

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 9:00 A.M.**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 9:05 A.M. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
1		JAMIE ENGLISH	ABSENT	NONE
2	VICE CHAIR	JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3		MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	ABSENT	NONE
5	CHAIR	THOMAS DEMPS	IN PERSON	ALL

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
COUNTY ADMIN.	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASSIST. CO. ADMIN.	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ENGINEER	KENNETH DUDLEY	IN PERSON	ALL
PUBLIC WORKS DIR.	HANK EVANS	IN PERSON	ALL

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
FINANCE DIRECTOR	DANNIELLE WELCH	IN PERSON	ALL

COMMISSIONER DEMPS LED THE BOARD IN PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

THE CHAIRPERSON READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE.

**1. PRAYER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MOVED FROM #4 – CHRIS SCHMIDT, MARTINE YOUNG, AND TONYA HOBBY TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

TONYA HOBBY STATED THEY ARE GETTING READY TO DO THE THIRD ROUND OF COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND GAVE OUT A HANDOUT.

MARTINE YOUNG STATED THAT IT IS A COMMUNITY PLAN AND IF THE BOARD KNOWS WHO NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN TO LET THEM KNOW.

CHRIS SCHMIDT STATED THAT IT GOES BEYOND HEALTH CARE WHEN THINKING ABOUT IT. WILL BE USING A CONSULTANT STARTING MID-MARCH.

#### **4. GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG) TO DISCUSS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.**

DAVID JAHOSKY – GSG – WENT OVER THE HANDOUT – STATED THAT THERE ARE SEVEN (7) CATEGORIES TO EXPEND THE FUNDS RECEIVED. GSG IS WORKING WITH THIRTY-FIVE CITIES AND COUNTIES AND LOOKS AT THINGS THROUGH A “RISK FILTER”. STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE ARE PROJECTS THAT THE COUNTY HAVE THAT ARPA CAN FUND.

12/31/2024 – PROJECT FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED; 12/31/2026 FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED.

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL – GSG – WENT OVER THE HANDOUT – ON BROADBAND FUNDS AVAILABLE – RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (RDOF). THERE IS \$3.9 MILLION AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY AND A VENDOR, CONEXON, WON THE BID. MADISON COUNTY AND JEFFERSON COUNTY HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR THEIR PORTION OF FUNDS. TAYLOR NEEDS TO APPLY AND IT IS EASIER IF THEY APPLY WITH DIXIE TOGETHER. GSG WILL BE TALKING WITH DIXIE COUNTY LATER THIS WEEK. THE TIMETABLE IS NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS ONCE FUNDS ARE RECEIVED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ASKED MR. CAMPBELL TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS IN WHICH CONEXON RECEIVED THE FUNDS. MR. CAMPBELL STATED IT WAS A REVERSE AUCTION. CONEXON ELECTED TO ON IN THE AREAS AND PROVIDED A BID AND WON THE BID. THEY HAVE 9 YEARS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT IF WE WANT TO DO THIS, WE DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPTION TO GET THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TAYLOR COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY ASKED ABOUT THE DUKE ENERGY CUSTOMERS. MR. CAMPBELL STATED THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSION FOR AN AGREEMENT GOING FORWARD BETWEEN DUKE ENERGY AND TRI-COUNTY; THE MORE USERS THE BETTER.

DAVID JAHOSKY STATED THAT THEY JUST WANT TO MAKE THE COUNTY AWARE OF THE FUNDING AVAILABLE. “RDOF” IS FOR BROADBAND AND “ARPA” CAN BE USED FOR STORMWATER.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN AND COMMISSIONER DEMPS DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PROJECT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ASKED GSG IF THEY ANTICIPATE TRI-COUNTY ASKING THE COUNTY TO FUND THE REMAINING COST. THEY ADVISED TRI-COUNTY SHOULD UTILIZE THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE.

THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO TAYLOR COUNTY IS DETERMINED BECAUSE THE US IS BROKEN INTO CENSUS BLOCKS AND THE SERVED AND UNDERSERVED.

COMMISSIONER DEMPS ASKED ABOUT THE SERVICES TO THE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES" AND IF THE ARPA FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR THE JERKINS COMMUNITY EVEN THOUGH IT IS IN THE CITY. DAVID ADVISED THAT THE CITY DID GET ARPA FUNDS AND HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK TO ENSURE THERE WAS NOT A DUPLICATE USE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT SHE WOULD RECOMMEND THE BOARD NOT TAKING ANY ACTION UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS AND THEN THE BOARD CAN RANK THE PROJECTS.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA COULD AFFECT US ECONOMICALLY AND THE BOARD POSITION MAY NEED TO BE FLUID ON WHAT CHANGES MAY BE MADE.

**5. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS MASTER PROJECT LIST.**

REVIEWED CIP AND ADDED IT TO THE MASTER PROJECT LIST. THE LIST REFLECTS THE CURRENT DELAYS. MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BECAUSE OF THE MATERIALS COST. STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND MOVE FORWARD TO COMPLETE.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AT DOC YESTERDAY SO THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE STATE INMATES.

COMMISSIONER MOODY ASKED ABOUT THE SPORTS COMPLEX. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON IT. PUBLIC WORKS DUMP TRUCKS HAVE BEEN PICKING UP THE CLAY FOR THE FIELDS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED ABOUT REALIGNMENT OF DEADMAN'S CURVE. COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED THAT HE PREPARED THE DRAFT NOTICE FOR THE NEWSPAPER AND ONCE APPROVED IT WILL NEED TO RUN FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE NEWSPAPER.

**THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 10:05 A.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD ADJOURNED.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS DEMPS, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk**