 2/3 program, such as, method of notification; number of properties and how will they be assessed; number of years of assessment; assurances of a "top end" cost for the project, etc. Mr. Brown provided an explanation of the 2/3 program and its process.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1: Conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Special Improvements for Windwood Hills 2/23 Paving Project.

Commissioner Dailey encouraged the Windwood Hills neighborhood to get fully involved on the front-end of the project to avoid any confusion as the project moves forward.

The motion carried 7-0.

Comments/Discussion Items

County Administrator Alam:

- Announced that there would be a public hearing, sponsored by FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning, related to mobility and safety along the Gainesville Road Corridor on June 10, 2010 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee Senior Center's Activity Room.

County Attorney Thiele:

- Referenced his memo of June 7, 2010 to the Board which included a proposed settlement with the City of Tallahassee and the Northwest Florida Water Management District regarding a dispute over proposed modifications to the Jackson Bluff Dam on Lake Talquin. He shared that the settlement gives the County significant authority to hold the City to their representations and promises that when the project was complete there would be no more downstream impact than currently exists. He recommended the Board's acceptance of the Settlement Agreement.
  - ***Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to accept the proposed Settlement Agreement with the City regarding the Jackson Bluff Dam Modification Project.***
  - Chairman Rackleff thanked the County Attorney for his engagement in negotiating the Settlement Agreement and stated that it provides the County an opportunity to continue oversight of the operation of the facility and to protect the interest of property owners downstream.
  - Commissioner Thaell commended the County Attorney and staff involved in reaching this resolution. He expressed concern over the County's inability to get City representatives to establish a workgroup to assess the need for and locations of any additional upstream or downstream river level gauges, and deemed this important to the County's ability to evaluate that the intent of the Agreement is being accomplished. Mr. Thiele stated that his office would work with Public Works staff to set something up on their own to ensure that the City is abiding by the spirit of the agreement. Commissioner Thaell was assured that the County would do its very best to insure that lives and property are protected.
  - Commissioner Thaell inquired if other counties who voiced concerns about the impacts of the project i.e., Franklin, Liberty and Wakulla Counties had been apprised of the Agreement. Mr. Thiele advised that they were aware of the proposal and are awaiting the action of the Board. He stated that he has spoken to all counsels of the interested counties.
  - Commissioner Thaell confirmed with Mr. Thiele that the agreement does not address in any way the effort to receive or extract attorney's fees or court costs of monies spent thus far by the City in defending against this suit.

- Commissioner Dailey declared that based on the advice of the County Attorney, he would recuse himself from voting on this issue as his wife's law firm represents the City of Tallahassee on this matter.
- ***The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Dailey abstaining).***

Chairman Rackleff recessed the Board at 4:59 p.m. to enter into its dinner break and announced that it would reconvene at 6:00 to conduct the Public Hearings.

Commissioner Discussion Items

Commissioner Proctor:

- Distributed a draft resolution on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and requested that it be agendaed for discussion at the June 22, 2010 Board meeting. He added that he would like to have a plaque of the Resolution placed in the Courthouse Rotunda to further illustrate the Board's position on this important matter.
  - ***Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to agenda a Resolution regarding the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Rackleff out of Chambers).***
- Raised concern over the lack of response/proposal from Rogers, Gunter and Vaughn on the development of a joint Leon County, City of Tallahassee, and Leon County School Board health insurance program.
  - Lillian Bennett, Human Resources Director, provided an update on this issue. She shared that there was no guarantee that rates would decrease even with a joint insurance program as rates are dependent on medical loss rate ratio and claims experience. She recommended moving forward with the renewal process, and, if the Board desired, release an RFP for broker services for the 2010 plan year. Ms. Bennett added that the County should receive rates from CHP and BlueCross/Blue Shield by the end of the week.

Commissioner Desloge:

- Requested a Resolution for Paul Mauck.

Commissioner Sauls

- Requested staff schedule a presentation by Del Suggs regarding the Big Bend Scenic Byway. In addition, she asked for consideration of grant match funding in the amount of $25,000 for the Byway to be used for signage and kiosks.
- Inquired about camping fees at Coe Landing Park (Lake Talquin) and relayed a concern from a constituent that park fees were too expensive and was being underutilized. Mr. Rosenzweig shared that staff were aware of this concern and was reviewing the situation. A report will be provided the Board.

Commissioner Akinyemi

- Distributed an updated Riley House "Citizen Visioning Work Group" and asked for staff support to assist the workgroup in vetting this issue.
  - ***Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, that staff and material support be provided for a working group to continue exploring all options for potential development of the Gadsden Street parking lot and integration with the adjacent riley House Museum and Cascade Park.***
  - He added that the group would report back to the Board in December 2010 or January 2011 with recommendations for further action or no action at all.

- Commissioner Desloge stated that he would support the motion but wanted to establish that the offering of staff and time was not an endorsement of a product that might be produced by the workgroup. He further clarified that the workgroup was not charged by the Board with providing options and recommendations.
- Commissioner Dailey thanked Commissioner Akinyemi for his hard work and efforts in this matter and suggested that this was a great way to tackle urban renewal in the downtown area.
- Commissioner Thaell shared that he had, on advice from the County Attorney, recused himself from voting on a Riley House issue at a previous meeting. He inquired from County Attorney Thiele if he should recuse himself from this vote.
- Mr. Thiele advised the motion was basically to authorize staff to assist a Commissioner with the project and thus there was no conflict.
- ***The motion carried 7-0.***

Commissioner Thaell

- Requested a Resolution in support of the Small Business Award winners.
- Appointed Larry Simmons to the MWSBE Committee
- Voiced a concern on the potential challenges facing the community associated with the Gulf oil crisis, such as a decrease in sales tax revenue, environmental and economic refugees from surrounding counties, etc.
  - He proposed that the County organize a planning exercise, open to the public, to consider and dialogue about the potential impact on the budget, schools, roads, municipal services, etc. from the influx of large numbers of people or refugees coming into the area who may lack the financial resources to live in their own community.
  - Commissioner Thaell proposed that the exercise include representatives from the County, City, Planning Department, School Board, Red Cross, Emergency Medical Services and others.
  - ***Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, to direct staff to have a planning exercise to better prepare and organize the County for the anticipated environmental and population increase impacts due to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill.***
  - ***Commissioner Akinyemi suggested a friendly amendment to offer assistance to Wakulla and Franklin Counties. The friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Thaell.***
  - Commissioner Proctor expressed a need to understand the potential impact of the spill to Wakulla Springs.
  - Commissioner Thaell requested that the Science Advisory Council assist in determining the environmental impacts.
  - ***The motion as amended carried 7-0.***

Commissioner Dailey

- Requested Resolutions recognizing Florida American Legion Boys State and Florida American Legion Girls State, which is held annually. The resolutions will be presented at the respective conferences.
- ***Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to ask staff to work with the parties involved (Chubo's Hot Dogs on North Monroe and residents) and for staff to clarify the rules and regulations regarding mobile food units. The motion carried 7-0.***

Chairman Rackleff

- ***On behalf of Chairman Rackleff. Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Akinyemi, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to appropriate $25,000 out of the FY 2010 General Contingency Fund as the County's match for the Knight Foundation's "Town and Gown" initiative. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Dailey out of Chambers).***
- Provided an update on Innovation Park.

Receipt and File: none

Adjourn:
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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