

**Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida
Regular Meeting
June 22, 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 Thaeil, 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

Commissioner Bryan Desloge provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Presentations

- Lynn Tipton, Executive Director, Florida City and County Management Association presented an award for Program Excellence in recognition of the County's participation in the Neighborhood Energy Challenge. Chairman Bob Rackleff accepted the Award on behalf of the Commission and County staff.
- Chairman Bob Rackleff presented a Resolution Celebrating July 2010 as National Parks and Recreation Month. Pat Plocek, Parks and Recreation Director accepted the Resolution on behalf of the County's Parks and Recreation Department and invited all residents to visit and enjoy the local parks in Leon County.

Consent

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 1, which was pulled for further discussion. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Adoption of a Resolution Regarding the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

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

Commissioner Thaeil commended Commissioner Proctor for raising this timely and important issue. He requested that a second provision be added under "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" to encourage legislative leaders to adopt a renewable energy standard that would require municipal and private utilities to include at least a minimum of 20% of their power to renewable energy, solar and wind. Commissioner Proctor was agreeable to the addition.

Speaker:

- Kim Ross, 1603 Sauls Street, Crude Awakening Tallahassee Organizer, spoke in favor of the Resolution and commended the Commission for its support of renewable and alternative forms of energy. She announced that there would be a "Hands Across the Sands" international event at Lake Ella on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Ross requested County sponsorship by funding \$350 for insurance coverage for the event.

In response to Chairman Rackleff's offer to fund the \$350 expenditure from his Commission account, Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to utilize \$350.00 from Commissioner Rackleff's Commission account to obtain liability insurance for the event. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dailey commented that he preferred that the 7th WHEREAS pertaining to the comments made by CEO of BP be removed.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to adopt Option 1, as amended: Adopt the Resolution regarding the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, removing the 7th WHEREAS, and include the addition a second provision to the NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as provided by Commissioner Thaeil.

Commissioner Proctor suggested that the County remain alert and flexible in our response to the needs of neighboring Counties. He thanked Board for its support of the Resolution.

The motion as amended carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Regular Meeting.

3. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Professional Auditing Services for Leon County.

The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a contract with Thomas Howell Ferguson, P.A. /Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. for professional auditing services for Leon County, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

4. Request to Schedule a Workshop on the 2/3 Paving Project Program and the Private Road Repair Program for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a workshop regarding the County's 2/3 Paving Project Program and the Private Road Repair Program for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

5. Approval to Extend the Memorandums of Understanding with Apalachee Center, Inc. the Florida State University School of Psychology, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office for Services Relating to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the extension of the Memorandums of Understanding with Apalachee Center, Inc., the Florida State University School of Psychology, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office for Services Relating to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse reinvestment Grant Program.

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Data Sharing Agreement Between Leon County and the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (Data Sharing Agreement) between Leon County and the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

7. Approval of Proposed Lease Agreement for Office Space with the Downtown Improvement Authority in the Amount of \$10,200 Annually

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the proposed Lease Agreement with Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority for \$10,200 annually, and authorize the County Administrator to execute, and 2) Approve the associated Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute.

8. **Approval Awarding Bid for Custodial Services for the Leon County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex to C&L Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$743,737.**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve awarding bid to C&L Associates, Inc. for custodial services, utilizing "green" cleaning products, at the Leon County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex ("Bank of America Building") in the amount of \$743,737, for a 24-month period, and authorize the County Administrator to execute and Agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

9. **Approval to Award Bid to Peter R. Brown Construction in the Amount of \$3,206,196 for the Construction of the Leon County Public Library Eastside Branch**

The Board approved Option 1: Approval to award Bid to Peter R. Brown Construction, in the amount of \$3,206,196 for the construction of the Eastside Branch Library, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

10. **Approval to Award Bid to Dowdy Plumbing in the Amount of \$312,780 for the Construction of Sanitary Sewer Installations Along Pedrick Road for Service to the Leon County Eastside Branch Library.**

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Approval to award Bid to Dowdy Plumbing in the amount of \$312,780, for the construction of City of Tallahassee sanitary sewer installations along Pedrick Road for providing service to the Leon County Eastside Branch Library and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney, and 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Requests realizing the establishment of the capital project and the associated reimbursement for all costs from the City of Tallahassee.

11. **Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for June 22, 2010 and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of June 23 through July 11, 2010: \$2,529,501**

The Board approved Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for June 22, 2010 and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of June 23 through July 11, 2010: \$2,529,501

12. **Request to schedule a Public Hearing for an Ordinance Related to Disaster-Generated Debris Removal for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a public hearing for a Proposed Ordinance relating to disaster-generated debris for July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

13. **Approval of Agreement Awarding Bid for the Construction of Linene Woods 2/3 Paving Project to C.W. Roberts, Inc. in the amount of \$575,685.**

The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the Agreement awarding bid to C.W. Roberts, Inc. or the construction of Linene Woods 2/3 Paving Project in the amount of \$575,685, and authorize the County Administrator to execute, and 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

14. **Approval of the Plat of Monday Road Subdivision for Recording in the Public Records**

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Monday Road Subdivision for recording in the Public Records

15. Adoption of Resolution for Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain for Buck Lake Road Widening Project from Davis Drive to Pedrick Road

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolutions for Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain for Buck Lake Road Widening Project from Davis Drive to Pedrick Road.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items

- Mickey Britt, 4407 Millwood Lane, asserted that tax free municipal bonds should be used to pave all roads, including those of private subdivisions, as they are accessible to all residents. He was opposed to property owners of a private subdivision being charged over \$11,000 to pave the roads within the subdivision.

General Business

16. Approval of Grant Match in the Amount of \$25,000 for the Big Bend Scenic Byway

At the request of Commissioner Sauls, Dell Suggs, representing the Leon County Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG), made a presentation to the Board on the Big Bend Scenic Byway project. He explained that the funding request would help meet the 20% match required for a U.S. Department of Transportation grant of \$813,000 to implement phase 2 of the Wayshowing and Interpretive Plan. The Plan consists of construction and installation of kiosks, portals, panels, exhibits, and signs along the Byway. He shared that funding commitments have been obtained from the Cities of Apalachicola and Sopchoppy, the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida State Forest, St. Mark Wildlife Refuge, and the Summercamp Development in the amount of \$83,000.

Mr. Suggs shared that the Byway consists of 220 miles of highway through Leon, Wakulla and Franklin Counties and the route highlights the forest and coastal trails and would promote various historical and natural landmarks throughout the Big Bend community.

County Administrator Alam pointed out that the match funding was not necessary from the FY 2010 budget; however, a letter from the County Commission indicating that the funds had been committed would be provided to the CAG for inclusion in its grant proposal.

Commissioner Desloge thanked Mr. Suggs for his efforts and commended him on the number of partners already on board with the project. He suggested that the Tourist Development Council could be utilized to help promote the Byway and its landmarks.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Sauls, to approve Option 1: Approve a grant match for the Big Bend Scenic Byway and approve the Budget Amendment Request in the amount of \$25,000 from the General Contingency fund balance for FY 2012. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Desloge out of Chambers).

17. Consideration of "Town and Gown" Relations Project

County Administrator Alam explained that the item requests funding of \$25,000 to help fund the Town and Gown Relations Project. He added that this was an initiative to enhance and strengthen the relationship of the community with higher education institutions and to develop a long-range community plan to retain college graduates and young professional in the community.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Thaell, to approve Option 1: Approve the funding request for the Town and Gown Relations Project, and approve the Budget Amendment Request realizing \$25,000 from the General Contingency Fund balance. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Desloge out of Chambers).

Scheduled Public Hearings: none

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items

Chairman Rackleff confirmed that there were no citizens to be heard.

Comments/Discussion Items

County Administrator Alam

- None

County Attorney Thiele

- Relayed a citizen concern that they were unable to get title insurance on a structure as it was located on a conservation easement that the County had placed on top of the house. He advised that the County needed to execute a Dissent and Disclaimer of Interest and requested the Board's approval.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve the execution of a Dissent and Disclaim of Interest document. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion Items by Commissioner

Commissioner Dailey

- None

Commissioner Thaell

- Stated that due to the recession, an economic "jumpstart" was needed in the Frenchtown and Southside areas. He added that there had never been a better time to tap into the combined expertise of business leaders and the community residents for innovative ideas to promote and sustain economic development in those areas.
- **Commissioner Thaell moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to direct staff to bring back an agenda item at the July 13 meeting for Board consideration of the establishment of a Frenchtown/Southside Economic Revitalization Citizen Committee to tackle issues such as poverty, unemployment, underemployment and economic development. In addition they would make recommendations to the Board on new approaches and creative solutions to spur economic development in those areas. The Committee would consist of seven business professionals, appointed by each Commissioner, and eight at-large members who live in or own business within the targeted communities, to be appointed by the full Board.**
- Commissioner Thaell also asked for consideration of a consultant to help review the possible economic redevelopment of the fairgrounds property.
- Chairman Rackleff confirmed that staff would be assigned to define the area.
- Commissioner Akinyemi expressed support for the motion and presumes it would be an "outcome drive" committee.
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

Commissioner Akinyemi

- Requested an update on the County's settlement with the City regarding the Jackson Bluff Dam Modification Project.
- Mr. Thiele shared that the Settlement Agreement was signed and filed with DOAH and the administrative law judge issued an Order to dismiss the County from the case about a week ago. He added that the motion for attorney's fees is still pending and unresolved.
- Commended staff on their preparation for the Board's Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Sauls

- none

Commissioner Desloge:

- Thanked staff for their hard work and efforts in preparing for the Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Proctor:

- Requested that the Board consider continuing the Public Hearings to Impose Special Improvement Liens and Adopt a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Rainbow Acres 2/3 Paving Project. He advised that he has met with staff and concerned citizens regarding the negotiation of a fair property assessment and believes an additional two months are needed to address the issues.
 - County Attorney Thiele stated that the public hearing was continued to a time certain and that the agenda item written for July 13 would include an option to continue.
 - The request was agreed to by the Board.
- Invited the Board to attend the "Tallahassee Remembers Michael Jackson" public event at The Moon on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rackleff

- Requested a Resolution commending Eli Ross, a junior in the IB Program at Rickards High School, on winning a mathematics competition. Mr. Ross will skip his senior year and will attend MIT.

Chairman Rackleff announced that the Board would continue the Regular Board Meeting and reconvene the Budget Workshop. Upon the conclusion of the Budget Workshop, the Board will reconvene and take up Item #18 Ratification of the June 22, 2010, FY 2011 Budget Workshop.

The Board recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 10:39 p.m.

18. Ratification of the June 22, 2010, FY 2011 Budget Workshop

Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator provided an overview of the actions taken by the Board at the Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Akinyemi moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, to approve Options 1, 2, 3, & 4: 1) Ratify actions taken at the June 22, 2010 Budget Workshop; 2) Establish the maximum millage for the purposes of the Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) at 8.3500 (7.8500 Countywide and 0.5000 for Emergency Medical Services); 3) Approve the attached Resolution and associated Budget Amendment for the funding of the capital projects through the realignment of \$2.6 million in existing funds, and 4) Request the Supervisor of Elections to resubmit no later than July 7, 2010 his FY2011 operating budget request with a \$350,000 reduction in his personnel and operating accounts.

Commissioner Thaele confirmed with County Administrator Alam that the reduction in the Supervisor of Elections budget would not have an impact on the November elections. Mr. Alam assured Commissioner Thaele that there were options available to the Supervisor should his office experience a budget shortfall.

The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 pm.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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