

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

6:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE CHAIR CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.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	CHAIR	JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2		JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3	V-CHAIR	MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ALL
5		THOMAS DEMPS	IN PERSON	ALL

A FULL BOARD BEING PRESENT.

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CO ADMINISTRATOR	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASST. CO ADMIN.	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	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>
DEP CLERK OF COURT	SALINA GRUBBS	IN PERSON	ALL

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT AS FOLLOWS:

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

THE CHAIRMAN READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

3. DAVID DALL TO DISCUSS THE VETERAN COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION PROJECT.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID DALL- WOULD LIKE TO START A VETERAN'S REINTEGRATION PROJECT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY. THIS PROJECT WILL ALLOW VETERANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A TRADE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL TEACH VETERANS HOW TO RUN A BUSINESS BY GIVING THEM THE BASIC BUSINESS SKILLS. THE KEY IS TO SCREEN OUT VETERANS THAT ARE WILLING TO PUT IN THE EFFORT FOR THE TRAINING.

WE COULD USE A RV OR A TOY HAULER AS A LOW-COST HOME, AND THE BACK PORTION, CAN BE USED AS A WORKSHOP FOR THEIR SKILLS TRAINING. SOME CRAFTED SKILLS WOULD INCLUDE EDGE OR KNIFE SHARPENING WHICH IS A TRADE THAT IS LACKING IN TAYLOR COUNTY AND EVEN BARBER SKILLS.

THIS PROJECT CAN ACCELERATE WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND GRANTS. WE WILL PUT IN ABOUT 1 MILLION DOLLARS TO GET STARTED AND SHOULD BE PROFITABLE WITHIN THE 3RD YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND IT TAKES MONEY AND TIME BUT IT'S A FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

WE ARE ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S HELP WITH GETTING A LIST OF POTENTIAL GRANTS AND HELP WITH PREPARING THE APPLICATION. ANY HELP WITH THIS PROCESS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- GRANTS WRITER, MELODY COX, MAY HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH US PLEDGING SOME OF HER TIME. WE ARE NOT SURE OF HOW TO INCLUDE THIS INTO OUR BUDGET AND HER CURRENT SCHEDULE, AS SHE IS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE WITH SEVERAL PROJECTS. WE MAY COULD REACH OUT TO SOME OF OUR CONSULTS TO SEE IF THEY HELP WITH BUSINESSES STARTING UP BY REVIEWING GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-IS THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION (VA) WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY?

DAVID DALL- THE VA IS THE LEAST HELPFUL, BUT IS VERY INTERESTED AND WANTS THE PROGRAM, BUT THEY WANT TO RAISE THE MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH. I BELIEVE THE BULK OF THE MONEY WOULD BE RAISED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY LIKE OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND BANKS. IT WILL TAKE A MILLION DOLLARS TO GET 3 VETERANS STARTED.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- HELPING VETERANS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALWAYS LIKE AND ARE INTERESTED IN DOING. DO WE WANT TO ASK THE GRANTS WRITER TO SEE IF SHE HAS ANY FREE TIME TO HELP?

COMMISSIONER DEMPS-WOULD THIS BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR THE GRANTS WRITER?

CHAIR ENGLISH- AS LONG AS SHE IS NOT DOING IT ON THE COUNTY TIME, I DON'T SEE WHERE IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- THERE IS A CLAUSE IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, THAT AN EMPLOYEE NEEDS APPROVAL FOR A JOB OUTSIDE OF THE CURRENT POSITION.

DAVID DALL- WE WOULD REQUEST TO GET ACCESS TO THE GRANT WRITER'S TIME FOR THE GRANT, OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY'S TIME.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- WE WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP, BUT WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE GRANTS WRITER FOCUS ON WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-WE CAN HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE GRANTS WRITER TO SEE IF THIS IS POSSIBLE. IF NOT, THEN WHAT SHE WOULD SUGGEST. IF IT'S OKAY WITH THE BOARD, I CAN DO SOME RESEARCH, GET SOME GUIDANCE FROM THE GRANTS WRITER, AND REACH BACK OUT TO MR. DALL WITH SOME IDEAS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- I'M ALL FOR THE GRANTS WRITER WORKING TO HELP, IF ITS WITHIN HER CAPABILITY.

DAVID DALL- A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO HELP THE VETS AND THE VETS HAVE THE ABILITY TO PULL THEMSELVES UP, BUT JUST NEED A LITTLE HELP.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- HAVE YOU TRIED REACHING OUT TO THE SENATORS?

DAVID DALL- YES, BUT WE HAVE BETTER HELP WITH THE LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-I LIKE WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND TRYING TO HELP WITH THE VETERANS.

ATTACHMENT: HANDOUT

4. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS UPCOMING FUNDING FOR THE SUN-TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN-THIS YEAR THE CYCLE OPENS IN SEPTEMBER. I WAS ASKED TO AGENDA THIS ITEM TO ASK THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF ONE OF THE PROJECTS WE DISCUSSED. THE TRAILS WILL RUN FROM THE CAUTION LIGHT ON BEACH ROAD TO TENNILLS TO STEINHATCHEE TO KEATON BEACH, BACK AROUND TO THE INTERSECTION OF BEACH RD AND HIGHWAY 19. A SEGMENT OF THE TRAIL ON BEACH ROAD TO STEINHATCHEE WILL RUN THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF BIG BEND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. THERE IS AN ADVISOR MEETING TOMORROW WITH THE BIG BEND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, AND I WANTED TO BRING UP TO THE BOARD TO MAKE SURE THE BOARD IS STILL IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT.

CHAIR ENGLISH- WHO IS HOSTING THIS MEETING? DID THEY PUT THIS ON THEIR AGENDA FOR THE MEETING?

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- THIS MEETING IS HOSTED BY WILD LIFE MANAGEMENT GROUP, FWC. THE STATE HOLDERS CONTACTED ME IN RESPECT TO THE 10-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT THEY WORK OUT THERE. IT'S TO PRIORITIZE AND DISCUSS THOSE PROJECTS AND LOOK AT FUTURE PUBLIC VIEWS OF THEIR PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THE OTHER FOUR COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS. LET'S LOOK AT ALL THE OPTIONS AND THEN SEE WHICH ONE IS THE BEST.

CHAIR ENGLISH- I DO NOT HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THEM DISCUSSING THE SUN-TRAIL PROJECT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- I WOULD SUGGEST TO TAKE A COPY OF THE MASTER TRAIL PLAN AND USE THAT AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. IT'S BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND IT IDENTIFIES ALL THE BOARDERS THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTS. IT INCLUDES THE COASTAL AND STEINHATCHEE CONNECTIONS THAT ARE ON THE MASTER TRAIL PLAN.

THE OTHER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE IS IF THE PROJECT IS NOT FUNDED THEN WILL THE BOARD WISH TO RESUBMIT THAT PROJECT AND THE STEINHATCHEE PROJECT? ONCE THE NOFO COMES OUT, OUR STAFF WILL NEED TO KNOW QUICKLY IF THE BOARD IS WANTING US TO PREPARE, AS THIS IS PRETTY SIGNIFICATE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHEN THE OTHER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WHEN THE 5-YEAR WORK PLAN FROM FDOT IS RELEASED.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-IT SEEMS THAT IF WE SUBMITTED SOMETHING THAT WAS ON PRIORITY, THAT WOULD GIVE THAT A FAIR CHANCE. IF IT'S NOT ACCEPTED, THEN WE WOULD SUBMIT IT AGAIN. I KNOW WHEN YOU SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE, YOU MUDDY UP THE WATER A BIT.

CHAIR ENGLISH- I THINK WE DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO DO THE TWO APPLICATIONS AT THE SAME TIME, BUT WITH ONE APPLICATION BEING DONE, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. WE DON'T WANT TO PUT ONE APPLICATION IN AND THAT BE WHERE OUR FOCUS IS VERSUS LETTING THEM CHOOSE WHAT THEY DO.

WE CAN SEE IF WE ARE APPROVED FOR THE APPLICATION THEN WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- I DON'T THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA TO REMIND THEM WE HAVE THE MASTER PLAN. I THINK IT'S A GOOD DISCUSSION TO HAVE.

5. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE PICKUPS.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNTIES LOOKING AT DOING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PICKUP, CURB-SIDE SERVICE.

SUWANNEE COUNTY PUBLISHED AN RFP. THEY ASKED FOR BIDS FOR A PROPOSAL PACKET TO INCLUDE, ONCE A WEEK, TWICE A WEEK. APPLIANCES, STAR WASTE AND FURNITURE WERE SEPARATE PARTS OF THE PROPOSAL PACKET. THEY DID NOT MAKE AN AWARD FOR THAT, EVEN THOUGH THEY DID PUBLISH AN RFP. THEY PUBLISHED THE RFP IN APRIL 2022.

THE CITY OF MONTICELLO PUBLISHED AN RFP AND THEY ASKED FOR BIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ONLY. THEY REMOVE BULK ITEMS. THAT AWARD IS PENDING.

THERE IS AN INTEREST IN CURB-SIDE SERVICE THAT WE CAN PUBLISH AN RFP AND CRAFT IT AS WE WISH. WE CAN ASK FOR ROLL-OFF SITE TO REMAIN OPERATIONAL FOR THE BULK ITEMS AND WE CAN SEE WHAT RESPONSES WE GET. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-I REMEMBER DISCUSSING THIS WITH THE BOARD IN SPECIAL MEETINGS AND WANTED TO GET AN UPDATE. I REMEMBER THERE BEING SOME INTEREST WITH THE BOARD, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF FACTORS TO CONSIDER.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IS IF IT NEEDS TO BE MANDATORY AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH THE LARGER ITEMS. WE COULD DRAFT A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ASK FOR A PRICE FOR EITHER BULK-ITEM PICK-UP OR LEAVING TWO SITES OPEN FOR RECEIPT OF BULK ITEMS. WE WOULD SEE IF THIS COMES IN UNDER THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WHAT THE ASSESSMENT WOULD BE.

HERE ARE SOME CONCERNS WHEN LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, IS OUR DRIVERS. MOST OF OUR DRIVERS THAT HAVE THEIR CDL LICENSE, MAY NOT BE WORKING MUCH LONGER. THE CONCERN IS, HOW DO WE REPLACE THEM? IT'S MUCH HARDER TO GET A CDL LICENSE THAN IT USED TO BE.

DO WE NEED TO WAIT UNTIL OUR COMMERCIAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH WASTEPRO EXPIRES BEFORE EXPLORING THIS?

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- I DO THINK WE NEED TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN BEFORE DOING A RFP. HAVE WE CHECKED TO SEE IF WAKULLA IS DOING THIS AND WHAT THE COST IS?

COMMISSIONER MOODY- THE COST IS A LOT MORE BUT THEY ARE SPREAD OUT MORE THAN WHAT WE ARE. IF WE ARE GOING TO ASK PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT, WE NEED TO HAVE A PRICE TO GIVE THEM. THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO GET CONTRACTOR BIDS. WHEN WE LOOKED INTO THIS YEARS AGO, THE PRICE WAS SO EXPENSIVE, WE KNEW PEOPLE WOULD NOT GO FOR IT.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- ANOTHER THING IS MANDATORY. RESIDENTS IN TAYLOR COUNTY DON'T LIKE MANDATORY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS, IF A CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO RUN NON-SITES FOR BULK ITEMS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I'M NOT ADVOCATING FOR ANYTHING, JUST WANT TO SEE WHERE WE ARE WITH IT AND WHAT WE HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- I THINK A LOT OF OUR CUSTOMERS WOULD LOVE THE SERVICE, ESPECIALLY IF IT DIDN'T COST ANY MORE THAN WHAT IS CURRENTLY PAID. THE CITIZENS' CONCERNS ARE THE BULK ITEMS.

TOMMY HARDY-APOLOGIZES TO THE BOARD FOR NOT BEING PRESENT AS MUCH DUE TO FAMILY ILLNESS.

AS TO THE SUWANNEE COUNTY PROPOSAL, THEY HAVE JUST HIRED A NEW COUNTY COORDINATOR AND WE ARE CURRENTLY WAITING FOR THEM TO GET THINGS DONE. WE DO HAVE STAFF GOING AROUND TO THE OTHER COUNTIES TO SEE WHICH COUNTIES DO NOT OFFER THE SERVICE.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT IS COST, WE BIDDED \$18.75 PER MONTH TO SUWANNEE COUNTY, WHICH COMES UP TO \$225.00 PER YEAR. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING 3 DAYS A WEEK IN TAYLOR COUNTY- STEINHATCHEE AREA AT \$36.56/PER MONTH AND WE HAVE LOOKED AT A PIECE OF LAND TO LEASE IN THIS AREA FOR OUR BUSINESS BECAUSE IT IS GROWING.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- THE RESIDENTS ARE STILL PAYING THEIR ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, THEY ARE PAYING YOU?

COMMISSIONER MOODY- THEY ARE PAYING \$225/PER YEAR PLUS \$174.00

TOMMY HARDY- JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE CAN NOT DO IT FOR THE \$18.75, IF WE DON'T DO THE WHOLE COUNTY. IT'S CURRENTLY \$36.56. FOR THE \$18.75, THAT IS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR HOUSE HOLD GARBAGE. WE DO OFFER SERVICES FREE TO CHURCHES, AND WE GIVE A DISCOUNT TO SCHOOL TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS. WE WAIVE IT FOR A CERTAIN AGE.

FOR BULKY ITEMS, WE WOULD NEED TO LEAVE AT LEAST 2 SIGHTS OPEN.

COMMISSIONER MOODY- WOULD ALMOST NEED 3 SIGHTS, STEINHATCHEE, PERRY AND THE SHADY GROVE AREA.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- HOW MANY CUSTOMERS IN TAYLOR COUNTY?

TOMMY HARDY- APPROXIMATELY 600 AND WE ARE RUNNING A DELIVERY TRUCK 2 TIMES PER WEEK.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- WOULD IT SAVE US MONEY OR COST US MONEY??

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- I THINK WHAT YOU WOULD SAVE IS YOUR 1-CENT SALES TAX, WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TAX ASSESSMENT AMOUNT. I'M NOT SURE IF IT WOULD SAVE US MONEY. WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE \$1 PER HOUR WAGE MANDATE A YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- MY GOAL IS, IF WE CAN DO IT AT A CHEAPER AND BETTER WAY, THEN LET'S DO THAT.

TOMMY HARDY- I LOOK AT BIDS ALL OVER THE STATE, AND IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGHLY \$19.00 PER MONTH ON THE LOW SIDE AND \$28- \$29 PER MONTH ON THE HIGH SIDE. DO AN RFP BUT, LEAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY.

CHAIR ENGLISH- WOULDN'T HURT TO DO AN RFP.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- \$19.00 PER MONTH AVERAGE IS ALREADY AT THE TOP END OF OUR ASSESSMENT. WE WOULD NEED TO GO UP ON THE ASSESSMENT TO COVER THAT. MAY END UP WITH THE SAME RATE AS SUWANNEE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FIGURES. IF ITS NOT PICKED-UP, THEN WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO IT, IT ENDS UP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-WHAT ABOUT HAVING A RESIDENTIAL PICK-UP, THEN HAVING THE BULKY ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE ROLL-OFF SITE AND PAY BY WEIGHT TO DISPOSE?

COMMISSIONER MOODY- IT WOULD END UP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

TOMMY HARDY- WE HAVE HELPED OTHER COUNTIES WHEN THEIR TRUCKS BROKE DOWN. THE BID WITH SUWANNEE COUNTY DID INCLUDE DEBRI. WE WERE WORKING OUT A DEAL TO USE SOME LAND TO OFF-SET SOME OF THE COST AND WE WOULD MAN THE SITES. EVERY COUNTY IS DIFFERENT.

CHAIR ENGLISH- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RFP AND IT WOULD GIVE US SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- IF THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THIS TYPE OF SERVICE, THEN WE NEED TO GET THE INFORMATION BEFORE THE QUOTE. WE WILL RESEARCH AND BRING BACK TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- IDON'T MIND LOOKING AT IT, BUT IF IT'S A LARGE INCREASE, THEN I'M OUT.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- HOW MANY TIMES HAS THE PRICE INCREASED?

TOMMY HARDY- ONCE IN 2 YEARS DUE TO THE FUEL AND TRUCKING INCREASE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M AT WITH THIS UNTIL WE GET SOME FIGURES. I'M ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY- DO YOU FURNISH THE CANS?

TOMMY HARDY-YES, WE FURNISH THE CANS WITH OUR NAMES ON IT AND HAVE ONLY LOST 2. WE WILL REPLACE IT IF THERE IS A POLICE REPORT.

6. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS ROADSIDE LITTER.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN-THE ISSUE SEEMS TO BE IN HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS AND SOME WITHIN THE PROXIMITY OF THE ROLL-OFF SITES. PERHAPS MORE FREQUENCY IN VISITS WOULD ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE AROUND THOSE SITES AND HELP OUR COMMUNITY LOOK BETTER. THERE IS A BUILD UP DURING THE NON-SEASON OF MOWING. I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT OUR MOWING CONTRACT AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE IN THOSE TARGETED AREAS OF BUILD-UP.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD/COULD DISCUSSION ON ONE OF THOSE SPECIAL MEETING I WAS REQUESTING.

COMMISSIONER MOODY- SEEMS LIKE AFTER THEY MOW, A WEEK AFTER THEY MOW IT'S BACK AGAIN. WE HAVE CONTACTED MIKE STRICKLAND WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN REFERENCE TO GARBAGE BAGS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, THEY WOULD GET THE BAGS, CONTACT THE OWNER, AND THE SHERIFF WOULD GIVE THEM A WARNING.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- IF WE CAN LOOK AT THESE AREAS AND CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT TO SEE ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL ROTATION AND ADDITIONAL COST.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-\$15,000 FOR ADDITIONAL 2 ROTATIONS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COUNTY ROADS, JUST WHAT THE CONTRACTOR PICKS-UP.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- MAYBE A MARCH AND APRIL ROTATION IN THOSE TARGETED AREAS. WE CAN LOOK AT THE COSTS DURING A WORKSHOP MEETING.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WE CAN LOOK AND PROVIDE THOSE NUMBERS. WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE FUNDS THAT WOULD BE USED, IT WOULD COME OUT OF THE DISTRICT FUNDS. WE NEED TO CONSIDER THAT THIS MAY NOT BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO EVERY YEAR DUE TO NO NEW REVENUE COMING INTO THOSE FUNDS. DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR WITH THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IMPACT AND THE SALARY INCREASES.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ONES THAT NEED TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE LIKE THEY DO IN LEON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- I THINK THE ISSUE WAS THE LIABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS. NOT OPPOSED TO A MULTI-FRONT SOLUTION. WOULD LIKE TO GET INFORMATION FROM STAFF TO SEE WHAT THE COST WOULD BE AND BRING BACK TO THE BOARD DURING OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING.

7. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE ORDINANCE WHEN BUSINESSES ARE NOT PAYING THEIR TAXES AND REVOKING THEIR EXEMPTION.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-ALL FOR IT

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- DOES THE BOARD HAVE ANY PARTICULAR FEELINGS ABOUT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE ON A PAYMENT PLAN?

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- IF THEY ARE MAKING PAYMENTS, WOULD THAT BE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT?

COUNTY ATTORNEY- YES, THEIR DELINQUENT, JUST MAKING PAYMENTS ON WHAT THEY OWE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- SO WOULD YOUR LANGUAGE HAVE A PROVISION OF SUCH.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- YOU CAN PUT A CLAUSE IN AND SAY THAT IF THEY ARE BEHIND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION CAN CANCEL THEIR EXEMPTIONS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-COULD BE NEXT JANUARY BEFORE WE KNOW IF THEY ARE DELINQUENT IN MARCH AND IT'S REPORTED.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- THERE ARE SEVERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE THREE-TAX EXEMPTION. IT'S DIFFICULTY IN BUSINESS TO MAKE SURE YOU PAY EVERYTHING. IN PREPARING AN ORDINANCE, YOU WANT TO MAKE IT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE SO THE AVERAGE PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND IT, AND PUT ENOUGH DISCRETION IN THE BOARD TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO PASS THE ORDINANCE OR NOT. MEANING, THAT ORDINANCE TO OBTAIN THE ORDINANCE THAT GIVES THEM THE EXEMPTION.

COMMISSIONER DEMPS- I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IS SAYING. IF SOMEONE HERE HAD A BUSINESS THAT DID NOT PAY A MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXES WITH 500 EMPLOYEES, HAVING THE FEELING OF BEING SHUT DOWN OR OFFERING THEM A PAYMENT PLAN AND LETTING THEM PAY IT OUT.

CHAIRMAN ENGLISH- ARE WE OKAY WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY DRAWING THIS UP AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD?

COUNTY ATTORNEY- WITH THE THREE-TAX EXEMPTION THE BOARD HAS GRANTED, NO ONE IS BEHIND AS OF TO-DATE?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- NO

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- IF WE ONLY HAVE THREE-TAX EXEMPTION AND WE ONLY HAD ONE INCIDENT, DO WE NEED TO DO ANYTHING?

COUNTY ATTORNEY- THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST.

CHARIMAN ENGLISH- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME SORT OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF THESE BUSINESSES. IN SUPPORT TO AMENDING THE ORDINANCE

ATTACHMENT: HANDOUT

8. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES PROGRAM ORDINANCE.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WE DID DISCUSS THIS PREVIOUSLY, BUT WASN'T SURE IF THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO REPEAL THIS ORDINANCE. I CAN'T FIND OR RECALL EVER UTILIZING THIS PROGRAM. SO, THE CHOICES ARE EITHER TO AMEND THE MONETARY AMOUNT, BY RESOLUTION, SINCE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN AMENDED IN SO LONG OR TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN- WE WOULD NEED TO REPEAL THIS.

COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A REPEAL FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND COUNTY ATTORNEY THE ORDINANCE TO REVIEW.

ATTACHMENT: HANDOUT

9. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS DATES FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING.

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRMAN ENGLISH-WE HAVE HAD SOME BOARD MEMBERS TO MENTION HAVING STRATEGIC PLANNING BEFORE THE BUDGET SEASON. WE HAD MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THESE DURING ONE OF OUR WORKSHOP MEETINGS. DO WE WANT TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE MEETING PER MONTH?

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- LET'S HOLD A STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING AND SEE WHAT THINGS WE WANT TO ASK FOR. I DON'T SEE WHY WE COULDN'T DO IT IN ONE MEETING.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- THE SOONER I RECEIVE THE TOPICS, THE SOONER WE CAN DO THE RESEARCH AND PUT IT TOGETHER. WE CAN HAVE THE FIRST MEETING ON MARCH. 28TH.

10. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS MASTER PROJECT LIST.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE UPDATED PROJECT LIST (COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GAVE HANDOUT TO THE BOARD).

1. ADDED SIDEWALK PROJECT.
2. HODGES PARK REHAB – LETTER OF EXTENSION TO THE GRANT.
3. CANAL DREDGING -PENDING PERMIT AND REQUEST CONTRACT EXTENSION.
4. SOUTHSIDE PARK- UPDATE THE RACQUETBALL COURT TO A PICKLEBALL COURT.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN-THERE ARE INTERESTS IN OTHER AREAS TO ADD A PICKLEBALL COURT AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLAYERS GROWING.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-ANOTHER LOCATION COULD BE AT THE SHADY GROVE COURT BUT NOT SURE HOW MUCH THE COURT IS USED.


COMMISSIONER FEAGLE- WHAT ABOUT THE BENCHES AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

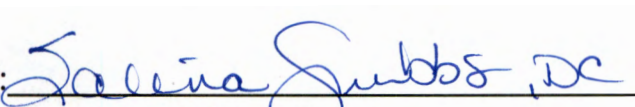
ATTACHMENT: MASTER PROJECT LIST

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 8:15 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE WORKSHOP WAS ADJOURNED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
JAMIE ENGLISH, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: 
SALINA GRUBBS, D.C. for
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk

Veteran - Community Reintegration History

1.1.23

. As my wife and I approach retirement, we searched for a project that would afford us an opportunity to pay forward for the good life we enjoyed. Susan retired from the Perry FL public school system as a School Phycologist to become a Rehabilitation Counselor at the Mayo & Madison State Prisons and MTSS (Multi-Tiered System Support) professional with Madison Public Schools and I'm a disabled Viet Nam veteran retiring from corporate life as a Business Development Consultant

This life experience combined with extensive educations makes us uniquely qualified to help our fellow veterans and our local community come together for the mutual benefit of both. The typical vet lacks entrepreneurial experience while the local community lacks the resources and focus to provide the required training and support

The Veteran Community Reintegration Project seeks to:

1. identify business development entrepreneurial opportunities
 - a. The initial opportunity identified in Taylor County is Sharpening Service
 - b. Related opportunities include: e commerce, website development, video production
2. match them with the appropriate Vet
 - a. would require: vision, hearing, speech & manual dexterity
3. provide tradecraft training
 - a. You Tube, system manufacturers, practice
4. provide life support thru training & business start up
 - a. Campus would be RV based: living, training and shop
5. provide new business support thru operations, finance & marketing
 - a. additional vets would focus on marketing, e commerce, website and video production

In order to include our Grandkids in the project, focus on existing family projects and make funding easier we have retained The Waters Group (CPA) to establish a 501 c 3 KDS (Kids Doing Service) to address veteran reintegration, disaster relief & adolescent mental health

Veteran - Community Reintegration 501c3 Plan

Outline 1.1.23

Problem: veterans lack the knowledge and resources to identify and develop local entrepreneurial opportunities

Solution: identify the local opportunities and provide the expertise to capitalize them into successful small businesses

Business Model: craft apprenticeships – example Taylor County has need for edge sharpeners

Target Customer: Fire & Rescue Workers, DIY, Outdoor Enthusiasts, Culinary Pros + Home Cooks, Tactical Pros, Hair Cutting, Forestry, Industry, Seamstress, Quilters etc

Promotion: Local news, events and organizations, e commerce, YouTube etc

Competitive Advantage: Quality local work at a competitive price while helping the local community and our veterans

Financial Projection: Breakeven within 3 years

Funding Required: \$1,000,000

- 1st year site improvements \$200,000
 - Landscaping
 - Security Fence
 - Water, sewer & electricity
 - Initial deck & cover
- Program Development \$100,000
- Facility Development (3 RVs) \$400,000
- Staff \$100,000
- Contingencies \$200,000

Veteran - Community Reintegration Operating Plan

2.1.23

Vision: Reintegrate veterans as productive members of their communities

Mission: Helping veterans become independent, self-sufficient members of their local community

Goal: Develop a proven, replicable model for national implementation

Strategies: Identify, house, train and mentor local veterans to become successful entrepreneurs

Objectives:

1. Develop and test the concept with 3 vets and 3 suppliers
2. Funding: \$20,000 startup funding to establish
 - a. 501 c 3 structure
 - b. solicit funds
 - c. equipment suppliers
3. Establish initial budget
 - a. \$300,000 Initial Prototype
 - b. \$700,000 3 – 6

Actions:

- 1a. Identify candidates: disabled, impaired, unemployed, homeless
- 1b. Identify entrepreneurial opportunities: sharpening (sporting and kitchen knives, salon shears, chain saws etc), e commerce, web development and video production
- 1c. Develop a test site: RV/Tiny Home community: existing property on Cedar Island
- 2a. Retain Waters Group to establish 501 c 3
- 2b.
 - Local contributions: VA, Chamber of Commerce, veteran organizations, local banks, founding & sustaining members
 - Cloud source
 - Grant Consultant: Melody Cox
- 2c.
 - Tormek
 - Wicked Edge
 - Work Sharp
 - Wolf

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JAMIE ENGLISH
District 1

JIM MOODY
District 2

MICHAEL NEWMAN
District 3

PAM FEAGLE
District 4

THOMAS DEMPS
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Annual Status Report for Economic Ad Valorem

Tax Exemption Programs

Business Name /DBA: _____

Address : _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Please list all improvements to real property for which the ad valorem tax exemption was granted and when the construction of improvements and/or purchases of tangible personal property was completed:

What is the number of jobs created for the tax exemption granted ? Please complete and attach Appendix A:

What is the total number of employees for company and what percentage of these employees reside in Taylor County ?

What is the type of industry or business ? :

What is the environmental impact of this business ?:

What is the actual volume of business or production ? :

What is the source of supplies of the business and are other business within Taylor County used to meet the supply demands of the business ?:

Signature: _____

Printed Name : _____

On behalf of : _____

Date: _____

TAYLOR COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION SCORING MATRIX

This matrix is only a recommendation guide.

Pursuant to Statute, the Board of County Commissioners retains discretion to award any or no abatement regardless of this matrix.

Applicant:	ACME INC.	
Type of Tax Applicant Seeks Relief From	Select an Option	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
Total Capital Investment	\$0.00	0
Number of Full Time Permanent Employees	0	0
Applicant's Expected Average Hourly Wage Rate	\$0.00	0
Phase of Operation	N/A	0
Tangible Property	N/A	0
TOTAL POINTS (MAX OF 18):		0

SCORING MATRIX OUTPUT:

Maximum Abatement of % for up to 0 years.

TYPE OF TAX ABATEMENT		
<i>Type of Tax Applicant Seeks Relief From</i>		
	Real Property Ad Valorem	
	Tangible Personal Property	
	Real Property Ad Valorem & Tangible Personal Property	
TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT		
<i>Total Capital Investment</i>		
Under \$1 million		1
\$1-5 million		3
Over \$5 million		5
NUMBER OF FULL TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES		
<i>Number of Full Time Permanent Employees</i>		
25-50		1
50-100		3
Over 100		5
APPLICANT'S EXPECTED AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE		
<i>Applicant's Expected Average Hourly Wage Rate</i>		
Less Than 50% Above Florida Minimum Wage		0
Greater Than 50% Above Florida Minimum Wage, But Less Than 100% Above Florida Minimum Wage		1
Greater Than 100% Above Florida Minimum Wage		3
PHASE OF OPERATION		
<i>Phase of Operation</i>		
Pre Land Acquisition	Applicant has land under contract, or holds an option to purchase. Scoring should be contingent upon the Applicant taking ownership within 1 year of the date of the Applicant's approval.	5
Land Acquired	Applicant has acquired the land but has not yet broken ground. Approval should be contingent upon the Applicant obtaining the site plan approval and a development order within 18 months of the date of the Applicant's approval.	3
Construction in Progress/Complete	Applicant has acquired the land and has either broken ground on the project or construction is complete.	1
TANGIBLE PROPERTY		
<i>Tangible Property</i>		
Pre purchase of Tangible Property	Approval should be contingent upon the Applicant purchasing said property within 1 year of the date of the Applicant's approval.	5
Tangible Personal Property Purchased	Applicant has already purchased the tangible personal property needed for a new or expanding business and is already fully committed to the business.	3
Scoring Matrix Guide		
Score of 0 to 5 yields a suggested abatement of 30% for 3 years.		
Score of 6 to 10 yields a suggested abatement of 50% for 5 years.		
Score of 11 to 15 yields a suggested abatement of 75% for 7 years.		
Score of 15 to 18 yields a suggested abatement of 100% for 10 years.		

ARTICLE II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS¹

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 70-31. Short title.

This article shall be known as the "Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Ordinance of the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners."

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 1, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-32. Authority.

The board of county commissioners is authorized and empowered to enact this article pursuant to Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida and F.S. § 196.1995. In a referendum duly held on January 29, 2008, the electorate of Taylor County authorized the board of county commissioners to grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 2, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-33. Intent and purpose.

It is the intent and purpose of the board of county commissioners in enacting this article to facilitate and foster the following:

- (1) Provide an incentive to those new or expanded businesses which make a positive contribution to the economy of Taylor County in terms of new jobs and improvements to real and personal property;
- (2) Promote the economy by creating jobs in Taylor County in such a manner so as to not disadvantage existing businesses while recognizing that productive competition assists economic growth;
- (3) Enhance the quality of life for the residents of Taylor County by attracting new businesses or fostering expansion of existing businesses;
- (4) Provide incentives to certain eligible businesses (statutorily defined) of diverse industries having a positive impact on the economy of Taylor County;
- (5) Promote the public purpose of enhancing economic growth in Taylor County so as to benefit the county's corporate and residential citizens;
- (6) Provide an open, rational, nonarbitrary, nondiscriminatory basis by which the county commission may grant or deny economic development ad valorem tax exemptions, pursuant to the economic development goals of Taylor County; and

¹Cross reference(s)—Businesses, ch. 18; economic incentive program, § 18-241 et seq.

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- (7) Grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions in accordance with the factors and requirements of this article and to consider any other factors which could result in economic growth within Taylor County.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 3, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-34. Discretion of board of county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners shall have the sole and absolute authority and discretion, as provided by law, to grant or deny economic development ad valorem tax exemptions pursuant to this article.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 4, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-35. Eligible businesses.

The following businesses are eligible for consideration of the economic development ad valorem tax exemption pursuant to this article:

- (1) New businesses which shall mean:
 - a. A business establishing ten or more quality jobs to employ ten or more full-time employees in Taylor County, which manufactures, processes, compounds, fabricates, or produces for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location and which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant; or
 - b. A business establishing 25 or more quality jobs to employ 25 or more full-time employees in Taylor County, the sales factor of which, as defined by F.S. § 220.15(5), for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the exemption is claimed; or
 - c. An office space in Taylor County owned and used by a business newly domiciled in Taylor County; provided such office space houses 50 or more full-time employees of such business; provided that such business or office first begins operation on a site clearly separate from any other commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business.
 - d. Any business located in an enterprise zone that first begins operation on a site clearly separate from any other commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business.
- (2) Expansion of an existing business, which shall mean:
 - a. A business establishing ten or more quality jobs to employ ten or more full-time employees in Taylor County, which manufactures, processes, compounds, fabricates, or produces for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location and which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant; or
 - b. A business establishing 25 or more quality jobs to employ 25 or more full-time employees in Taylor County, the sales factor of which, as defined by F.S. § 220.15(5), for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the exemption is claimed; provided that such business increases operations on a site collocated with a commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business, resulting in a net increase in employment of not less than ten percent or an increase in productive output of not less than ten percent.
 - c. Any business located in an enterprise zone that increases operations on a site collocated with a commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 5, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-36. Definitions.

The following words or phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Applicant means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other business entity or organization who files an application with the county commission seeking an economic development ad valorem tax exemption.

Commission means the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida.

Economic development committee means the Taylor County Development Authority.

Enterprise zone means an area designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to F.S. § 290.0065.

Improvements means physical changes made to raw land, and structures placed on or under the land surface.

Sales factor generally means a fraction of which the numerator is the total sales of the taxpayer in the State of Florida during the taxable year or period and the denominator is the total sales of the taxpayer everywhere during the taxable year or period, pursuant to F.S. § 220.15(5).

Quality Job is defined by Taylor County Ordinance 2006-1, codified as § 18-241 et seq. of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 6, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-37. Exemption established.

- (a) *Established.* There is hereby established an economic development ad valorem tax exemption. The exemption is a local, optional tax incentive for new and expanding businesses which may be granted or denied at the sole discretion of the commission.
- (b) *Effective date.* The exemptions shall not accrue to improvements to real property made by or for the use of new or expanding businesses when such improvements have been on the tax rolls prior to the effective date the specific ordinance granting the ad valorem tax exemptions to the business.
- (c) *Maximum exemption.* The commission, at its discretion, may exempt from ad valorem taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business of all tangible personal property of such new business, or up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property made to facilitate the expansion of an existing business and of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such expansion of an existing business.
- (d) *Replacement of property.* Property acquired to replace existing property shall not be considered to facilitate a business expansion and therefore, such replacement property, shall not be exempt from ad valorem taxation.
- (e) *Time period.* Any such exemption granted under this article shall remain in effect for up to ten years from the date of adoption of the ordinance granting the exemption.

The time period of the exemption shall be determined at the sole discretion of the commission, and nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the commission to grant an exemption for the ten-year maximum time period.

- (f) *Land not exempt.* No ad valorem tax exemption shall be granted for the land upon which new or expanded businesses are to be located. The sole intent of this article being to exempt from ad valorem taxation only certain improvements to real property and tangible personal property of new or expanded businesses.

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(g) *Applicable taxes.* The exemption shall apply only to taxes levied by the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners. The exemption shall not apply to taxes levied by the United States, State of Florida, school district, water management district or any other taxing district, or to taxes levied for the payment of bonds or taxes authorized by a vote of the electors pursuant to Section 9 and Section 12, Article VII of the Florida Constitution.

(h) *Granted by article.* Any exemption granted under this article shall be by a separate duly adopted ordinance of the commission.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 7, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-38. Application.

Any applicant desiring an economic development ad valorem tax exemption shall, on or before March 1 of the year in which the exemption is requested, file with the commission's designee, (Taylor County Development Authority) Form DR-418 prescribed by the Florida Department of Revenue, or any amendment or replacements thereto, and any supplemental form prescribed by the county (together referred to as "applicant"). The Application shall request that the commission adopt an ordinance granting the applicant an exemption pursuant to this article and shall include the following information:

- (1) The name and location of the new business or the expansion of an existing business;
- (2) A description of the improvements to real property for which an exemption is requested and the date of commencement of construction of such improvements;
- (3) A description of the tangible personal property for which an exemption is requested and the dates when such property was or is to be purchased;
- (4) Proof, to the satisfaction of the commission, that the applicant is a new business or an expansion of an existing business as defined in section 70-35.
- (5) The following information:
 - a. The anticipated number of employees of the business;
 - b. The expected numbers of employees of the business who will reside in Taylor County;
 - c. The average wage of the employees of the business;
 - d. The type of industry or business;
 - e. The environmental impact of the business;
 - f. The anticipated volume of business or production;
 - g. Whether relocation or expansion of the business would occur without the exemption;
 - h. Whether the business is/or will be located within an enterprise zone or redevelopment area;
 - i. The cost and demand for services or product produced by the business;
 - j. The source of supplies of the business and whether other businesses in the county will be used to meet the supply demands of the business.

The applicant desiring an economic development tax exemption shall show proof that all ad valorem taxes on the property, real or personal, have been paid for the year when this application has been made. If the applicant does not show proofs of the tax payments, the application shall be summarily denied.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 8, 5-4-2009; Ord. No. 2019-03, §§ 1, 2, 5-21-2019)

Sec. 70-39. Application process.

Upon receipt of an application for the economic development ad valorem tax exemption, the application shall be reviewed in the following manner:

- (1) *Prescreening.* The Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) Director, or his/her designee, shall review the application within ten days of submission to determine whether the application has satisfied all the requirements of section 70-38. Once the application is determined to be complete, the director shall schedule a meeting of the TCDA board of directors. The meeting shall be held within 30 days of determining the application is complete, or as soon as practical thereafter.
- (2) *Preliminary analysis.* No later than ten days prior to the Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) board of directors meeting, the TCDA director shall prepare, in writing, a recommendation of the applicant's eligibility for an exemption and prepare an economic impact analysis of the application. The recommendation and analysis shall be forwarded to the TCDA board of directors immediately upon completion.
- (3) *Economic development committee review.* The TCDA board of directors shall review the application and the director's recommendation and analysis to determine whether the applicant is eligible for an exemption and shall recommend to the commission approval or denial of the application (with or without conditions), and the degree and length of the exemption if approval is recommended.
- (4) *Property appraiser review.* Upon receipt and careful review of the original application, the property appraiser shall report the following information to the commission within 30 days:
 - a. The total revenue available to the county for the current fiscal year from ad valorem tax sources, or an estimate of such revenue if the actual total revenue available cannot be determined;
 - b. Any revenue lost to the county for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions previously granted, or an estimate of such revenue if the actual revenue lost cannot be determined;
 - c. An estimate of the revenue which would be lost to the county during the current fiscal year if the exemption applied for were granted had the property for which the exemption is requested otherwise been subject to taxation; and
 - d. A determination as to whether the property for which an exemption is requested is to be incorporated into a new business or the expansion of an existing business, or into neither, which determination the property appraiser shall also affix to the face of the application.
- (5) *Final review/adoption by commission.* Upon receipt of the property appraiser's report, the TCDA director shall schedule the application on the next available commission meeting. At that meeting, the commission shall consider the application, recommendation of the TCDA board of directors, recommendation and analysis of the TCDA director, and the property appraiser's report to determine whether or not to consider the adoption of an ordinance granting an economic development ad valorem tax exemption to the applicant. The ordinance, if adopted, shall be adopted in the same manner as any other ordinance of the county and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. The name and address of the new business or expansion of an existing business to which the exemption is granted;
 - b. The total amount of revenue available to the county from ad valorem tax sources for the current fiscal year, the total amount of revenue lost to the county for the current fiscal year by virtue of economic development ad valorem tax exemptions currently in effect, and the estimated revenue loss to the county for the current fiscal year attributable to the exemption of the business named in the ordinance;

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- c. The period of time for which the exemption will remain in effect and the expiration date of the exemption;
 - d. A finding that the business meets the definition of a new business or an expansion of an existing business as set forth in section 70-35; and
 - e. A statement that the exemption is subject to the terms and conditions of this article and/or other terms and conditions required by the commission.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 9, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-40. Precedent non-binding.

Applications for exemptions shall be considered by the commission on a case-by-case basis, after consideration by commission of the recommendations of the TCDA board of directors, and the property appraisers report. No precedent shall be implied or inferred by the granting or denial of an exemption pursuant to this article.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 10, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-41. All exemptions granted are conditional.

All exemptions granted pursuant to this article shall be conditioned upon the applicant maintaining the new business or the expansion of an existing business, as defined in section 70-35, for the duration of time in which the exemption was granted. In addition the application is conditioned upon the applicant submitting an annual report to the commission evidencing the satisfaction of this condition. The report shall be on a form adopted by the county. The report shall be received by the commission no later than January 31 of each year. The applicant shall also submit any other information or reports as the commission deems reasonably necessary for purposes of determining whether the applicant is complying with the terms, conditions, and intent and purpose of this article, the terms and conditions of the ordinance granting the exemption, and any representations made in the application process.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 11, 5-4-2009)

Sec. 70-42. Revocation of exemption/recovery of funds.

The commission reserves the right to revoke by ordinance any economic development ad valorem tax exemption granted pursuant to this article if an applicant fails to comply with any term or condition set forth in this article or the ordinance granting the exemption. If an exemption is revoked, the commission may recover any ad valorem taxes previously exempted by this article. In addition, the county shall have the right to recover any and all costs and damages (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred in recovering ad valorem taxes from the applicant.

(Ord. No. 2009-08, § 12, 5-4-2009)

Secs. 70-43—70-60. Reserved.



ARTICLE VI. ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM¹

Sec. 18-241. Established; program core.

- (a) This article shall create the Taylor County Economic Incentive Program.
- (b) The core of the economic incentive program is based upon two vehicles—incentives for job development and incentives for capital investment.

(Ord. No. 2006-1, §§ 1, 2, 2-21-2006)

Sec. 18-242. Participation.

Any business in Taylor County, Florida that produces quality jobs and meeting certain basic requirements is eligible to participate in the program. The program participants are eligible to receive both employment and capital incentives.

(Ord. No. 2006-1, § 3, 2-21-2006)

Sec. 18-243. Application to the program.

- (a) An applicant to the program must be recommended by the Taylor County Development Authority to the board of county commissioners, and the board has to approve the application.
- (b) Program applications and a program agreement form can be obtained from the Taylor County Development Authority.

(Ord. No. 2006-1, §§ 4, 5, 2-21-2006)

Sec. 18-244. Job development incentives.

- (a) To be eligible the applicant must create no less than five new quality jobs. This applies to a new business to the county. An already existing business which is expanding must create no less than five new quality jobs.
- (b) *Quality jobs* are full-time jobs that:
 - (1) Provide individual wages that equal or exceed 70 percent of the Taylor County average wage hereafter referred to Taylor County adjusted wage (TCAW) (\$9.31/hour or \$19,372.00/year).
 - (2) Provide full-time, year-round employment for 90 percent of the total payroll of the local company.
 - (3) Provide an employer monetary contribution equal to or exceeding 20 percent in benefits of the TCAW. This may include health/life insurance or employer contributing retirement plan.

¹Editor's note(s)—The Taylor County Economic Incentive program previously derived from Ord. No. 2003-14, adopted Nov. 3, 2003.

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- (c) The maximum employment incentive per applicant shall be \$50,000.00
 - (d) Job development incentive amounts are not cumulative and are based on the Taylor County adjusted wage as produced by the Taylor County Development Authority as follows:
 - (1) \$700.00 for each quality job with salaries equal to or greater than the Taylor County adjusted wage (\$9.31/hour or \$19,372.00/year).
 - (2) \$1,500.00 for each quality job with salaries equal to or greater than the Taylor County average wage (\$13.30/hour or \$27,674.00/year).
 - (3) \$2,000.00 for each quality job with salaries equal to or greater than the Taylor County average salary plus 15 percent (\$15.30/hour or \$31,825/year)

(Ord. No. 2006-1, §§ 6—9, 2-21-2006)

Sec. 18-245. Capital incentives.

- (a) Capital incentives shall be based upon specified levels of capital investments in the county. Capital investments are defined as buildings, fixtures and improvements to real property and personal tangible property specifically excluding inventory in the county.
- (b) Rate for capital improvements. The rate for capital improvements is \$1,000.00 per \$100,000.00 of real property and personal tangible property value specifically excluding inventory added to the county tax roll during the businesses participation in the program. The maximum capital incentive per participant shall be \$50,000.00.

(Ord. No. 2006-1, §§ 10, 11, 2-21-2006)

Sec. 18-246. Method of payment of incentives.

- (a) Job development incentives are provided in the form of (1) set-offs or (2) direct compensation. If a participant owes the county sums for permitting, development, utility connection, impact or similar fees, the participant shall receive the incentive in the form of off-sets against the amount owed to the county. If the participant does not owe the county any such sums, the participant shall receive cash incentives. No job development incentives shall be paid until the county development authority verifies participant's 941 federal quarterly payroll records. Capital improvement incentives shall be paid in the form of ad valorem tax credits. No capital improvement incentives shall be paid until the development authority verifies real property value and tangible property value added through the property appraiser's office. Job development incentives are subject to a five-percent administrative fee payable to the development authority.
- (b) The intervals at which participants shall receive incentive payments shall be determined by the county on a case by case basis. The county shall consider various factors in this determination including the participant's size, length of time in business, stage of development, potential for long term success and any other factor that the county determines is pertinent to the nature of the participants business operations and the welfare of the program.
- (c) The board of county commissioners may amend the monetary amounts named in this article by resolution.

(Ord. No. 2006-1, §§ 12—13, 2-21-2006)

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Forest Capital Hall - Kitchen Remodel	Lori Wiggins	Lori Wiggins	09-30-2023	Project paused. Additional funding needed to fully renovate the kitchen to make it more useable for educational programs and outside user groups.
Forest Capital Hall - Parking Lot Repaving Project	Lori Wiggins	Hank Evans	09-30-2023	Budgeted- Need to identify who to seek design.
Shady Grove - Fencing Project	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09-30-2023	Project started. Anticipated completion date 02/28/2023.
Bernard Johnson - Fence Project	Gary Wambolt		09-30-2023	
Hazardous Waste - Building Remodel	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09-30-2023	
Hodges Park Rehabilitation	Melody Cox	Kenneth Dudley	12-31-2024	Topographic survey completed phase will be design and prepare construction plans, specs and Environmental Permitting. Anticipated completion December 2024. Letter extension request submitted to LWCF program.
Animal Control - Kennel Concrete Pad	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09-30-2023	50% Complete - Forming complete. Waiting to pour concrete.
Supervisor of Elections Concrete Pad and Roof	Danny O'Quinn	Danny O'Quinn	TBD	Concrete Pad installed. Consider options for roof. SOE will reach out to contractor about shelter.
Taxiway Realignment	Ward Ketring		2024	FAA rescheduled project to 2025 funding.

Restore Act - Canal Dredge Project	Melody Cox	Melody Cox	02-28-2023	Awaiting Wood to complete all studies, permitting, and estimate costs. Granted contract extension February 28, 2023. Once complete move forward with grant application the Pot 1 funds for the actual design. County Engineer will be able to move forward with preparation of request for bid documents. Pot 3 grant application has already been submitted to Consortium for approval.
Design and Rehab of Runway 12-30	Melody Cox	Ward Ketring	09/30/2024	Design is completed. Should be out to bid soon.
Eridu Fence Replacement	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09/30/2023	
Salem Site Fence Replacement	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09/30/2023	
Bernard Johnson Compactor Replacement	Gary Wambolt	Gary Wambolt	09/30/2023	
Southside Park	Dustin Russell Jami Evans Kenneth Dudley	Dustin Russell	03-31-2023	Basketball Court repair completed 02/20/2023. Still need to hang nets. Parking lot restriping is completed. Slide has been received waiting on base kit hand hardware installation. Sidewalk repair/replacement will be started soon. Anticipated completion 03/31/2023.
USACE Flood Plain Management Services Study	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	+18 months	Funding Approved. List of potential study areas forwarded to USACE May 2021. Expecting results of study for Steinhatchee areas and site review of additional areas February 2023.

Station 2 Construction	Dan Cassel	Dan Cassel	TBD	Received update from the State alternative option will likely not be approved. They are reaching out to the Senate for additional funding for this project and others in similar predicament.
Courthouse Improvements	LaWanda Pemberton	LaWanda Pemberton	N/A	Appropriation received. Obtain estimates. Agreement approved BOCC 02/06/2023.
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Deadman's Curve Realignment	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Property ROW acquired. FDOT construction funding available.
County Arena Repairs	Lori Wiggins	Lori Wiggins	TBD	No funding - Needs to be determined if there is a need and/or will be used.
Steinhatchee Boat Ramp Mobile Home Renovation	Danny Oquinn	Danny Oquinn	TBD	Not eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Staff considering options.
Airport Solar Farm	Melody Cox	Ward Ketring	TBD	Feasibility Study complete, land acquisition complete.
[REDACTED]				
Ellison Frith Road (Paving an unimproved roadway)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Project on hold due to lack of funding.
Gas Plant Road (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	02-27-2023	Construction completed 12/20/2022; managed by NFPS. Project closing out.
Slaughter Road (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	12-31-2023	Project awarded to SANDCO. Contract to provide CEI services. Construction to begin 3/2023.
Contractors Road (SCOP) - (Resurfacing & 3rd lane request)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Award design project Winter 2022.

1st Ave South (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	06-30-2024	CHW working to finalize design and permitting. Anticipated bid Winter 2023.
Cedar Island Road (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	12-31-2023	Under Design then permitting. Anticipated Bid date Spring 2023.
Ash Street (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	10-30-2025	CHW designing . Anticipated bid 2023.
McDaniel Road (Widening/Resurfacing)	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	12-30-2024	George & Associates designing Anticipated bid Spring 2023.
Highway Safety Improvement Plan - HSIP for Beach Road	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	12-31-2023	Signage and pavement marking upgrades from Steinhatchee to Anderson Columbia Apparent bid bidder. Commence construction approved by FDOT.
Granger Bridge - Replacement	Kenneth Dudley	Hank Evans	TBD	FDOT planning bridge replacement FDOT requesting County project delivery using LAP program. Work through conceptual design.
Dennis Howell Bridge - Replacement	Kenneth Dudley	Hank Evans	TBD	FDOT planning bridge replacement Phase III construction plan review 2/2023.
Rocky Creek Bridge - Replacement	Kenneth Dudley	Hank Evans	TBD	FDOT bridge replacement. Construction 7/2023.
Turner Rd Drainage - Houck/Lavalle/Turner properties	Kenneth Dudley	Hank Evans	TBD	Awaiting drier conditions, funding
Ellison Rd Drainage - Pruitt/Thomas/Brantley properties	Kenneth Dudley	Hank Evans	TBD	Awaiting drier conditions and funding
1st AVE S - LAP Sidewalk	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Local Agency Program Project programmed and funded. Currently under design by FDOT Consultant

Pinecrest - LAP Sidewalk	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Local Agency Program Project programmed and funded. Staff negotiate Design Consultant Se with FDOT 2/2023.
Ash St - TAP Sidewalk	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Project submitted for funding v FDOT TAP program (second tir
Jefferson St - TAP Sidewalk	Kenneth Dudley	Kenneth Dudley	TBD	Project submitted for funding v FDOT TAP program (second tir