

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE WORKSHOP 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	V-CHAIR	JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2		JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3		MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ALL
5	CHAIR	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>
COUNTY ADMIN.	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASST COUNTY ADMN	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ENGINEER	KENNETH DUDLEY	IN PERSON	PARTIAL
CO BUILD OFFICIAL	DANNY GRINER	IN PERSON	PARTIAL

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
CO FINANCE DIRECTOR	DANNIELLE WELCH	IN PERSON	ALL
CO TAX COLLECTOR	MARK WIGGINS	IN PERSON	PARTIAL

THOMAS 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.

**3. REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SRWMD) TO APPEAR TO DISCUSS PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE *RESILIENT FLORIDA* GRANT PROGRAM.**

DISCUSSION:

LEROY MARSHALL, COORDINATION OF SRWMD – APPEARED AND PRESENTED A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON A VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL. MR. MARSHALL STATED THAT THE DISTRICT IS NOT ALLOWED TO APPLY, IT HAS TO BE THE COUNTY.

SAID STUDY TAKES A SURVEY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAPS THEM. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (UF) DOES SIMILATIONS FOR RAIN EVENTS (PREDICTION MODEL). THEN THE COUNTY CAN LOOK AT THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PREDICTIONS TO SEE IF THEY'RE VULNERABLE TO FLOODING IN THE FUTURE AND ALSO, FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

DIXIE COUNTY IS GOING TO MODIFY THEIR GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPLY FOR ALL FOUR (4) COUNTIES (DIXIE, TAYLOR, JEFFERSON AND LEVY). COST, \$800,00. MATCH, \$90,000.

RISK RATING (NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH THIS GRANT) = INSURANCE INCREASE IN OCTOBER. 5-10% FLOOD INSURANCE PER FEDERAL INSURANCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FIMA).

MR. MARSHALL ADVISED THAT HE IS ASKING TONIGHT FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT WHEN THEY ASSIST DIXIE COUNTY AND UF WHEN SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATION, A STAFF MEMBER TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS AND WHAT THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS. THE APPLICATION IS DUE JUNE 22, 2022. IF THE COUNTY DOES THIS, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MITIGATION DOLLARS (UNDER FDEM/HMGP). THAT VICTOR BLANCO, COUNTY MARINE AGENT, DOES HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WATER WORKS, AND WILL BE A PART OF THE PROJECT AND OUTREACH. THE GOAL IS TO HAVE EVERYONE ON BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE REQUESTED TO HEAR FROM STAFF. THE COUNTY ENGINEER ADVISED THAT LAST YEARS DISCUSSIONS SAID IT WAS A GOOD IDEA FOR FIMA TO INCORPORATE. IS THAT SRWMD'S STAND?

MR. MARSHALL – NO. FIMA DOESN'T LIKE PREDICTIONS. FDOT IS ALSO NOT REQUIRED TO USE THE MODEL, IT'S JUST A TOOL.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – CAN THE STUDY BE DONE WITHOUT TAYLOR COUNTY?

MR. MARSHALL – YES, THEY WOULD JUST NOT REQUEST ALL FUNDING OR MAP TAYLOR COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

COMMISSIONER'S ENGLISH AND NEWMAN WANT MORE INFORMATION.

CHAIRMAN DEMPS – CAN'T MAKE A DECISION TODAY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – NOT INTERESTED.

THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

**4. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE SPEED LIMIT ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE IN STEINHATCHEE IN ORDER TO CONSIDER CURRENT GOLF CART USAGE.**

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ENGINEER – IN FINAL STAGES OF DESIGN ON 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVENUE RESURFACING AND INCLUDES SIGNAGE.

- SEEING AN ABUNDANCE OF NON-AUTO TRAFFIC USING 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVENUE
- NEED TO CONSIDER ENFORCEMENT OR HOW THE COMMUNITY HAS DEVELOPED
- FOR GOLF CARTS TO BE ON THE ROAD, SPEED LIMIT HAS TO BE 25 MPH OR LESS
- OPTION: BEACH ROAD ROLL-OFF SITE AT DOLLAR GENERAL – HAVE GOLF CART COMMUNITY SIGN OR ENFORCEMENT OF CURRENT SPEED LIMIT.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – IS TIME GIVEN FOR A DECISION?

COUNTY ENGINEER – NEEDS TO BE INCORPORATED IN DESIGN PLANS – ABOUT A MONTH OR SO.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – WANT TO GET INPUT FROM RESIDENTS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – THE CONCERN IS THE COMMUNITY IS GROWING AND THERE IS A GOLF CART USAGE INCREASE. SO HOW DO WE PEACEFULLY ALLOW THE GOLF CART USAGE SAFELY?

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – ANY CHANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO PUT IN A PAVED GOLF CART LANE?

COUNTY ENGINEER – NO.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – COULD CHANGE SPEED LIMIT WITH RESOLUTION.

COUNTY ENGINEER – THE GOLF CART ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED, SO WE WOULD NEED TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, TO INCLUDE 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVENUE.

THE COUNTY ENGINEER WAS DIRECTED TO ADVERTISE FOR AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVENUE.

**5. THE BOARD TO RECEIVE THE SOLID WASTE STUDY REPORT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG).**

DISCUSSION:

PRESENT: SANDI NEWBARTH (GSG)  
EVAN ROSENTHAL (NGN)

PRESENTED HAND-OUT FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – EVERYONE WOULD BE GROUPED TOGETHER?

MS. NEWBARTH – YES.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) IS A SEPARATE ISSUE AND WE WOULD HAVE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – I DON'T BELIEVE HOUSEHOLD (GARBAGE) IS THE CAUSE OF THIS.

MS. NEWBARTH – STAFF HAS WORKED REALLY HARD TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – DOESN'T BELIEVE HUNTING CAMPS SHOULD HAVE TO PAY AND THERE SHOULD BE A SOLUTION FOR THE REAL PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – THE ONLY WAY TO DIVIDE IT IS TO BUY SCALES AND THAT'S GOING TO TAKE REVENUE THAT WE DON'T HAVE. WE NEED TO MAKE UP OUR MIND AND CHARGE WHAT THEY'RE BRINGING.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – DISCUSSED A REBATE FOR HUNTING CAMPS/RV. BUT IT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON REVENUE WHEN WE TREAT EVERYONE THE SAME.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – I HAVE PROPERTY IN OTHER COUNTIES THAT I DON'T USE. I SET THE POWER WHERE I HAVE A LOW BILL, I DON'T PULL THE METER. THAT'S PUTTING A BURDEN ON THE PERSON.

AULEY ROWELL – THE PROBLEM IS C&D.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – COULD PUT A NOTICE IN THE PAPER THAT ROLL-OFF SITES ARE FOR HOUSEHOLD ONLY.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – WE COULDN'T FORCE PEOPLE TO USE THE LANDFILL, IT'S CLOSED ON WEEKENDS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RECOMMEND YOU ACCEPT THE REPORT, HOWEVER WE WILL NEED TO LOOK AT DEADLINES AND BE AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

TAX COLLECTOR – MADISON CHARGES \$187 FOR ASSESSMENT, PLUS THEY TAKE THEIR OWN C&D (TO THE LANDFILL).

INDIGENT ALLOWANCE – PROGRAM IS IN PLACE. SHOW PROOF OF INCOME.  
WOULD BE EASIER IF IT WERE ONE PRICE.

WILL COME BACK AND ASK FOR GUIDANCE THE SECOND MEETING IN JUNE OR THE FIRST MEETING IN JULY.

**6. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND CDL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.**

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – POSITIONS THEY ARE TRYING TO FILL REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. WHY? IT MAY BE INHIBITING FILLING THESE POSITIONS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – WE DO NOT REQUIRE (DIPLOMAS) FOR ROLL-OFF SITE ATTENDANTS. I HAVE TALKED TO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT HS DIPLOMA/EQUIVALENT AND THEY CAN WAIVE HS DIPLOMA FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE TECHS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. A CDL IS REQUIRED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE TECHS. IF THE BOARD AGREES, I WILL BRING BACK DESCRIPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. I HAVE REACHED OUT TO OTHER COUNTIES AND THEY ONLY REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO BE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, NOT HAVE A HS DIPLOMA.

COMMISSIONERS ENGLISH AND MOODY – YES, BRING BACK DESCRIPTIONS FOR REVIEW.

**7. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE OLD VOTING HOUSE IN SHADY GROVE.**

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IT'S IN DISREPAIR AND DELAPIDATED. REQUEST CAME IN TO REMOVE IT, BUT THE CONCERN IS IF IT'S ON COUNTY PROPERTY. PROPERTY APPRAISER WEBISTE SAYS IT BELONGS TO TAYLOR COUNTY, BUT THERE'S NO CLEAR TITLE. CURTIS LAW FIRM COULD NOT OBTAIN RECORDS. WE ONLY WANT TO REMOVE THE BUILDING AT THIS POINT. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS SUGGESTED HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE IT'S REMOVED.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – YOU COULD DO A "QUIET TITLE SUIT", BUT IF YOU DO A PUBLIC HEARING, THEN YOU CAN SAY YOUR HAD ONE AND THE PUBLIC SAID TO REMOVE IT. AND IF SUED, YOU COULD POSSIBLY PROVE YOU OWN IT ANYWAY. IT IS A HAZARD.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – BRING THIS BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING TO SEE ABOUT ADVERTISING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – COST OF DISPOSAL?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – OUR CREW CAN TAKE IT DOWN.

AULEY ROWELL – IS THE OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY A COUNTY ROAD? IS MORGAN MCCLAIN A REAL SUBDIVISION. I WANT THE COUNTY TO PUT THIS ON AN AGENDA TO RECOGNIZE THAT.



## 8. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS MASTER PROJECT LIST.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – UPDATE: WE NOW HAVE TWO (2) INMATE SQUADS.

- ONE (1) WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE SPORTS COMPLEX
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I HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ON HOLD CAN BE COMPLETED THIS FY. WHAT'S LEFT WILL BE BUDGETED NEXT FY. THE MAJORITY OF PROJECTS ARE ROLL-OFF SITE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – WHO PICKS UP ROAD-SIDE TRASH?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS GENEROUS WITH A THIRD UNPAID SQUAD. WE PAY FOR TWO C/O'S THAT PICK UP INMATES FROM THE PRISON AND ONE (1) INMATE SQUAD FROM THE JAIL.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – ON THE SPORTS COMPLEX, WILL WE FINISH TO APPLY FOR A FRDAP GRANT?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – YES, THAT'S THE GOAL. WE'RE RUNNING BEHIND BECAUSE OF CONTRACTORS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – BENCHES AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – WE'VE IDENTIFIED WHAT IS NEEDED AND ARE WAITING TO IDENTIFY FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – WHAT'S THE DEAL ON MOWING ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY? SHOULD START ASAP. HAVE A CONTRACT FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN AND A QUESTION ON THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEN THEY CAN START.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>. – AUCILLA LANDFILL GRAND OPENING.

DEDICATION OF FIRE STATION 1 – JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>. AT 5:00 P.M., TO DAVID WILLIAMS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – COUNTED 71 CARS AT HODGES PARK SATURDAY. WHEN TD THEY SWEEP SEAWEED? CAN THEY SWEEP/RAKE SAND? HAS A LOT OF TRASH IN IT.  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – LAST WEEK.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – MULTIPLE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN DONE AT KEATON BEACH. WE NEED TO ENHANCE SECURITY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – HAVING MORE VISITORS DURING THE WEEK AT KEATON BEACH AND STEINHATCHEE, AND IT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE. I HAVE ASKED THE ENGINEER TO DO A SITE VISIT AND LOOK AT THE EQUIPMENT.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 8:59 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER  
DISCUSSION THE WORKSHOP ADJOURNED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Thomas Demps  
THOMAS DEMPS, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: Dannielle Welch  
DANNIELLE WELCH, County Finance Director  
for GARY KNOWLES, Clerk