

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PERRY, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

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		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>
CO FINANCE DIRECTOR	DANNIELLE WELCH	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 CHAIRPERSON READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFERENCE CALL-IN LINE AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM.

3. SHERIFF PADGETT TO DISCUSS OPERATIONS.

PRESENT: SHERIFF WAYNE PADGETT; CAPTAIN GINA DEESON

DISCUSSION:

SHERIFF PADGETT PRESENTED HIS PROPOSAL FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR TAYLOR COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE (TCSO) MEMBERS, WELCOMED THE NEW COMMISSIONERS, AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO ALL.

SHERIFF PADGETT – NEW MANDATES FOR PAYROLL. LAW ENFORCEMENT NOT POPULAR RIGHT NOW, AND FEWER PEOPLE ARE APPLYING. THE SHERIFF OFFICE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE (3) DIVISIONS, WITH SIX (6) VACANCIES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, FOUR (4) CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND TWO (2) DISPATCHERS.

SHERIFF PADGETT STATED THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING HE COULD TO HELP THE BOARD (GIVES BACK MONEY EVERY YEAR), AND NOW HE NEEDS HELP FROM THE BOARD. ALL 3 DIVISIONS ARE STRESSFUL, WANT TO KEEP THEM, NEED TO PAY THEM, TOOK A 2.5% BUDGET CUT BUT HE NEEDS TO PAY DEPUTIES AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES. DEPUTIES STARTING SALARY \$36,465, WITH A \$10-12,000 DIFFERENCE WITH THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – ASKED ABOUT STARTING SALARY DIFFERENCE WITH THE CITY.

SHERIFF PADGETT – WILL CONTINUE TO GET WORSE; DEA SAYS IT WILL GET WORSE WITH THEM OPENING THE BORDERS; NEED GOOD PEOPLE TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR. MINIMUM WAGE IS COMING. REQUESTING 10% INCREASE.

SHERIFF PADGETT STATED THAT HE HAS TAKEN SOME DEPUTIES OUT OF THE JAIL (CO) AND SENT THEM TO SCHOOL. THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO HIRE FROM HERE, TRY TO RECRUIT FROM HERE. STARTING AN EXPLORER PROGRAM WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP; PARALLEL WITH THE JROTC PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – HAVE YOU COMPARED WITH SURROUNDING COUNTIES?

SHERIFF PADGETT – THEY HAVE THE SAME ISSUES AS WE DO.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - \$320,000 IN ORDER TO INCREASE EVERYONE'S SALARIES (RESTORE THE 2.5% LOST IN PREVIOUS BUDGET).

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – ADVISED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR, AS BUDGET PEOPLE, TO LOOK AT THE REQUEST. WHAT ABOUT MONEY GIVEN BACK?

SHERIFF PADGETT STATED THAT HE WILL WORK TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN DO THAT. PEOPLE WANT SERVICES, THEY'VE GOT TO BE PAID FOR.

4. SIDNEY BINGHAM, BERGER SINGERMAN, TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON STATUS OF WAIVERS FOR THE BIG POND, LLC/IRON HORSE MUD BOGGING OCTOBER EVENT.

DISCUSSION:

MR. BINGHAM APPEARED ON BEHALF OF IRON HORSE MUD RANCH, AND STATED THAT COMMISSIONER FEAGLE ASKED THE LARSON'S TO WORK ON A SOLUTION AND THEY'VE BEEN DILIGENTLY DOING THAT.

HISTORY: LARSON'S BOUGHT THE PROPERTY IN 2017, PUTTING ROOTS IN TAYLOR COUNTY.

NO NIGHTTIME RIDING; PRIVATE SECURITY, ZERO FIGHTING TOLERANCE. THE LARSONS' ENFORCE THE RULES AND ARE PRESENT IN THE COMMUNITY. THE SHERIFF OFFICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS ARE PRESENT, SCREENING. THE LARSON'S ARE COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY, HELPS WITH DITCH CLEANOUT, VETERANS, JUMBOTRONS AND CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHTS.

ECONOMIC - \$3.3M COMES INTO THE COUNTY PER EVENT ACCORDING TO THE PERRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PEOPLE COME FROM AROUND THE WORLD – THE ISSUE IS TIME SENSITIVE AS OCTOBER IS COMING UP. ONE PERSON HAS REVOKED THEIR WAIVER AND IS WORKING WITH THEIR ATTORNEY.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – ARE YOU WORKING WITH HENRY LEE?

MR. BINGHAM – HOPEFUL, WE HAVE SENT PROPOSAL TO HIS ATTORNEY.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – TIME FRAME ON AGREEMENT?

MR. BINGHAM – WE WERE HOPING FOR TODAY, BUT DEFINITELY BY NEXT WORKSHOP FOR EVENT DATES IN OCTOBER.

IAN PUCZKOWSKI AND RAY CURTIS, ATTORNEY'S FOR HENRY LEE, STATED THAT THEY ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC AND EXPECT A SOLUTION SOON, SO PLANS CAN BE MADE.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – HOPEFULLY IT CAN WORK OUT AS THIS EVENT IS A BIG DEAL FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

5. COMMISSIONER NEWMAN TO DISCUSS RENAMING FIRE STATION 7 IN STEINHATCHEE IN MEMORY OF CHAD REED.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE REED FAMILY IN RECOGNITION FOR SONS SERVICE. OFFICER REED WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN DIXIE COUNTY AND RENAMING THE FIRE STATION WOULD BE IN HONOR OF HIS SERVICE IN STEINHATCHEE.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – THE SAME OFFICER THAT THE BRIDGE IS NAMED AFTER? ANSWER: YES.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – NO PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE DOING THIS FOR FOLKS. ALREADY HAVE ONE LOCATION IN MEMORIAL OF HIS SERVICE. WE ALSO HAVE A FIRE FIGHTER, DAVID WILLIAMS, WHO WENT TO THE STATIONS EVERY DAY. WE'VE ALREADY NAMED ONE STATION AFTER A FORMER COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – CHAD REED WAS A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER. IN RESPECT FOR HIS SERVICE. I WOULD STAND IN SUPPORT OF RENAMING STATION 1 IN HONOR OF DAVID WILLIAMS.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – IN HONOR OF ALL FIRE FIGHTER'S ACROSS THE BOARD. WE ALREADY HAVE THE BRIDGE. NOT DISRESPECTING ANYONE IN ANY WAY.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – THERE IS ALREADY A SMALL MEMORIAL NOW AT STATION 1, BUT NOT A NAME.

DISCUSSION ON WHO TAYLOR COUNTY HAS LOST.

6. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS GOLF CART RENTALS IN THE KEATON BEACH AREA.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – ORDINANCE ALLOWS RENTALS IN STEINHATCHEE. QUESTION POSED FOR POTENTIALS RENTALS IN OTHER AREAS?

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – NO DIFFERENT THAN OPENING A BUSINESS IN TOWN. I'M ALL FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – A LOT OF GOLF CARTS AT KEATON BEACH. THEY BRING THEM TOO. ONLY CONCERN IS SHOULD WE CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT? THE MORE GOLF CARTS YOU HAVE, PEOPLE JUST DRIVE REALLY FAST. I'M ALL FOR IT.

COULD WE LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT?

COMMISSIONER MOODY – INSTALL A SIGN THAT PICKS UP YOUR SPEED AND SHOWS YOU HOW FAST YOU'RE GOING.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – WOULD NEED 2 OF THESE SIGNS AND BE ENFORCED WITH HANDING OUT TICKETS.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – THE SPEED LIMIT IS ALREADY 25 MPH. COULD WE START WITH REGULAR SIGNS, DUE TO COST?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – THE BOARD WILL NEED TO AMEND THEIR ORDINANCE.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – I WILL NEED TO BE INSTRUCTED AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – CHECK INTO THE COST OF THE SPEED LIGHT.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – WILL WORK WITH COUNTY ENGINEERING AND PLACE ON THE NEXT REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

CHAIRMAN DEMPS – WHAT ABOUT OTHER AREAS?

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – MAIN AREA IS KEATON BEACH.

7. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE MASTER PROJECT LIST.

DISCUSSION:

PAGE 3 – 2019 SENT A LETTER REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FOR A STUDY ON FLOODING IN STEINHATCHEE. WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT WE WILL RECEIVE FUNDING. STAFF TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF FLOODING. WE CAN TAKE THE STUDY TO OTHER AGENCIES AND ASK FOR GRANTS.

ADVISED THAT QUITE A FEW PROJECTS ARE ON HOLD DUE TO NO WORK SQUADS AND MATERIALS COSTS.

ROLL-OFF SITES – WOULD ASK TO ROLLOVER UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. ASKING FOR AMENDMENT TO CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, FOR HELP WITH ANOTHER INMATE WORK SQUAD.

ALL INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE LEGISLATURE – NOT JUST LOSING SQUADS, BUT THEIR LABOR SAVES MONEY ON PROJECTS.

BOARD COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – UPDATE ON REALIGNMENT OF DEAD MAN’S CURVE?

ADVISED THAT ENGINEER IS FINISHING LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AND THEN WILL GO TO ATTORNEY TO MOVE FORWARD ON OBTAINING PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER MOODY – RECEIVED A TEXT FROM JOE SULLIVAN, SPRING WARRIOR, WHO ADVISED THAT HE HIRED SOMEONE TO LIMEROCK HIS ROAD AND WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY DIDN’T DO IT.

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 7:25 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION,
THE WORKSHOP WAS ADJOURNED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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BY: _____
THOMAS DEMPS, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: _____
DANNIELLE WELCH, CFD for
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk