

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

6:00 P.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE VICE-CHAIR CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM. 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	ABSENT	NONE

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDED THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOW ATTENDED</u>	<u>PORTION ATTENDED</u>
COUNTY ADMIN.	LAWANDA PEMBERTON	IN PERSON	ALL
ASSIST. CO. ADMIN.	MARSHA DURDEN	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ATTORNEY	CONRAD BISHOP	IN PERSON	ALL
COUNTY ENGINEER	KENNETH DUDLEY	IN PERSON	PARTIAL
ENVIRONMENTAL SRV.	GARY WAMBOLT	IN PERSON	PARTIAL
PUBLIC WORKS DIR.	HANK EVANS	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>
FINANCE DIRECTOR	DANNIELLE WELCH	IN PERSON	ALL
TAX COLLECTOR	MARK WIGGINS	IN PERSON	PARTIAL

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

THE CHAIRPERSON READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

- 1. PRAYER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. JEFF RACKLEY, GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG), TO DISCUSS THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT STUDY.**

GSG HAS BEEN HIRED AND THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH FOR WHAT THE BOARD WANTS BEFORE THEY MOVE FORWARD. MR. RACKLEY BEGAN GOING OVER HIS HANDOUT BY DISCUSSING THE DELIVERABLES SCHEDULE/CALENDAR, CURRENT RATES, OPTION 1 (STATUS QUO) AND OPTION 2.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT OPTION 1 WAS MORE ATTRACTIVE, WOULD NOT HAVE TO CLOSE ANY SITES. ONE TRANSFER STATION WOULD NOT WORK.

MR. RACKLEY STATED THAT CURRENTLY THERE IS NO FUNDING UNDER OPTION ONE TO COVER THE ISSUES AND UNDER OPTION TWO WILL STILL HAVE THE SAME ISSUE WITH PAYMENT.

COMMISSIONER MOODY ASKED TAX COLLECTOR IF SOMEONE WHO LIVED IN AN RV/HUNTING CAMP COULD PROVIDE A LIGHT BILL TO HIS OFFICE TO PROVE HOW LONG THEY LIVED THERE IF THEY COULD GET A DISCOUNT? COMMISSIONER FEAGLE QUESTIONED COUNTY ATTORNEY IF IT WAS LEGAL.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE YOU OWE WHAT'S ON THE TAX BILL, YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF.

MR. RACKLEY QUESTIONED HOW THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO MAKE UP FOR LOSS REVENUE AND STATED THAT EVERYONE MUST BE TREATED THE SAME, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN TAYLOR COUNTY OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH STATED THAT THE STUDY COULD SHOW THE COST COULD BE MORE THAN THE \$140.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR GARY WAMBOLT STATED THAT HE BELIEVED IF YOU PULL C&D THAT THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT COULD STAY THE SAME AND THAT THE BOARD SHOULD CHARGE FOR C&D.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH STATED CAN'T HAVE ONE CENTRAL LOCATION. MAY HAVE TO GO TO SHADY GROVE, STEINHATCHEE AND HAVE ONE LOCAL.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSED THE OPTION OF CONSOLIDATING SEVERAL SITES.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A CHALLENGE HAVING THEM PAY AT THE SITE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED SCALES WOULD BE A PROBLEM DURING A STORM.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED THEY COULD BUY A TICKET UP FRONT.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THERE ARE PROS AND CONS TO A TICKET SYSTEM.

MR. RACKLEY STATED THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR VOUCHERS, ON-SITE PAYMENTS, CREDIT CARDS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE ASKED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CALL AND SEE WHAT SYSTEM OTHER COUNTIES ARE USING.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ASKED WHAT DIRECTION DOES GSG NEED. MR. RACKLEY ASKED DOES RV'S/HUNTING CAMPS NEED TO BE TREATED AS WHOLE OR FRACTIONAL?

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED 6 MONTHS FOR HUNTING CAMPS; COMMISSIONER ENGLISH STATED OPTION 1 WITH 9 SITES AND 3 TRANSFER STATIONS; COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED 6 MONTHS FOR HUNTING CAMPS; COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED OPTION 1 WITH 9 SITES, 3 TRANSFER STATIONS BUT DON'T MESS WITH RV'S OR HUNTING CAMPS.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED TO LEAVE THE RV'S AND HUNTING CAMPS ALONE AND DO THE 9 SITES AND 3 TRANSFER STATIONS.

GSG WILL BE BACK IN 30-60 DAYS. ANTICIPATE NOT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT, BUT WILL HAVE REVENUE IN COLLECTING THE C&D.

3. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS TAX LICENSE ORDINANCE.

MARK WIGGINS, TAX COLLECTOR, GAVE OUT A HANDOUT SHOWING THE BUSINESS TAX LICENSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 18/19 AND FISCAL YEAR 19/20.

THE CURRENT ORDINANCE IS FROM 1998 AND DOES NOT GIVE HIM ANY ENFORCEMENT.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED THAT HE RECEIVED CALLS THAT THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS DURING THE FIDDLER CRAB FESTIVAL.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE DIFFERENT BUSINESS ORDINANCES IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY? TAX COLLECTOR STATED YES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED THAT WHEN THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED, IT WAS PASSED TO SEE WHO WAS DOING BUSINESS. THAT IS WHY THERE IS NOT A STRONG ENFORCEMENT. THE SHERIFF CAN NOTIFY THEM THEY NEED TO HAVE A LICENSE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED THERE IS A RISK AND THAT CUSTOMERS ARE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. THERE IS A LOSS TO THE RESIDENTS, A LOSS TO THE CONTRACTORS AND A LOSS TO BUSINESS OWNERS WHO PAY A PENALTY FOR TRYING TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. HE WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CITY ORDINANCE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED DBPR (DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION) REGULATES UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS, NOT THE BOARD'S ORDINANCE.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED THE COUNTY HAS 335 ACTIVE BUSINESS LICENSE AND 65 ARE DELINQUENT. THE COUNTY SHOULD LOOK AT SPECIAL EVENTS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT THE QUESTION IS IF TRANSIENT MERCHANTS/PEDDLERS ARE COMPETING WITH BRICK AND MORTAR BUSINESSES.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CITY ORDINANCE AND TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AT THE MARCH WORKSHOP.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED THAT HE HAD A FEW MORE ITEMS THAT WERE NOT ON THE AGENDA.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED HE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER HOLDING THE MONEY THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS GIVE BACK AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN A SEPARATE FUND FOR CAPITAL NEEDS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED THAT MINIMUM WAGE IS COMING AND TO CONSIDER THE SALARY COMPRESSION THIS IS GOING TO CAUSE.

TAX COLLECTOR STATED THAT HE IS ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR A BUILDING TO MOVE TO SO THAT HE CAN COMBINE ALL THREE OF HIS OFFICES. HAS A LOCATION AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

4. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE MUD BOG ORDINANCE.

AN EMAIL WAS DISTRIBUTED.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH STATED HE HAS TALKED TO BOTH SIDES OF THE DISPUTE AND IT SEEMS TO BE A CIVIL ISSUE ABOUT THE PROPERTY, NOT THE ORDINANCE. LEE WANTS ACCESS TO HIS PROPERTY. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EASEMENT ISSUE. DON'T GET RID OF THE ORDINANCE, BUT MAYBE RESTRUCTURE THE ORDINANCE SO THAT ADJACENT OWNERS HAVE ACCESS TO PROPERTY. WHAT IS GOING ON NOW SHOULD BE BATTLED OUT IN THE COURT SYSTEM.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED EVERYONE COMES TO THE BOARD WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS. THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN 2004 AND IT HAS WORKED FOR 16 YEARS. IT IS FAIR TO LAND OWNERS AND WHO IS GIVING THE MUD BOG.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH ASKED IF WE COULD DO AWAY WITH THE CONSENT WAIVER AND HAVE CODE ENFORCEMENT ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE?

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED TO ALLOW THE ORDINANCE TO DO ITS JOB. HE SYMPATHIZES WITH EVERYONE BUT THERE HAS TO BE A RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED THE BOARD IS ENDING UP GETTING IN THE MIDDLE. THE ORDINANCE PROTECTS THE LAND OWNERS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND ALLOWS THE MUD BOG. THE ANSWER IS WHAT YOU'VE CURRENTLY GOT. IF YOU DO AWAY WITH IT, THE LAND OWNERS CAN SUE THE ONE WHO IS HOLDING THE MUD BOG.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 16 YEARS AND HAS WORKED FOR 14 YEARS. WITH THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO CAUSE THEM TO BE AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER AND THE BOARD SHOULD NOT TRY TO FIX IT. IF THE ORDINANCE IS CHANGED IN ANY WAY, ONE SIDE IS GOING TO BE MAD EITHER WAY. THEY NEED TO FIGURE IT OUT. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MUD BOG CONTINUE, BUT ALSO SEE PROPERTY OWNERS' SIDE TOO.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED HE HAS TALKED TO BOTH SIDES. THEY NEED TO WORK IT OUT AMONGST THEMSELVES.

JOHN KNIGHT (6580 HWY 19 SOUTH).

MR. KNIGHT STATED THAT HE RAN PUDDIN' CREEK MUD BOG FOR 15 YEARS, BOUGHT ALL OF THE PERMITS AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE. HE HAS BEEN HAVING A MUD BOG NOW FOR 3 YEARS THAT IS LOW KEY; NEIGHBORS WERE FINE; WITH NO PROBLEMS. NOW HE HAS A PROBLEM. SOMEONE TURNED HIM IN FOR NOT HAVING A PERMIT. RECEIVED A

BILL FOR \$1,000. THE 50 PEOPLE COUNT DOESN'T WORK. HE CAN'T PAY FOR THE \$10,000 INSURANCE REQUIREMENT.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED WHAT SIZE CROWD IF THE ORDINANCE WAS CHANGED? MR. KNIGHT STATED 175-200.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE ASKED COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS WHAT MR. KNIGHT WAS ADVOCATING FOR, WHICH IS FOR THE ORDINANCE TO ONLY CHANGE THE NUMBER OF 50 TO BE A HIGHER NUMBER. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT IT IS THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES INCREASING SO THAT INSURANCE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PURCHASED.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED FOR THIS TO BE ADDED TO THE MARCH WORKSHOP AND FOR MR. KNIGHT TO COME BACK SO THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAD TIME TO PREPARE.

KARI LARSON (IRON HORSE MUD RANCH).

MS. LARSON STATED THAT SHE DOES AGREE THIS IS A CIVIL ISSUE THAT STARTED WHEN MR. LEE NO LONGER WANTED TO BE AN EMPLOYEE. THE WAIVER/CONSENT KEEPS THEM FROM BEING ABLE TO DO STUFF ON THEIR PROPERTY AND WILL NO LONGER DO THE MUD BOG.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED HE TALKED TO THE LEES THIS WEEK AND HE WANTS 10 FEET FOR THE DRIVEWAY. MS. LARSON STATED SHE CAN'T GIVE 10 FEET. COMMISSIONER MOODY ASKED WHAT SHE WANTED THE BOARD TO DO? MS. LARSON STATED THAT THE WAIVER GIVES PEOPLE FINANCIAL INPUT ON WHAT TO DO WITH HER PROPERTY. MOST PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T LIVE THERE AND WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH THE WAIVER.

CALLER #1323: THERE ARE MULTIPLE ISSUES WITH MOVING THE CHECKPOINT INWARD BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC. NO PROBLEM WITH THE PERMIT PROCESS, EXCEPT FOR THE WAIVERS.

CALLER #3333: A FLORIDA ATTORNEY CALLING ON BEHALF OF HIS FATHER WHO IS AN ADJACENT LAND OWNER. THE LAND OWNERS DO HAVE AN ISSUE. IT IS AN EXCELLENT ORDINANCE, WHICH IS WHY THE WAIVER IS A PART OF IT. ASKING TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE. PEOPLE PAY TAXES, BEEN LIVING HERE, IMPACTS PROPERTY. THE LARSON'S UNDERSTOOD WHEN THEY PURCHASED THE PROPERTY THE ORDINANCE WAS IN EFFECT.

CALLER #0086: LIVES ON THE PROPERTY. BECAUSE OF IRON HORSE, THE SWAMP LAND IS MORE VALUABLE. ABLE TO CURRENTLY HOLD THE WAIVERS OVER THEIR HEAD.

CALLER #8291: NEVER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MUD BOG. ALL SURROUNDING LAND OWNERS PAY TAXES. EVERYONE HAS PROPERTY RIGHTS. SHOULD NOT MODIFY THE ORDINANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DISPUTE.

CALLER #0465: ATTORNEY FOR IRON HORSE. NOT IN THE POSITION FOR EXTORTION, BUT ARE BEING HELD OVER A BARREL. WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN AND ADDRESS THIS WAIVER SO THEY CAN OPERATE WITH NO INTERFERENCE. REQUESTS TO BE ABLE TO DO A PRESENTATION AT THE NEXT WORKSHOP.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED THAT THE ATTORNEY SHOULD GET WITH THEIR CLIENTS AND EVERYONE WORK OUT A SOLUTION WITH THE COUNTY NOT BEING INVOLVED.

CALLER #0465: THE COUNTY IS INVOLVED. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT WORKED OUT WITH NO ARBITRATION.

5. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS RIGHT-OF-WAY PARKING.

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSED PARKING AREA EVALUATIONS FOR 1ST AVENUE NORTH IN STEINHATCHEE, STEINHATCHEE BOAT RAMP, KEATON BEACH BOAT RAMP, DARK ISLAND, MANDALAY AND BOWDEN'S BOAT RAMP (AUCILLA).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ASKED WHAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SPACES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT KEATON BEACH? COUNTY ENGINEER STATED 15-20.

COMMISSIONER MOODY ASKED ABOUT THE PROPERTY BEHIND THE ICE HOUSE AND THE TIMBER? COUNTY ENGINEER STATED WOULD HAVE TO MITIGATE IT AND WOULD HAVE TO SEE WHERE THE WETLANDS ARE.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED THE SHORT-TERM BENEFIT WOULD BE TOO TIMELY.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH ASKED IF COUNTY ENGINEER COULD MAKE SURE THE LAND ISN'T BLOCKED FOR THE HOME OWNERS ACROSS THE STREET AT KEATON BEACH GOING INTO HODGE'S PARK? COUNTY ENGINEER STATED YES.

6. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS DEADMAN'S CURVE REALIGNMENT.

DRAFT PROVIDED OF DEADMAN'S CURVE REALIGNMENT.

REDUCES THE IMPACT TO ONE OF THE LAND OWNERS.

45 MPH POSTED SPEED LIMIT. NOT A 45 MPH DESIGN SPEED CURVE. PULLED IN TIGHTER. CLOSE TO THE ONE ON PUCKETT ROAD AT POTTS STILL ROAD.

ONCE GET BCC APPROVAL WILL NEED TO REDO LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON DEEDS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED ABOUT THE COST? COUNTY ENGINEER STATED THE COST WILL NOT LESSEN.

COUNTY ENGINEER STATED SHOULD INCLUDE SOME OF YATES CREEK ROAD IN THE EASEMENT. COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED YES. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN STATED YES.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED THE NEXT STEP IS THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND THEN TO MEET WITH THE OWNERS REGARDING PURCHASING.

7. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS 2021 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PRIORITY LIST.

PER THE PACKET PROVIDED, WILL SEE WHEN THE ROADS WERE SUBMITTED AND WHEN THE ROADS WERE PROGRAMMED.

ROADS WERE RANKED BY SEVERITY OF CONDITION.

THE ONES THAT HAVE BEEN STRUCK THROUGH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

RECOMMENDS INDUSTRIAL AND PLANTATION BE AT THE TOP. IT IS DUE FRIDAY. CONSIDER DARK ISLAND ROAD.

5 YEAR IN ADVANCE SUBMISSION. THIS SUBMISSION IS FOR 2026.

8. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE MASTER PROJECT LIST.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT QUITE A FEW PROJECTS WERE DEFERRED FROM LAST FISCAL YEAR.

FOR THE SPORTS COMPLEX IF THE SOFTBALL FIELD DOES NOT RECEIVE THE EARMARK, IT WILL ROLL-OVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

COMPLETED DMH CHILLER REPLACEMENT.

WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE BLOUNT FAMILY FOR CEREMONY.

9. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SELLING OF TWO (2) LOTS AT KEATON BEACH.

COMMISSIONER MOODY STATED THERE ARE TWO LOTS AT THE BEACH. THE SMALL ONE IS NOT BUILDABLE ON, BUT THE BIG ONE IS. THE TAX ASSESSOR HAS THE BIG ONE AT \$190,000 BUT WHEN YOU CLICK ON IT, IT IS COMBINED.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH STATED THE VALUE MAY BE OFF WHEN YOU SEPARATE IT.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE ASKED IF THERE IS ANY BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY?

COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED TO GIVE EVERYONE THE OPTION TO BID ON IT. THE BOARD CAN REJECT ANY BID. TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE STATED SHE IS OPPOSED TO HAVING CRAB TRAP BUSINESS THERE. ASKED IF THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE IF IT SHOULD BE SOLD? COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED DON'T HAVE TO, THAT THEY CAN TALK TO CONSTITUENTS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN ASKED IF IT COULD BE USED FOR FIRE SERVICE?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED IT WOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 2ND MEETING IN MARCH.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 10:35 PM, AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION,
THE WORKSHOP WAS ADJOURNED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

JIM MOODY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY: _____

GARY KNOWLES, CLERK