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AGENDA

FEBRUARY 4, 2016

5:30 P.M.

Invocation (Commissioner Bucky Nash)

Pledge to U.S. Flag

Staff or Commissioner Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Approval of Agenda

Presentation of Ministerial Matters Not Requiring Public Comment

Mr. James Montgomery:

- (1) Montgomery 10 Acres of Land Purchase with First Right of Refusal

Commissioner Scarlet Frisina,

- (1) Presentation of Resolution No. 2016R-1 – Restoring the Passenger Rail Services between New Orleans, LA and Jacksonville, FL

Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District

- (1) Introduction

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – 5 Minute Limit

Approval of Consent Agenda

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Discussion and Action Items:

- (1) Former Giles Property Update

Open Public Comments to the Board – 2 Minute Limit

Staff Comments

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING
RESTORATION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA AND JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, before Hurricane Katrina, Amtrak's Sunset Limited passenger line served railroad travelers as the only transcontinental passenger rail service from Los Angeles passing through new Orleans and Mobile to Orlando; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina damaged a portion of the rail infrastructure along the Gulf Coast as well as caused the loss of other portions of the infrastructure, including the total loss of Mobile's passenger rail terminal facility; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak suspended all service on the eastern portion of the Sunset Limited line from New Orleans through Mobile, Pensacola, Crestview, Chipley, Tallahassee, and Jacksonville to Orlando; and

WHEREAS, CSX, and Norfolk Southern (the freight railroad companies that own the tracks on which passenger rail service to the eastern Gulf Coast will operate) have both committed to cooperating with Amtrak in providing this vital service along the eastern Gulf Coast and to do so in a more efficient manner than prior to Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the population growth along the Gulf Coast is projected to continue, restoration of passenger rail service to the eastern Gulf Coast will facilitate job creation through development opportunities and alternative transportation options for commuters, enhance tourism, and reduce environmental and roadway impacts due to personal automobile use, thereby having a positive economic and environmental impact to the coastal states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, such resumption of passenger rail service will also benefit the entire nation by providing a link to the Gulf Coast from the Midwest and West Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 called for Amtrak to study the potential return of passenger rail service from New Orleans to Orlando;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FL THAT:

The Board of County Commissioners recommends and supports the restoration of dependable, daily passenger rail service along the suspended route from New Orleans, LA to Jacksonville, FL an onto Orlando, FL.

Duly Passed and Adopted by the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners on this 4th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk of Court

**Board of County Commissioners
Columbia County, Florida**

**BY: _____
Bucky Nash, Chairman**


District No. 1 - Ronald Williams
District No. 2 - Rusty DePratter
District No. 3 - Bucky Nash
District No. 4 - Everett Phillips
District No. 5 - Scarlet P. Frisina



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

MEMO

To: Ben Scott, County Manager


Fr: Ray Hill, Purchasing Director

Dt: January 29, 2016

Re: Bid No. 2015-M Sale of Residential Real Estate

The above referenced bid deadline has passed. We received only one (1) proposal which is non-responsive. I recommend we reject the proposal as non-responsive. Further, since this is the second attempt to use the sealed bid process and we received only one (1) non-responsive proposal, I recommend we list the property with our contracted Real Estate Agent. I would also recommend the Board establish a desired asking price to be used by the Agent.

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M.