

# Board of County Commissioners

## Minutes of **April 07, 2005**

The Board of County Commissioners met in a **Regular Meeting** at the School Board Administration Office at 7:00 p.m. Chairwoman Flinn called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

### *In Attendance:*

Commissioners: Dewey Weaver, Ronald Williams, Elizabeth Porter  
Jennifer Flinn, and George Skinner.

Others: County Manager Dale Williams, County Attorney Marlin  
Feagle, Administrative Secretary Penny Stanley, and  
Deputy Clerk Sandy A. Markham.

I. Mrs. Tina Roberts addressed the Board regarding awareness of child abuse and asked that the Board adopt a proclamation recognizing April as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. See attached proclamation 2005P-3.

II. On behalf of the Florida National Guard and its 153rd Brigade, Mr. Dennis Roberts thanked the Board for a premier farewell gathering and meal for the guardsmen and guardswomen and their families. A special thanks was also extended to Commissioner Williams and Weaver who spearheaded the farewell dinner.

[Clerk's Note: See the minutes of March 17, 2005 for additional information.]

III. Veteran Jack Denny introduced the Board to the organization "*H.O.P.E.*", which is the acronym for "Helping Our People To Excel". This organization's goal is to help and encourage the disabled and retired veterans who are living in the Veteran's Domiciliary to become active in their community. Mr. Denny assured the county that the members of H.O.P.E. will be supporting the families of the National Guard 153rd Brigade in any way they can.

Next week there will be over 300 veterans riding into Lake City to show their support of H.O.P.E., and to assist with a fundraising event for the Children's Miracle Network. Mr. Denny invited the commissioners to attend the large fundraising barbeque they would be putting on in the week ahead.

Veteran David Weebie told the Board that the H.O.P.E organization has become his family, and that the organization has grown from five to eighty-five members. He invited the commissioners to come out and have lunch at the domiciliary when they had time.

IV. The public hearing opened regarding the partial road closing of SW Jordan Street. Mr. William "Bill" Koon reported to the Board that he and adjoining landowner, Mr. Brad McFadden have reached an agreement regarding the road closure. Mr. Koon explained that he (Koon) would deed a sixty-foot easement to Mr. McFadden. In exchange, Mr. McFadden would agree to close the road.

The public hearing closed without additional input.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve the road closure on the condition that the agreement of the parties be filed with the County upon execution. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

[Clerk's Note: See minutes of January 20, 2005 and March 03, 2005.]

## V. Building and Zoning - Subdivisions

### Preliminary Plat Approval:

SD 0160 Revised Stonehenge, Phase 2 - District 3.

Motion by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that if the new subdivisions going in are near public utilities they should be hooked on. Mr. Williams responded there are environmental health regulations that address hookup if available.

The motion carried unanimously.

SD 0150 West Paces - District 3.

Motion by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

SD 0170 Deer Hammock - District 4.

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

### Preliminary Plat Approval - Non Agenda Item (Add on):

SD 0173 Cobblestone Unit II - District 3.

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Consent Agenda

(1) Invoice – W.J. Sapp & Son, Inc. – New Millennium Building Systems, LLC - \$129,732.00

(2) Invoice – Darabi and Associates, Inc. – Closed Landfill Inspection – \$929.05

- (3) Invoice – Darabi and Associates, Inc. – Closed Landfill Monitoring – \$12,351.11
- (4) Invoice – Darabi and Associates, Inc. – Winfield Landfill Groundwater Monitoring - \$1,046.82
- (5) Tax Collector – Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Refund - \$8,409.91
- (6) Tax Collector – Removal of Surplus Property – (see attached list)
- (7) Tourist Development Council – Removal of Junk Property #5312 – Custom Built Hall of Fame Sign
- (8) At Large Public Safety Coordinating Council Appointments –
  - a.) Debbie Hughes – 4 & 5 District
  - b.) Frank Longo – 3<sup>rd</sup>. District
  - c.) H.L. Sistrunk – 2<sup>nd</sup>. District
  - e.) Pastor Alvin Baker – 1<sup>st</sup>. District
- (9) External Budget Amendment – 9-1-1 Addressing – BA# 04-23 – Map Books Printed - \$6,125.00
- (10) External Budget Amendment – 9-1-1 Addressing – BA# 04-24 – New Computer and Printers –\$15,000.00
- (11) External Budget Amendment – Public Works – BA# 04-25 – Sign Shop – \$20,000.00
- (12) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office - #13 – BA# 04-27 – County Auction - \$4,636.50
- (13) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office - #14 – BA# 04-26 – Traffic Enforcement Grant (DOT) - \$5,420.11
- (14) Suwannee River Economic Council – (SHIP) – Release of Lien – Jessica Christensen - \$4,000.00
- (15) Suwannee River Economic Council – (SHIP) – Release of Lien – Amy Bullard - \$7,000.00
- (16) Bid Award – K&M Maintenance, Inc. – Bid No. 2005 – E – Roadside Mowing and Litter Removal - \$324,414.32
- (17) Bid Award – Mucho Mulch – Bid No. 2004-N - Storm Water Pond Maintenance - \$6,872.93
- (18) External Budget Amendment – Purchasing Department – BA# 04 – 28 - Roadside Mowing - \$41,000.00
- (19) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SW Jafus Ave
- (20) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SW Lee Dairy Road
- (21) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SR 135 (Noegel Road)
- (22) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SE Myrtis Road
- (23) Utility Permit – Florida Gas Transmission Co. – SW Arlington Lane
- (24) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting - February 01, 2005
- (25) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting - March 03, 2005
- (26) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting - March 08, 2005
- (27) Clerk of Court – Removal of Surplus Property – 1991 Crown Victoria
- (28) Invoice – South East Environmental Geology – Lowe's to North CSX –

\$1,470.00

(29) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Real Road Extension – \$3,145.00

(30) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Engineering Services – \$456.50

(31) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Engineering Services – \$7,440.00

(32) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. –Engineering Services – \$859.63

(33) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – CR 240 - \$113.75

(34) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Kirby Avenue - \$376.25

(35) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Bascom Norris Bypass – \$1,529.25

(36) Invoice – W.J. Sapp & Son. Inc. - New Millennium Building Systems, LLC - \$55,600.00

(37) Resolution – Adopting an Updated Local Mitigation Strategy for Columbia County – North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

(38) Public Library – Awarded the Community Libraries in Caring Program Grant Agreement - \$7,915.00

(39) Purchasing – Contract for Homeland Security Planning and Training Service Agreement

(40) Purchasing – Contract for Roadside Mowing and Litter Removal

(41) Public Works – Purchasing a Loader Boom Truck – Nextran Lake City – \$117,191.84

(42) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – County Road 18

(43) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – Country Side Estates

(44) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SW Cypress Lake Road

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver.

There was a call for clarification on items #16, #18, and #40. Mr. Williams assisted with clarification.

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. A portion of the **Sports Hall of Fame Building** has been on the real estate market for approximately 6 months. During that time, the County has received two separate offers to purchase (\$425,000 and \$500,000). Staff recommended the Board consider not selling the building since it is becoming more apparent the county is very likely going to need the space.

Commissioner Williams said he is definitely not in favor of selling that portion of the building. Commissioner Flinn agreed that the county will probably need the space in the future, but questioned why the building was even put on the market to begin with, and was concerned the county may face legal ramifications if they back out of selling, since the building has been advertised for sale. As well, the real estate company obviously has

invested financially into advertising the building. Mr. Feagle explained the real estate agent understood the sale would be contingent upon Board's approval, and that the county reserved the right to reject all offers. Commissioner Skinner asked for Mr. Williams' assurance that the building would be used for library expansion if it is not sold.

Commissioner Weaver interjected a library is something that would have to be brought up during budget workshops, and that the public library in the south end is in desperate need of five thousand additional feet.

Commissioner Porter asked if the county would continue to rent the building out. The response was that the building is not being rented.

Motion by Commissioner Skinner to pull the building from the real estate market for sale, and offer the building for rent until the county can utilize the space. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. It is the time of year when the Board of County Commissioners review **Tax Sale Certificates** (issued June 01, 1998) held in the name of the Board of County Commissioners for properties the county has interest in. These certificates will expire on June 01, 2005. The certificates must be reviewed, and **application for Tax Deed** must be made before May 31, 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Skinner to appoint Commissioner Porter to review the certificates. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Mr. David Adel is interested in purchasing a small, county owned parcel of property that adjoins his personal property (Parcel I.D. # 01-45-16-02658-000.03). The property is currently zoned residential, but there may be some interest in having the zoning changed to commercial. Since it is likely the county will need the property in the future, Staff suggested the county decline the request to purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to deny request to purchase. Second by Commissioner Porter.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Weaver to deny request to purchase, but to offer the property for lease with understanding that no building shall be constructed on the property and that maintenance would be the responsibility of the Lessee. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

X. The Commission agreed to schedule a **workshop** to discuss **mitigation** projects. Details to be announced at a later date.

XI. Commissioner Williams reported a productive meeting with local law enforcement and judicial representatives regarding litter problems and possible solutions. The commissioner said that he was surprised to discover that a driver could not be ticketed for garbage blowing out of the bed of a truck, but learned a ticket for "Failure to secure load" could be issued. A campaign will be held to promote public awareness of the county's litter problem. Subsequent to the campaign, law enforcement will begin issuing tickets with fines to violators. Commissioner Williams noted forty-nine tons of debris was removed from the roadsides during the mowing cycle last year.

## XII. Public Input

Mr. David Rountree thanked the county for a well organized Amnesty Day held recently, and also expressed appreciation for the progress being made on the county's website. He asked for a status of the Administrative Codes, and the codification process. Mr. Rountree was told that hopefully the codification process will be complete by the end of April. Currently, certain portions of the work have been farmed out to other departments such as Building and Zoning, and the 911 Department. Mr. Kirk Spitzer is assisting with developing the Administrative Code. The county has received a partial grant through the Small Counties Foundation to assist.

Ms. Rita Hedrick asked if there is a targeted date for the mitigation workshop. The reply was that the dates will be discussed with the chairwoman. The meeting will be held in 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Ronald "Casey" Townsend told the Board a flooding problem was created when the County put in a new culvert at his property. Instead of replacing the culvert so that the water would continue to flow from the North to the South, the culvert was positioned so that the water would flow from the North to the Southwest. Mr. Townsend also advised that the cattle gap on his road was damaged and a safety issue. The Board directed staff to remove the cattle gap.

Mr. Carl Burkhart thanked the Board on behalf of the Friends of the Library for the plans for expansion of the library.

## XIII. Commissioners - Non Agenda Items

Commissioner Williams requested permission (after-the-fact) to enter the private property of Mr. Bobby Davis' widow off Old Thomas Road for the purpose of repairing the driveway that was damaged due to the heavy rains we had. Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williams reported approximately three feet of Cansa Road has been washed out by the rains and will need to be repaired soon.

Commissioner Weaver requested permission to make a repair to the parking lot of Pope Store located off of Wilson Spring Road. The parking lot was damaged as a result of water running off of the county road.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skinner requested permission to assist Mr. Don Turner of Nicholes Road and Union Park Road with accessibility to his home. The commissioner explained currently it is impossible for rescue to get through.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skinner said he wanted to disclose that Mr. Dennis Roberts approached him prior to the meeting, and was upset because he had given Mr. Bruce Borders money. Commissioner Skinner said that he was simply attempting to help Mr. Borders financially, and did not intend to cause any conflict with the Blue Gray Army. [Clerks Note: The statement was vague and details were limited.]

Commissioner Flinn reporter that per Mr. Rudy Crews, a correction needs to be made to private property (Morris') to correct problems caused to the driveway by rain runoff from the county road.

Motion to correct by Commissioner Weaver. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Flinn requested the Public Safety Council be scheduled to meet within the next two weeks if possible. The Vice Chair and Chair will serve on this Board. Commissioner Flinn asked that it be noted she will be out of town on the 12th and 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Courts

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Chairwoman Jennifer Flinn  
Board of County Commissioners