

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

9:00 A.M.

201 E. GREEN STREET

TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

OLD POST OFFICE

THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.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	APPEARED AT #13
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

MICHAEL 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ENGLISH WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MOODY, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE AGENDA FOR THIS DATE, AS SUBMITTED.

CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION:

TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEM NOS. FOUR (4) THROUGH ELEVEN (11), AS FOLLOWS:

4. THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT BILLS BY THE BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND 065106 THROUGH 065211 INCLUSIVE
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 5016758 THROUGH 5016781 INCLUSIVE

AND THAT THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE COUNTY WARRANTS COVERING SAME.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English			X			
Moody		X	X			
Newman	X		X			
Feagle			X			
Demps			X			

5. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FULL-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR, AS AGENDAED BY DAN CASSEL, FIRE CHIEF.
6. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS, SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 COMPLIANCE POLICY, PROCEDURES 2021-2024 AND TRANSITION PLAN 504 COMPLIANCE, AS AGENDAED BY MELODY COX, GRANTS WRITER.
7. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GULF CONSORTIUM FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HODGES PARK, AS AGENDAED BY, AND ON FILE WITH, THE GRANTS WRITER.
8. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS/ADVERTISEMENT OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, AS AGENDAED BY THE GRANTS WRITER.

9. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DIXIE GAMES, TO USE ONE (1) FIELD AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX, ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021, FOR THE PARALYMPIAN ATHLETES TO COMPETE TO MAKE RANKINGS FOR THE UPCOMING PARALYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO, JAPAN AND TO WAIVE ANY USAGE FEES, AS AGENDAED BY LAWANDA PEMBERTON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.
10. THE BOARD TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF LAWANDA PEMBERTON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AS INTERIM MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.
11. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RAIL SAFETY PROJECT ON ALTON WENTWORTH ROAD (CR14) IN TAYLOR COUNTY, AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

ATTACHMENTS: TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS 2021-2024 PROCEDURES; RAIL SAFETY PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH FDOT

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

12. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TCDA) BOARD, AS AGENDAED BY RAY CURTIS, TCDA ATTORNEY.

THREE (3) UPCOMING VACANCIES ON SAID BOARD.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, FROM AN EXISTING TCDA BOARD MEMBER AND THE TCDA WILL CONTINUE TO ADVERTISE FOR THE REMAINING VACANT POSITION.

MOTION:

TO RE-APPOINT MATT ECKEL TO THE TCDA BOARD.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English		X	X			
Moody			X			
Newman	X		X			
Feagle			X			
Demps			X			

HOSPITAL ITEMS:

13. CHRIS SCHMIDT, CEO, DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DMH), TO APPEAR TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL UPDATE.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION BY MR. SCHMIDT.

MR. SCHMIDT STATED THAT RURAL HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE STRUGGLING, WITH 180 U.S. RURAL HOSPITALS HAVING CLOSED SINCE 2010.

AT DMH, INPATIENT OFFERINGS – AVERAGE SEVEN (7) PATIENTS PER DAY (15% UTILIZATION). ONE OF TAYLOR COUNTY'S TARGETS EMPLOYERS - 190 FTE'S FOR HOSPITAL, \$8.6M BUDGET. OUTPATIENT (SURGICAL/LAB/IMAGING/THERAPY) – 120 PATIENTS PER DAY. EMERGENCY CARE SERVICES – THIRTY PATIENTS DAILY; AERO-MEDICAL TRANSPORT. RURAL HEALTH CLINICS – 100 PATIENTS TREATED.

DOUG FAIRCLOTH, CFO, DMH – REVENUE DROPPED TO \$2.5M IN APRIL, 2020, AS A RESULT OF COVID-19, WITH EXPENSES DROPPING TO \$1.5M. MEDICARE/MEDICAID MAKES UP 63% OF PATIENTS. COVID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM– CARES ACT; MEDICARE ADVANCE; PAYCHECK PROTECTION.

OPERATIONS:

GROWING INPATIENT BENCH STRENGTH – EIGHT (8) ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (ARPN) HOSPITALIST PROGRAM, FROM TALLAHASSEE. EMERGENCY CARE SERVICES – CONTRACT WITH ENVISION HEALTHCARE ON MAY 1ST.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

REGAIN OUR COMMUNITY'S TRUST, BUILD THE SUPPORT SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE IN ORDER TO CARE FOR OUR OWN. WOUNDCARE COLLABORATIVE – PARTNERED WITH HEALOGICS; CANCER INFUSION SERVICES TREATMENTS TO BE PROVIDED LOCALLY.

2020 MEDICAID ENROLLMENT INCREASED TWENTY (20) PERCENT, MEDICAID BUDGET SHORTFALL \$1.2B. STATE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN HELPING AND OUR HOSPITAL WILL NOT SEE MEDICAID CUTS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – HOW IS DMH RECRUITING PHYSICIANS?

MR. SCHMIDT – WORKING WITH TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (TMH) AND LOOKING AT DEMAND.

THE BOARD EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO MR. SCHMIDT AND DMH AND STATED THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

14. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (TCRAB), AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

THREE (3) VACANCIES DUE TO RECENT RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – VACANCIES HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL PAPER AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADVERTISED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE COUNTY’S WEBSITE. THAT ONE (1) APPLICATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE AGENDA DEADLINE FROM RICHARD CORI JOHNSON.

MOTION:

TO APPOINT RICHARD CORI JOHNSON TO THE TCRAB.

MOTION PASSEDBY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English		X	X			
Moody			X			
Newman			X			
Feagle	X		X			
Demps			X			

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

15. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAYLOR COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND UNIFIED PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION AND USE OF PROSPECTIVE SETTLEMENT DOLLARS FROM RELATED LITIGATION, AS AGENDAED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO READ THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, BY TITLE.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MOODY, TO EXECUTE MOU.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION:

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English			X			
Moody		X	X			
Newman	X		X			
Feagle			X			
Demps			X			

16. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS SEA WALLS AT KEATON BEACH.

DISCUSSION:

COUNTY ATTORNEY – THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRS OF SEAWALLS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REQUESTING AN ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION (AGO) ON THE SUBJECT. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED SENDING CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PERSON REPAIRING THE SEAWALL, GIVING THEM SIXTY (60) DAYS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – TWO (2) PROPERTIES IN QUESTION. WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH SENDING A LETTER TO ONE AND THE SECOND OWNER IS ASKING THE COUNTY TO SHARE COSTS OF REPAIR.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – IS THIS DUE TO THE SEAWALL BEING ON COUNTY PROPERTY? IF WE REPAIR ONE SEAWALL, HOW MANY MORE WOULD WE HAVE TO REPAIR?

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – I WOULD BE WILLING TO ALLOW MORE TIME DUE TO THE HIGH COSTS OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

MOTION:

TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTING AN ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION ON THIS ISSUE.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
English		X	X			
Moody			X			
Newman			X			
Feagle	X		X			
Demps			X			

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

17. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISCUSS OPERATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. CARES ACT, ROUND TWO – HAVE SET DATE TO STOP TAKING APPLICATIONS (APRIL 30, 2021). THIS WILL GIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG) UNTIL JUNE 1, 2021 TO PROCESS.
\$314,000 – FOR SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE; \$74,000 – FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE.

- B. INMATE WORK SQUADS – SHERIFF HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WORK SQUAD DUE TO THE LOSS OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) WORK SQUADS. SHERIFF CREWS WOULD HANDLE ALL MOWING AND TRASH PICKUP. EIGHT (8) FULL-TIME; TWO (2) PART-TIME.

18. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISCUSS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. STATE OF FLORIDA IS ASSISTING IN PREPARATION FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING. SPRAYING WOULD BEGIN FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

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

NONE

20. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – NONE

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE -

- A. CULVERTS AND TURN-OFF REQUESTS, WE WILL REPLACE WHEN RESURFACING. WE WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY PUT IN A TURN-OFF.
- B. SPORTS COMPLEX TOURNAMENTS – TCRAB IS LOOKING AT A FEW SCHEDULES.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – NONE

COMMISSIONER MOODY – I RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT TURN-OFF ON RESURFACED ROAD. A DITCH WAS PUT IN AND THEY HAVE THREE (3) OWNERS WITH NO ACCESS TO THEIR PROPERTY.

CHAIRMAN DEMPS – A LADY CALLED ABOUT A DRIVEWAY EASEMENT THAT FLOODED – PRIVATE DRIVE.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 10:37 A,M, AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
COMMISSIONER FEAGLE MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ENGLISH, TO
ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD,
SUBJECT TO CALL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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BY: _____
THOMAS DEMPS, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: _____
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk