

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2012**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Akin Akinyemi presiding. Present were Commissioners Nick Maddox, Bill Proctor, Kristin Dozier, John Dailey, Bryan Desloge, and Jane Sauls. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Herb Thiele, Finance Director David Reid and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause.

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

Awards and Presentations

- Chairman Akinyemi recognized Mike Pate, Chair of “Seven Days of Opening Nights” who introduced Chris Heacox, new Executive Director of FSU’s “Seven Days of Opening Nights”.
- Chairman Akinyemi Presented a Resolution Designating Leon County as a “Capital Purple Heart County”. Commander Michael Ford and Col. Washington Sanchez, members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Purple Heart recipients, along with Gold Star Mother Tammy Wise-Thrash, accepted the recognition on behalf of the 18,000 veterans and 400 Purple Heart recipients residing in the County.
 - Commander Ford and Col. Sanchez thanked the Board for the honor and expressed their gratitude for living in a County that recognizes its veterans. They spoke of the plight of the approximately 400 homeless veterans in Leon County and encouraged the County to help get the word out about the services that are available to them.
 - Col Sanchez also announced that a homeless veteran “stand down” event would be held in February/March 2013 and encouraged veterans to sign up.
- Chairman Akinyemi presented a Proclamation honoring Annie S. Harris as a “Community Treasure”. She is the fifth recipient of the honor.
- Commissioner Dozier presented a Resolution designating October 2012 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
 - Ms. Joanne Suggs, local American Cancer Society community representative, accepted the Resolution and commented that the 2011 “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” event raised \$165,000 to provide programs and services for local breast cancer patients. This made last year’s event the highest grossing event since its inception. She thanked the community and the Board for its support and help in raising awareness within the community.
- Presentation by Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) on a Proposal for Community Cultural Planning
 - John Lawrence, Chairman of the COCA Board, provided brief comments to the Board and stated that a Cultural Plan Proposal Committee had been established to formulate a proposal for cultural planning in Tallahassee and Leon County. Additionally, he introduced other COCA Board members Joanna Money (Treasurer), Longineau Parsons, Kay Stephenson, Maggie Lewis and Executive Director Peggy Brady.
 - Ms. Stephenson provided the Board an overview of the proposed two-phase process for updating of the Cultural Plan. She offered that the proposal was presented and approved at the last COCA Board meeting. She conveyed that the proposal was a

“forward looking, community driven method” to formulate an inclusive and measurable cultural plan for the next 10 years. She also submitted that Florida Statutes charges COCA as the appropriate entity to assume that responsibility. Ms. Stephenson concluded the presentation by requesting support of the proposed plan by the County Commission.

Chairman Akinyemi mentioned that concerns had been raised about COCA’s involvement in this process and learned from Ms. Stephenson that, in many organizations, local arts agencies that are statutorily formulated are charged with cultural planning and the assessment of cultural plans. Ms. Stephenson emphasized that COCA would not be the exclusive facilitator of the plan, but rather has proposed a process that is a citizens initiative.

Consent:

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 6 & 7, which were pulled for further discussion. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Acceptance of Department of Children and Families Purchase Order for Reimbursement of Drug Court Urinalysis Testing

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request establishing a budget for reimbursement of urinalysis testing.

2. Approval of First Amendment to the Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Sheriff

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the first amendment to the Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Sheriff changing the commencement date from October 1, 2012 to no later than April 1, 2013.

3. Approval of the WORKFORCE plus Region 5 2012-2016 Strategic & Operating Plan

The Board approved Option 1: Approval of the WORKFORCE plus Region 5 2012-2016 Strategic & Operating Plan

4. Approval of Payment of Bills and Voucher Submitted for September 18, 2012, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of September 19, 2012 through October 8, 2012

The Board approved Options 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for September 18, 2012, and Pre-Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period of September 19, 2012 through October 8, 2012.

5. Adoption of Proposed Policy “Leon County Wellness Program”

The Board approved Option 1 & 2: 1) Adopt the proposed Leon County Wellness Program Policy, and the proposed Value Based Design Program Guidelines, and 2) Accept the proposed draft Wellness Program Guidelines, and the proposed draft Rewards Program Guidelines

6. Approval to Renew the Agreement Between Leon County and Apalachee Center, Inc. for the Provision of Baker Act and Marchman Act Services for FY 2012/2013

Commissioner Dailey requested that the item be pulled for discussion.

County Administrator introduced the item.

Commissioner Dailey stated for transparency purposes, he is a voluntary member of the Apalachee Center Board of Directors. He confirmed with County Attorney Thiele that he had no conflict of interest in voting on this issue.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the renewal of the Agreement with Apalachee Center, Inc. for Baker and Marchman Act mandated services in the amount of \$638,156 for FY 2012/13, and authorize the County Administrator to execute. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Approval of Agreement Between Leon County and Children's Home Society of Florida for the Provision of Child Protection Examinations for FY 2012/13

Commissioner Dailey requested the item be pulled for discussion.

County Administrator Long introduced the item.

Commissioner Dailey stated for transparency purposes, that his wife is a voluntary member of the Children's Home Society of Florida's Board of Directors. He confirmed with County Attorney Thiele that he had no conflict of interest in voting on this issue.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Approve the Agreement between Leon County and Children's Home Society of Florida for the provision of State-mandated child protection examinations for FY 2012/13, and authorize the County Administrator to execute. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Approval to Renew the Agreement Between Leon County and the State of Florida Department of Health for the Provision of Public Health Services for FY 2012/13

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the contract renewal between Leon County and the State of Florida Department of Health for the provision of public health services in an amount not to exceed \$237,345, and authorize the County Administrator to execute.

9. Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings for Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Article VI, Leon County Code of Laws, "Community Gardens" for Tuesday, October 9 and November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule two public hearings to consider a proposed Ordinance to amend Article VI, of the Leon County Code of Laws, entitled "Community Gardens" for Tuesday, October 9 and November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m..

10. Ratification of Previously Recorded Deeds for Right-of-Way from the City to County, Acceptance of Deeds for Right-of-Way from Blueprint to County, Adoption of Resolution to Authorize Conveyance of County Right-of-Way to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Capital Circle Southeast Widening Project

The Board approved Options 1, 2 & 3: 1) Ratify deeds previously recorded in the Public Records conveying right-of-way from the City to the County; 2) Accept deeds conveying right-of-way from Blueprint to County, and 3) Adopt a Resolution authorizing conveyance of County right-of-way to Florida Department of Transportation by County Deed.

11. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Brushy Creek Road Stormwater Control and Drainage Improvement Project for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a public hearing regarding intent to use the uniform method of levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments for Brushy Creek Road Stormwater Control and Drainage Improvement Project for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00.

12. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Terre Bonne 2/3 Paving Project for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a public hearing regarding intent to use the uniform method of levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments for Terre Bonne 2/3 Paving Project for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Florida Association of Counties Trust's (FACT) Fifth Amendment to Agreement and Declaration of Trust Creating and Establishing Florida Association of Counties Trust

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the Resolution approving Florida Association of Counties Trust's Fifth Amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.

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

- Chairman Akinyemi confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items.

General Business

14. Acceptance of Status Report on the Council of Culture and Arts and Consideration of the Process to Update the Cultural Plan

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He indicated that staff has attempted in the agenda item to encapsulate discussions being held at the City regarding a process by which the Cultural Plan would be updated utilizing an outside entity not directly associated with the cultural plans implementation. He remarked that City Commissioner Gil Ziffer was in attendance and wished to address the Commission on this matter.

Speaker:

City Commissioner Gil Ziffer, provided comments on the state of culture and arts in the community and commented on the need for funding sources other than local government. He suggested that a community Cultural Plan should contain financially attainable goals with specific timeframes and input from all stakeholders. He opined that there was not enough communication between the COCA Board and the Tourist Development and Economic Development Councils and this was essential to a successful communitywide culture and arts program. Commissioner Ziffer proposed a plan which establishes a committee comprised of members appointed by the City and County Commissions, the KCCI Community Catalyst Program, heritage and historical organizations and other groups that were minimized in the development of the original plan. This Committee would be charged to review and assess the current plan and make recommendations on modifications to the plan's objectives.

Commissioner Proctor offered a multitude of questions, concerns and comments regarding the 1) proposed plan offered by Commissioner Ziffer, 2) various entities competing for funds; 3) role of the new amphitheater; 4) status of the Brogan Museum, and 5) the \$150,000 re-granting funds. He mentioned that the Cultural Plan should reconcile all the various organizations and the two plans should not be conflicting.

Commissioner Ziffer addressed some of the issues brought forward by Commissioner Proctor. He stated that while he supported the COCA plan, he had issues with them authoring recommendations they would be responsible for implementing. He reiterated the importance for COCA, TDC and the EDC (all of which are funded by the City and County) to work more closely together to help elevate culture and arts in the community; which in turn would contribute to the quality of life offered to resident's and augment its appeal to others who might consider relocating to Tallahassee.

Commissioner Desloge ascertained from Commissioner Ziffer that staffing, based on his process, would be determined by the County Administrator and City Manager.

Commissioner Dozier articulated that the recommendation for a third party review is "not a knock" on COCA, but rather a method by which to garner a third party perspective. She stated that it was perfectly appropriate for the City and County Commissions (that fully fund COCA) to establish the process and another entity, possibly KCCI, produce the final report. She commented on the need for COCA to be a partner in the review process and that two separate processes and reports are not needed. Commissioner Dozier also remarked that her interpretation of the Statute is that COCA can do the reporting, but is not charged with absolutely doing the Cultural Plan reporting. She voiced her expectancy that the County Administrator would work out the details with the City Manager and bring back an agenda item regarding a process to move forward.

Commissioner Maddox asked Ms. Stephenson if she agreed there was no need for two processes. She responded that the duplication of effort would be a waste and counter-productive. There was further discussion, initiated by inquiry from Commissioner Maddox regarding COCA's preference to move forward with a process for a new Cultural Plan and not conduct any further assessments of the 2003 Plan. The dialogue related to the reports that were submitted to both the City and County Commissions annually on the accomplishments or difficulties with the 2003 Cultural Plan.

Chairman Akinyemi learned from Ms. Brady that the committees' proposed by the COCA process could include members from organizations such as KCCI or Leadership Tallahassee. She also established that COCA would not be involved in the development of recommendations or in the production of the report; but that they would provide facilitation of meetings only.

Commissioner Dailey asked County Attorney Thiele about the statute providing responsibility to COCA. County Attorney Thiele stated that he would need to review the creating ordinance before advising on this issue. Commissioner Dailey continued by asking County Administrator Long about the timeline for final approval of the Cultural Plan. Mr. Long responded that he was unsure if there is a deadline for the formation of the Plan; however, Ms. Stephenson forecasted a completion date of September 2013 (if the process was to begin now).

Commissioner Dailey stated that he appreciated Commissioner Ziffer bringing his proposal before the Board; still opined that the City should take action on his proposal first and then be brought back to the County Commission as an adopted plan by the City. He voiced support for the proposed COCA plan, but encouraged Commissioners Ziffer and Dozier, as voting members on the COCA Board, to "roll up their sleeves, and work harder" to get ideas incorporated. He mentioned that should there be differences, there would be time for Commissioners Dozier and Ziffer, along with the County Administrator and City Manager to meet and attempt to bring the two plans together. Commissioner Dailey also spoke on the issue of the \$150,000 that the Board took action on during its July Budget Workshop. He expressed his full support for both the Brogan Museum and COCA and stated that it was his objective to hold both entities harmless. He suggested that the Board reinstate the \$150,000 to COCA so that those organizations that have been approved for COCA funding do not have to wait until the end of October to receive their funds. He went on record with a personal commitment for funding to the Brogan Museum, up to \$150,000, should the plan they bring forward require a financial obligation.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, approval of Option 1: Accept the status report on the Council of Cultural and Arts and the process to update the Cultural Plan in 2013.

Speaker:

- Chucha Barber, 4335 Bradfordville Rd. shared that she serves on the TDC Board and International Advisory Board of the EDC. She asked the Board to consider the impact of cultural arts on the community and "tread slowly, think carefully and be inclusive" with regards to the Cultural Plan.

Commissioner Dozier offered a substitute motion to accept Option 2, as amended: Accept the status report on the Council for Culture and Arts, and direct the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to finalize a proposal to bring back to the Board for consideration at the October 9 meeting. The process should also include consultation with COCA and Commissioners Ziffer and Dozier. The substitute motion was seconded by Commissioner Desloge.

Commissioner Dozier articulated the importance to have a "team effort" for this endeavor and the need to move forward with one voice.

There was considerable discussion regarding Commissioner Dozier's substitute motion and whether the process she was proposing should also include the wording from Option 1. Commissioner Dozier stated that she would support the additional wording; however did not want to lock the Board into the exact process that was being proposed in COCA's plan; but rather look at what the City does, review both proposals and try to find some common ground to tie together and satisfy everyone.

Commissioner Ziffer appeared and stated that he would request the City manager pull his item from the City Commission September 19 agenda. This will allow time to allow all parties to work through the issues and hopefully have resolution by the first City Commission meeting in October.

Commissioner Dozier amended her motion to have the information presented at the October 23 Board meeting.

Commissioner Dailey called the Question which was duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox. The motion to call the question carried 6-1 (Commissioner Akinyemi in opposition).

The substitute motion made and amended by Commissioner Dozier was restated by the County Administrator: *Approval of Options 1 & 2, as amended: 1) Accept the status report on the Council of Cultural and Arts and the process to update the Cultural Plan in 2013 and 2) Accept the status report on the Council of Cultural and Arts and direct the County Administrator to work with the City Manager to finalize a proposal to update the Cultural Plan and bring it back to the Board at its October 23, 2012 meeting for approval. The proposal will include consultation with COCA and Commissioners Ziffer and Dozier.*

The substitute motion, as amended carried 7-0.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, restoration of the \$150,000 previously removed from the COCA granting process and earmark funds from the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Trust Fund for this purpose.

Commissioner Dozier stated that while she agreed that the funds should be restored to COCA, she was concerned about the process and conditions to transfer monies from the PAC Trust Fund. Commissioner Dozier confirmed with Ms. Brady that the unfunded grants amounted to approximately \$120,000.

Commissioner Proctor strongly advocated that the remaining \$30,000 be designated to the Tallahassee Boys Choir, as their budget had been cut by \$30,000. Ms. Brady shared that the Boys Choir did not qualify for funding via the COCA grant process.

Commissioner Dailey withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to restore the \$150,000 removed from the COCA grant funding program.

Commissioner Proctor offered that the motion be amended to allocate \$30,000 of the proposed \$150,000 to the Tallahassee Boys Choir. Commissioner Dailey did not accept the amendment.

Commissioner Proctor learned from Ms. Brady that the grant program is decided by a group of citizens who vote on how the money is awarded; COCA does not make recommendations. She stated that the citizens committee will make a recommendation on how the remaining \$30,000 should be spent.

Commissioner Proctor made a substitute motion to restore the funding to COCA and designate \$30,000 toward the Tallahassee Boys Choir. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Desloge spoke in opposition to the motion. He stated that should the Board restore the \$150,000 to COCA and then fund the Brogan with an additional \$150,000 the amount designated to COCA would be increased to \$650,000 (up from \$500,000). He preferred to wait and hear the proposal from the Brogan before taking this action.

Commissioner Dailey spoke in support of his motion stating that he was not comfortable requiring those organizations who have gone through the COCA grant process and been approved to have to wait until the end of October to receive their funding, because of the actions of the Commission. He also referenced the availability of the mini grant process whereby those organizations who have not previously applied can submit application for funding.

Commissioner Maddox Called the Question, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

The motion to restore the \$150,000 carried 5-2 (Commissioners Desloge and Proctor in opposition).

Chairman Akinyemi suggested that the Board adjust the agenda and address Agenda Item #16 prior to the dinner break. The Board entered into discussion on Item #16.

15. Authorization to Proceed with a Request for Proposals for the Purposes of Refunding the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A and Taxable Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003B

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He remarked that based on current market conditions, a refunding of the outstanding bonds could realize savings of approximately \$200,000 a year in annual debt service payments, but actual amounts will not be known until a bid process is conducted and the final structure is determined. He stated that total savings are estimated at approximately \$1.6 million over the life of the bonds.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, approval of Option 1: Authorize the County's financial advisor to issue a Bank Loan Request for Proposal for the purpose of refunding the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A and Taxable Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003B. The motion carried 7-0.

16. Consideration of Partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee in the Community Carbon Fund

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He indicated that there was a fiscal impact of \$15,000; however, funding is available in the Office of Sustainability operating budget. He noted that the item aligns with many of the Board's strategic priorities as well as the Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Approve the partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee in the Community Carbon Fund in the amount of \$15,000.

Commissioner Dozier commended Sustainable Tallahassee for its ability to leverage private sector donations and in efforts to help make buildings more sustainable.

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

Chairman Akinyemi recessed the Board at 5:22 p.m. for its dinner break and announced it would reconvene at 6:00 p.m. to conduct the public hearings.

17. Authorization to Finalize Solid Waste Disposal Negotiations and Acceptance of Status Update on Other Solid Waste Efforts

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated that staff were confident a reduced rate for the hauling and disposal of solid waste from the Transfer Station could be negotiated; thereby, reducing the overall cost to both the County and City. Additionally, based on existing volume processed at the facility, the savings to the City and County collectively could exceed \$450,000 annually.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Authorize staff to finalize an extension to the existing agreement with Waste Management, Inc. for the hauling and disposal of solid waste, and 2) Authorize staff to continue to utilize Kessler Consulting Inc. for the Transfer Station operation procurement (\$37,440) and the curbside collection procurement (\$38,970).

County Proctor offered that he was “somewhat disconcerted” by the hiring of a consultant for this process. County Administrator Long responded that hiring of the consultant was well advised as the technical expertise of the existing consultant would provide assistance with the Transfer Station and curbside collection procurements.

Speakers:

- Curtis Baynes, 1323 E. Tennessee St., proposed that the County eliminate the exclusive collection agreement and provide an opportunity for other potential providers.
- John Gibby, 4887 Gum Road, supports the use of the Transfer Station as a recycling processing center; however, questioned the use of Kessler Consulting, Inc. as the consultant.

Commissioner Proctor asked the status of Decatur County as a disposal site. Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig responded that a favorable disposal rate could not be agreed upon and that staff has also ascertained that there are no disposal alternatives within a 50-mile radius that offer cost effective disposal services. Mr. Rosenzweig shared that an extension to the current disposal agreement has been discussed with Waste Management and feels confident that a more favorable rate can be obtained for hauling and disposal services.

Commissioner Proctor cited the efforts of Marpan Recycling and wanted to ensure that they receive an adequate amount of the waste stream as they are engaged in cutting edge endeavors that could create more jobs within the community. County Administrator Long stated that Marpan was situated very favorable and is expected to be very competitive in the proposed procurement process. Commissioner Proctor opined that the efforts of Marpan should be publicized.

The motion carried 7-0.

18. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing for the Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article XII, Entitled “Lobbyist Regulations” for Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

County Attorney Thiele introduced the item. He explained the proposed amendments address some minor adjustments that need to be made in the ordinance for clarity purposes.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, approval of Option 1: Direct County Attorney’s Office to finalize ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article XII entitled “Lobbyist Regulations” and to schedule same for public hearing on October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

19. Approval of Agreement Awarding Bid to CSI Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of \$785,392 for Life/Safety Improvement at the Bank of America Building

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He relayed that the item is associated with building code requirements for the building and represents the lowest responsive bid. He mentioned that funding for the project has been contemplated in the 2013 budget.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the Agreement awarding bid to CSI Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$791,392 for life/safety improvements at the Bank of America Building, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

Commissioner Proctor inquired of the vacancy level in the Bank of America and whether any major tenants were projected to leave. County Administrator Long responded that there is very little vacancy and what is available has been spoken for. He confirmed that the building “pays for itself”.

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

20. Consideration of Full Board Appointments to the Canopy Road Citizens Committee and Tallahassee Sports Council

Canopy Roads Citizens Committee

- *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, the appointment of Robert Farley to the Canopy Roads Citizen Advisory Committee. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers).*

Tallahassee Sports Council

- *Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, the appointment of Tim Randolph to the Tallahassee Sports Council. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers).*
- *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, the appointment of Chuck Davis to the Tallahassee Sports Council. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers).*
- *Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, the appointment of Patti Hilaman to the Tallahassee Sports Council. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers).*
- *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, the appointment of Kip West to the Tallahassee Sports Council. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers).*

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Akinyemi reconvened the Board at 6:00 p.m. to conduct the following public hearing.

21. Second and Final Public Hearing on Adoption of Final Millage Rates and Final Budgets for FY 2012/2013

Chairman Akinyemi announced that this was the second of two required public hearings on the Leon County budget for FY 2012/2013. He invited those individuals who wished to comment on the item to complete a speaker card and submit it to the Clerk.

County Administrator Vince Long read the following into the record:

- The proposed aggregate Millage rate is 8.8144 mills which is equal to the aggregate rollback Millage rate of 8.8144 mills.

Speakers:

- Gary Mahoney, 6019 Ox Bottom Manor Dr., referenced a recent newspaper poll which showed 62% of Leon County residents are in opposition to the proposed property tax and voiced opposition to a pay increase for County employees. He confirmed with County Administrator Long that County employees (making less than a certain amount) did receive a pay adjustment to compensate for the 3% retirement contribution. He also asked the Board to conduct a comparison of top County salaries to others in the community with like jobs.
- Curtis Baynes, 1323 E. Tennessee, emphasized his objections to the increase in the millage rate. He illustrated how taxable valuations have been and will continue to be on the decline and asserted the need for more efficiency within County government.
- John Ted Barefield, 2107 Napoleon Bonaparte Dr., strongly protested any type of millage increase. He stated that rather an increase in millage he would rather there be a decrease in services or a decrease in County salaries. He cited foreclosures throughout the community and businesses going out of business as an example of the poor economy. He suggested that the time allotted for citizen comment be expanded from 3 to 4 or 5 minutes.
- John Gibby, 4887 Gum Road, spoke regarding the Solid Waste and Transfer Station budget and wanted to insure that there was monies allocated for the "tire washer" in the budget and also monies promised for the holding pond for the neighbors of the Transfer Station. Mr. Gibby provided for the record confirmation received from the County's budget office that the two items were included in the proposed budget.

At the request of Chairman Akinyemi, Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig presented an overview of the 2012/13 budget including cost avoidances and additional savings and major elements of the proposed budget. Highlights of the presentation included:

- The Board has conducted five workshops and a public hearing on the proposed budget.
- The budget has been reduced by 21.6% or over \$60 million since FY 2008.
- The proposed roll back millage rate will generate the same amount of property taxes that was generated last year. The County will not realize any additional revenue.
- The County has the 7th lowest budget per capita and ranks 3rd lowest in positions per capita in the state.
- The County has the lowest net budget per capita and the lowest number of positions per capita among comparable counties.
- The proposed Countywide millage rate is 8.3144 mills.
- The proposed EMS millage rate is 0.5 mills and the Primary Healthcare MSTU is 0.0 mills.
- The proposed budget is \$223,090,504 which is a reduction of \$12.5 million or 5.3%.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Adopt, via attached Resolution, the final FY 12/13 Countywide millage rate of 8.3144. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 2: Adopt, via attached Resolution, the final FY 12/13 Countywide budget. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 3: Adopt, via attached resolution, the final FY 12/13 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.5000 mills. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 4: Adopt, via attached resolution, the final FY 12/13 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 5: Adopt, via attached resolution, the final FY 12/13 Primary Healthcare MSTU millage rate of 0.0000 mills. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 6: Adopt, via attached resolution, the final FY 12/13 Primary Healthcare MSTU budget. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

22. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant Application in the Neighborhood Revitalization Category to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

County Administrator Long announced the public hearing and confirmed there were no speakers on this issue.

Commissioner Sauls moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Conduct the second and final public hearing, and adopt the Resolution authorizing the submission of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application, and

authorize the County Administrator to execute said grant and other documents incidental to obtaining and administering said grant. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Akinyemi announced that the Board had concluded its Public Hearings and would return to its General Business Agenda, Item #15.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

- Chairman Akinyemi confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items

Comments/Discussion Items

County Attorney Thiele:

- No issues.

County Administrator Long:

- Reminded the Board of the Division of Tourism Annual Marketing Rollout event at Mission San Luis on Wednesday, October 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Discussion Items

Commissioner Desloge:

- Expressed concern that the approved budget was perceived as a property tax hike, when in reality the property tax collection is neutral. He stated that the County continues to do more with less and that a lot of work was put into the development of the budget.
- Congratulated County Administrator Long on being a finalist for the Leadership Tallahassee's "Distinguished Leadership Award".
- Announced with pride that his daughter Elizabeth passed her bar exam today.
- Established with County Attorney Thiele that the number of Internet Cafes in Leon County had dropped to 17 from 29. Mr. Thiele added that all 17 sites had applied for a renewal, although four do not meet the criteria. Thus, the number could be down to as low as 13. He stated that the goal of the ordinance is to have less than 10 sites.

Commissioner Dailey:

- No issues.

Commissioner Dozier:

- Requested a Resolution for newly appointed Eagle Scout, Nicholas C. Falci, to be presented at an outside event. *Approved without objection.*

Commissioner Proctor:

- No issues.

Commissioner Sauls:

- Stated that she has had multiple requests for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Woodville Highway and Natural Bridge Road. She asked Tony Park, Director of Public Works and Community Development, to contact the Florida Department of Transportation on the feasibility of the request and provide her a report.

Commissioner Maddox:

- No issues.

Chairman Akinyemi:

- No issues.

Receipt and File: Fallschase Community Development District Fiscal Year 2013 Adopted Budget

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Akin Akinyemi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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