

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

6:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

WORKSHOP

THE CHAIR CALLED THE 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		JAMIE ENGLISH	IN PERSON	ALL
2	VICE CHAIR	JIM MOODY	IN PERSON	ALL
3		MICHAEL NEWMAN	IN PERSON	ALL
4		PAM FEAGLE	IN PERSON	ALL
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
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

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 AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM.

3. KRISTY ANDERSON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, APPEARED TO DISCUSS WEATHERSTEM EXTREME SYSTEMS.

MS. ANDERSON QUESTIONED IF ANYONE PRESENT HAD EVER SEEN A WEATHERSTEM STATION. THAT THEY ARE USUALLY FOUND AT SPORT STADIUMS TO DETECT LIGHTENING, WIND AND RAINFALL. THAT FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WEATHERSTEM, WILL BE INSTALLING FIFTY (50) STATIONS ALONG THE FLORIDA COAST, APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 PER UNIT, WITH THE COUNTY PAYING \$1800 PER YEAR, PER STATION, AFTER THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS, TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE STATION. MS. ANDERSON STATED THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL ONE (1) AT HODGES PARK AND ONE (1) AT THE STEINHATCHEE RIVER BRIDGE. THAT IF THE BOARD IS INTERESTED, SHE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT THERE ARE NO UPFRONT COSTS TO THE COUNTY, JUST THE \$1800 MAINTENANCE FEE PER UNIT, AFTER THREE (3) YEARS. MS. FEAGLE QUESTIONED IF THERE IS A SIREN ALERT AND WAS ADVISED BY THE EMERGENCY DIRECTOR THAT, NO, THE STATIONS PROVIDE CURRENT DATA AND FORECASTS.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT THIS WILL GIVE THE COUNTY INFORMATION ON THE IMMEDIATE AREAS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN QUESTIONED IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS THE ONLY WAY TO ACCESS THE INFORMATION, WITH MS. ANDERSON ADVISING THAT THERE WILL BE AN APP FOR ACCESS.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED THAT WEST FLORIDA USED A UNIT SIMILAR TO THIS TO DETERMINE WIND SPEEDS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

4. THE BOARD DISCUSSED MOORING IN THE STEINHATCHEE RIVER.

IN ATTENDANCE FROM THE FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION (FWC) WERE LT. JAMES FUTCH, OFFICER TRAVIS COOPER AND OFFICER COLIN WACOFF.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED THAT THE SUWANNEE RIVER, STEINHATCHEE AND BIG SPRING CREEK HAVE SOME SUNKEN BOATS, AND QUESTIONED HOW TO GET THEM MOVED.

LT. FUTCH - THERE ARE PROCESSES, BUT EACH CASE HAS DIFFERENT VARIABLES. THAT THEY DO WORK HARD TO REMOVE THE DERELICT VESSELS, HAVING TO REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH SOMEONE'S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

OFFICER COOPER - I HAD A COUPLE OF BOATS I WAS STARTING TO PROCESS, AND SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SRWMD) REMOVED BOTH OF THE VESSELS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE VESSEL IN THE STEINHATCHEE RIVER. WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO TO ASSIST WITH THE REMOVAL OF THIS VESSEL?

LT. FUTCH - WHEN WE DO OUR DUE PROCESS AND GET TO THE POINT OF REMOVING THE VESSEL, FUNDS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. FUNDING WOULD HELP.

OFFICER WACOFF - IN ORDER TO WRITE A CITATION, THE VESSEL HAS TO BE IN A CHANNEL. THE VESSEL IN STEINHATCHEE IS NOT IN A CHANNEL.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - HOW IS THE VESSEL DETERMINED TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN?

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - THANK YOU FOR COMING AND ALL YOU DO FOR US. THIS BOARD DOES NOT NEED TO GET INVOLVED. THE OWNER SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

5. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE CARES ACT FUNDING EXPENDITURE PLAN.

DAVID JAHOSKY, GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG), CALLED IN TO PRESENT FOUR (4) ITEMS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IE:

1. PURCHASE OF \$100,000 FOR UV FILTERS FOR HVAC SYSTEMS FOR COUNTY FACILITIES.
2. PURCHASE \$120,000 PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS (NO RECURRING CAPITAL).
3. \$350,000 FOR SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
4. \$350,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

THE BOARD HAS MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN THEY DID WITH THE INITIAL PROGRAMS. THESE COULD BE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE PROGRAMS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - WHAT ABOUT FOOD SHORTAGES OR FEEDING PROGRAMS? I WOULD LIKE TO HELP THOSE WHO DID NOT GET APPROVED ORIGINALLY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - WE TALKED ABOUT FOOD ASSISTANCE, HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE, RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

COMMISSIONER MOODY - I AM FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEING ASSISTED AND THEN HELP SMALL BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE.

CHAIRMAN DEMPS - PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO GIVE \$100 TO EVERY RESIDENT OF TAYLOR COUNTY?

MR. JAHOSKY - THE US TREASURY DID NOT APPROVE A PRO RATA TO EACH HOUSEHOLD, BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STIMULUS PACKAGE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - HOW LONG DOES THE BOARD HAVE TO SET THE GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE?

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - THE BOARD NEEDS TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING CARES ACT FUNDING. CHECK WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH STAFF.

COMMISSIONER MOODY - IT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED THAT THIS IS AVAILABLE.

6. THE BOARD DISCUSSED SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS.

GARY WAMBOLT, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, APPEARED.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT STAFF IS GOING THROUGH A LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA TO PROVIDE TO GSG IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLID WASTE STUDY.

MR. WAMBOLT STATED THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO (2) WEEKS THE SOLID WASTE DATA REQUESTED BY GSG SHOULD BE READY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE QUESTIONED IF THERE WILL BE ANY SURPRISE CHANGES, AND WAS ADVISED BY MR. WAMBOLT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED THAT THE STUDY SHOULD SHOW WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO WITH REGARDS TO SOLID WASTE, HOWEVER, THE STUDY MAKE TAKE A WHILE (THREE (3) TO FOUR (4) MONTHS PER THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR). COMMISSIONER MOODY FURTHER STATED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ISSUE NEW STICKERS AND DO AWAY WITH SOLID WASTE CARDS.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT SHE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES TO THE BOARD AS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

7. THE CLERK DISCUSSED THE 2020 BOAT RAMP CITATIONS REPORT.

MR. KNOWLES ADVISED THAT THIS IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

THAT 115 CITATIONS WERE WRITTEN IN 2020, 106 WERE PAID (THIS NUMBER INCLUDES SOME 2019 CITATIONS PAID IN 2020), 26 DISMISSED AND 6 UNPAID. THAT HE WILL LOOK INTO THE ONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONED IF THEIR DRIVERS LICENSE COULD BE REVOKED, AND WAS ADVISED BY THE CLERK THAT A COUNTY COURT CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE FILED, AND A JUDGMENT SECURED, AND MAYBE THE DRIVER LICENSE COULD BE

SUSPENDED/REVOKED. MR. KNOWLES STATED THAT HE WILL RESEARCH HOW TO ENFORCE

IF THE CITATION IS NOT PAID. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED LOOKING AT THE

COUNTY'S ORDINANCE FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES. MR KNOWLES FURTHERED ADVISED

THAT IN LIEU OF PAYING AT THE RAMP (\$5), A \$20 ANNUAL BOAT RAMP STICKER CAN BE

PURCHASED FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, WILSON'S BAIT & TACKLE AND THE

MARINAS IN STEINHATCHEE. IT WAS STATED THAT THE OWNERS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS

HOLD A BOND AS A COURTESY IN ORDER TO SELL THE ANNUAL STICKERS. THAT THE PRICE

NEEDS TO BE HIGHER ON THE ANNUAL STICKERS.

8. THE CLERK DISCUSSED COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES CHANGES AND SOFTWARE ENHANCEMENTS.

MR. KNOWLES ADVISED THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2021, THE CLERK'S OFFICE STARTED WITH A NEW DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND PRESENTED AN OUTLINE OF NEW MINUTES FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THAT THE FOLLOWING CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH A WEB BROWSER:

- MINUTES
- CONTRACTS
- RESOLUTIONS
- ORDINANCES

THAT HE WILL EDUCATE THE BOARD ON HOW TO ACCESS ONCE THE SOFTWARE IS INSTALLED AND RUNNING, THROUGH A LINK ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE.

MR. KNOWLES ALSO STATED THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT HISTORICAL MINUTES CAN BE CONVERTED.

MR. KNOWLES STATED THAT HE HAS RE-ALIGNED SOME DUTIES IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THE MINUTES STAY CURRENT.

**9. THE CLERK DISCUSSED CLERK PUBLIC RECORDS INDEXING AND ARCHIVAL
DIGITIZATION PROJECT.**

MR. KNOWLES STATED THAT WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS THE PERMANENT RECORDS THAT HAVE TO BE KEPT FOREVER. THAT CURRENTLY THE RECORDS ARE ON-LINE TO 1981, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS. THAT TITLE SEARCHERS, REALTORS AND LAND SURVEYORS NEED RECORDS FURTHER BACK, SOMETIMES TO THE BEGINNING (1856).

FROM 1856 - 1956, THERE IS A BOOK FOR EACH CATEGORY. THAT 1957 BEGINS WITH BOOK 1, PAGE 1, AND THESE CAN BE DIGITIZED AT A COST OF \$100,000. THAT 1856 - 1956 CAN BE DIGITIZED AT A COST OF \$138,000 (TOTAL PROJECT, \$238,000). THAT AFTER THE FIRST YEAR, THERE WILL BE A \$2,500 PER YEAR COST TO USE AND MAINTAIN THE SOFTWARE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE QUESTIONED IF THIS IS A REQUEST TO KEEP ALL RECORDS, WITH THE CLERK ADVISING THAT THERE IS A RETENTION TIME JUST FOR CLERKS. THAT ARCHIVAL BACK-UP IS IMPORTANT AS THESE OLD BOOKS ARE THE ONLY RECORD.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE BUDGETED IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR REQUEST LEGISLATIVE FUNDING IN NEXT YEARS BUDGET.

10. THE BOARD DISCUSSED KEATON BEACH SEAWALL CONCERNS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE QUESTIONED WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THIS SEAWALL AT KEATON BEACH. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT THIS IS AN OPEN CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE. THAT THE COUNTY DID OBTAIN A CONSULT FROM A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHO STATED THAT THE SEAWALL WAS STABLE. THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A STANDARD THAT THEY FOLLOW, HOWEVER WHEN THE PROJECT STARTED, WE CONTACTED THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUT THEY HAD NO ONE TO SEND.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY NEEDS TO RESEARCH SEAWALLS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE RE-AGENDAED AT THE FEBRUARY WORKSHOP FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

11. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE SELLING OF TWO (2) LOTS AT KEATON BEACH AND OTHER COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - I WOULD LIKE FOR STAFF AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE COUNTY USES FOR THESE LOTS, AND EXHAUST ALL OPTIONS PRIOR TO ADVERTISING FOR SALE.

IT WAS A CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO RE-AGENDA THIS ITEM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE FEBRUARY WORKSHOP.

12. THE BOARD DISCUSSED 4-H.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH - EVERY YEAR KIDS GO AROUND AND SHOW ANIMALS. IN MADISON, MANY PEOPLE GOT TO BID ON THESE ANIMALS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REQUESTS TO HOLD SOMETHING SIMILAR IN TAYLOR COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - THE BOARD HAS TALKED ABOUT A SEPARATE 4-H BUILDING HOWEVER THERE WERE CONCERNS OF TAKING AWAY FROM MADISON.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH - CAN WE DIRECT STAFF TO SEEK FUNDING FOR A BUILDING AT THE ARENA FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES?

13. THE BOARD DISCUSSED PARKING AT KEATON BEACH BOAT RAMP.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - I HAD SEVERAL CALLS ABOUT SIGNS AND THE RESTRICTIONS.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH - WE ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO GO TO THE CORNER STORE. WE SELL PERMITS AND HAVE TO ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO PARK.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - WE HAVE COMPOUNDED ISSUES OF RESTRICTIONS.

CHAIRMAN DEMPS - I HAVE HEARD THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE IN KEATON BEACH AND STEINHATCHEE. I AM FOR EXPANDING PARKING AND I AM FOR SAFETY.

COUNTY ATTORNEY - YOUR BEST BET WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE PARKING EXPANSION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - ADDING MORE PARKING PUTS MORE PEOPLE IN A CROWDED BOAT RAMP.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - WE WENT THROUGH THIS LAST YEAR. YOU CAN ADD MORE PARKING AND BOAT RAMPS, BUT YOU HAVE THE SAME CROWDED CANAL.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN - CAN STAFF BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PARKING?

14. THE BOARD DISCUSSED TAYLOR COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT SHE HAS ASKED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK INTO THE HOMELESS SITUATION.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - THERE WAS A STUDY DONE YEARS AGO ON THE HOMELESS IN TAYLOR COUNTY, HOWEVER I CAN'T FIND THE STUDY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?

15. THE BOARD DISCUSSED DEADMAN'S CURVE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - APRIL 13TH. OF THIS YEAR WILL MARK TWENTY (20) YEARS SINCE MY MOTHER AND AUNT LOST THEIR LIVES ON DEADMAN'S CURVE. WE ARE STILL IN THE SAME PLACE 20 YEARS LATER. WE NEED MORE BIG FLASHING LIGHTS AND BRIGHTER LIGHTS TO HELP UNTIL WE HAVE A SOLUTION.

COUNTY ATTORNEY - THERE IS ONE (1) PIECE OF PROPERTY WITH A REALLY MESSED UP TITLE. THE COUNTY ENGINEER IS TRYING TO MODIFY THE ROAD IN ORDER TO NOT NEED THIS PROPERTY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - THE COUNTY ENGINEER WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE BOARD WOULD BE OKAY WITH A FORTY-FIVE (45) MPH CURVE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE - CAN THE COUNTY ENGINEER COME UPDATE US ON THIS PROJECT?

COMMISSIONER MOODY - WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LOSING HIGHWAY FRONTAGE.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 10:20 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

THOMAS DEMPS, Chairman

ATTEST

BY: _____

GARY KNOWLES, Clerk