

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

6:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE CHAIR CALLED THE SPECIAL 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>
CLERK OF COURT	GARY KNOWLES	IN PERSON	ALL
DEPUTY CLERK	SALINA GRUBBS	IN PERSON	ALL

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DEMPS, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, AND
BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE AGENDA FOR THIS DATE, AS FOLLOWS:

**ADD AS ITEM NO. 6-A. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VOLUNTEER FLORIDA AND TAYLOR COUNTY IN ORDER TO
RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE COSTS OF THE SMOKIN' IN THE PINES
FESTIVAL, AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

4. THE BOARD TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF GEORGIA-PACIFIC (GP)/FOLEY CELLULOSE MILL AND STEPS MOVING FORWARD.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-WE ARE WORKING WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE JOB FAIRS AT THE FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND.

RICHARD FEAGLE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE GEORGIA-PACIFIC MILL CLOSURE.

MICHELLE CURTIS, CITIZENS TASK FORCE- WE DEVELOPED A PLAN AND REQUESTED A MEETING WITH GP. THEY TOLD US TO CONTACT ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON REQUESTING CONTACTS. THE COMMITTEE MAY NEED MONEY FOR TRAVEL AND CONSULTANTS. TAYLOR COUNTY NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS TO OUR COUNTY.

DON CURTIS- WE ARE ALREADY SEEING LOSS IN THE WOOD INDUSTRY AS THE PRICE OF PULP WOOD HAS DROPPED. LOGGERS AND LAND OWNERS ARE DRASTICALLY IMPACTED.

NFRC, SCOTT KOONS- WILL PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY AND ASK FOR GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

TAYLOR BROWN, TCDA- PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A HANDOUT OF THE 4-PRONG COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO GEORGIA-PACIFIC MILL CLOSURE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN-SECOND HARVEST WILL PROVIDE RESOURCES.

WILLIE ANDERSON-FARM SHARE IS WILLING TO BRING TRUCKS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING AND WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

CINDY JAMES, TAYLOR COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK-WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY.

CHRIS CLARK, VYSTAR- WE ARE HERE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY ALSO.

DUKE ENERGY- WE ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WE ARE WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

KAITLYNN CULPEPPER, TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC-STATEMENT READ BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-WOULD LIKE TO SEE A HOTLINE NUMBER SET UP ON THE WEBSITE OF COUNSELORS AND PASTORS AVAILABLE FOR CALLS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REVISIT THE INCENTIVES THAT WE COULD OFFER.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WE CAN PUT THE INCENTIVES ON THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER	MOTION	SECOND	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ENGLISH						
MOODY						
NEWMAN						
FEAGLE						
DEMPS						

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTACHMENTS: HANDOUT

COUNTY STAFF ITEMS:

5. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,704 TO THE CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION WORK THROUGH THE SHIP PROGRAM FOR THE HOME OF JAMES AND IDA CHESTER AND APPROVE EXCEEDING THE ARBITRARY COST LIMITS FOR THE SHIP LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP, AS AGENDAED BY JAMI EVANS, GRANTS COORDINATOR.

NO BOARD MEMBERS RELATED TO JAMES AND IDA CHESTER.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,704 TO THE CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION WORK THROUGH THE SHIP PROGRAM FOR THE HOME OF JAMES AND IDA CHESTER.

COMMISSIONER	MOTION	SECOND	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ENGLISH			X			
MOODY			X			
NEWMAN			X			
FEAGLE	X		X			
DEMPS		X	X			

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTACHMENTS: CHANGE ORDER #1

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

- 6. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FOR POSITIONS LOCATED AT TAYLOR COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL, AS AGENDAED BY LAWANDA PEMBERTON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR- WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECRUIT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION. WE HAVE APPLICANTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. I AM ASKING FOR A VARIANCE TO NOT REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

MOTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY VARIANCE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL POSITION.

COMMISSIONER	MOTION	SECOND	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ENGLISH			X			
MOODY		X	X			
NEWMAN			X			
FEAGLE	X		X			
DEMPS			X			

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6-A. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VOLUNTEER FLORIDA AND TAYLOR COUNTY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE COSTS OF THE SMOKIN' IN THE PINES FESTIVAL, AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VOLUNTEER FLORIDA AND TAYLOR COUNTY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE COSTS OF THE SMOKIN' IN THE PINES FESTIVAL.

COMMISSIONER	MOTION	SECOND	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ENGLISH			X			
MOODY		X	X			
NEWMAN	X		X			
FEAGLE			X			
DEMPS			X			

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDAED ITEMS:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER	MOTION	SECOND	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ENGLISH						
MOODY						
NEWMAN						
FEAGLE						
DEMPS						

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE-APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING.

COMMISSIONER MOODY-HOW LONG WILL THEY PICK UP ROAD SIDE DEBRIS?

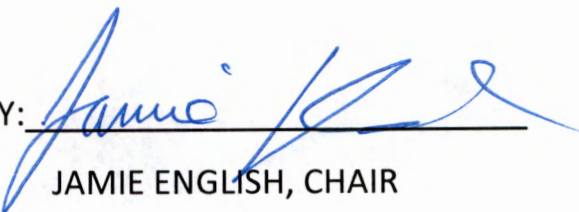
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-I DO NOT HAVE A DATE.

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MOODY						
NEWMAN						
FEAGLE						
DEMPS						

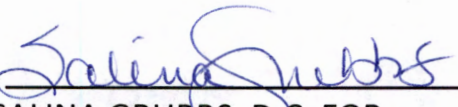
MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 8:15 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER FEAGLE MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEMPS, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD, SUBJECT TO CALL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
JAMIE ENGLISH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: 
SALINA GRUBBS, D.C. FOR
GARY KNOWLES, CLERK

4 Prong Community Response to Georgia Pacific Mill Closure:

1. Human Needs (Immediate and longer term needs of affected workers)
 - a. Unemployment payments/Severance Packages
 - b. Extension of Health Insurance benefits
 - c. Job Fairs/Job Search assistance
 - d. Education/Retraining Assistance
 - e. Food Bank establishment/expansion
 - f. Other essential daily needs ie: utility bill assistance, housing assistance, tax deferment, mental health services, etc.

2. Preservation of Industrial Employment Base
 - a. Recruitment of new corporate owner for the existing mill.
 - b. Identification/Recruitment of replacement silviculture-supporting industries

3. Stewardship of Georgia Pacific mill property
 - a. Immediate need for Environmental Protection
 - i. Confirm that Georgia Pacific has an environmental mitigation/remediation plan.
 - ii. Verify that regulatory agencies ensure that the proper measures are taken.
 - b. Consider the long-term environmental restoration of former GP mill property.

4. Development of long-term Countywide Economic Development Strategic Plan to diversify local economy.
 - a. Utilize available corporate and/or State resources to aid us in this process.
 - b. Cooperate with other impacted counties to take a regional approach.

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County Commission Agenda Item

SUBJECT/TITLE:



Board to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$7,704.00 to the contract for rehabilitation work through the SHIP Program for the home of James and Ida Chester.
Board also to approve exceeding the arbitrary cost limits for the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP).

MEETING DATE REQUESTED:

September 21, 2023

Statement of Issue: Board to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$7,704.00 to the contract for rehabilitation work through the SHIP Program for the home of James and Ida Chester. Board also to approve exceeding the arbitrary cost limits for the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP).

Recommended Action: Approve change order and approve exceeding the cost limits in the SHIP LHAP.

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The change order will be 100% funded through the SHIP Program.

Budgeted Expense: Not Applicable

Submitted By: Jami Evans, Grants Coordinator

Contact: Jami Evans

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL / ISSUE ANALYSIS

History, Facts & Issues: On August 14, 2023, Mr. Chester contacted the contractor and advised him that the current A/C unit stopped working. The contractor had an A/C company inspect the unit. They determined it is leaking refrigerant at the evaporator coil and recommend replacing it as it is 12 years old. The new system will have a 1 year labor warranty and 10 year parts warranty.

The total area of the home is 1,680 sq ft. The heated and cooled area is 1,432 sq ft.

SHIP specs require a new central electric heating and cooling system (minimum 15 SEER) with service to all habitable rooms. Costs for ductwork, piping, electrical, and

other items necessary for a complete system are allowable.

The 20% is the contractor's overhead/profit for the additional work, which are eligible costs.

Attachments:

**Change Order #1
Quote**

**TAYLOR COUNTY
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM
CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION WORK
CHANGE ORDER #1**

Owner: James and Ida Chester

Contractor: Jerry Walters Construction, Inc.

Job Address: 1310 S. Sparrow Street - Perry, FL 32348

The Contract for Rehabilitation Work entered into on August 1, 2023, by and between the above Owner and Contractor and approved by the local government, is hereby amended to include the following changes, additions and/or deletions to the work (attach additional sheets if needed):

Item #	Spec #	Description of Work	Location	Price
		Replace HVAC System		6420.00
		20%		1284.00
			TOTAL	7704.00

This Change Order hereby becomes an integral part of the Contract, pursuant the Contract. The Contract amount is hereby amended by \$ 7704.00 for a new total of \$ 64994.00

The additional cost will be covered by \$ _____ in private funds and \$ 7704.00 SHIP funds.
The work completion deadline: is not extended; _____ is extended to _____.

Occupancy of the structure will be as originally contracted;
_____ The structure will be vacant for an additional _____ days.

Jerry Walters 8/23/23
Contractor/Date

James B. Chester
Owner/Date

JR 08/25/2023
Housing Rehab. Spec./Date

James R 9/21/2023
Local Government Represent./Date

Lee Heating & Air LLC
3495 Boyd Rd
Perry, Fl 32347
850-584-6207
Alvinleejr86@yahoo.com

Date: Aug 17, 2023

To: Jerry Walters
352-585-2763
Jerrywaltersconstructioninc@gmail.com

Re: James Chester
1310 S Sparrow St
Perry, Fl 32348
850-843-4751

Found 3 ton split system leaking refrigerant at evaporator coil. System is 12 years old, our recommendation would be to replace system with a new 3 ton 15.0 S.E.E.R. split system heat pump. New system would have 1 year labor warranty and 10 years parts warranty.

Total Price Installed	\$6000.00
Sales Tax	\$ 420.00
Total Balance Due	\$6420.00

Signature
Rodney E Lee
Lic#CAC1821222