

**TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PERRY, FLORIDA**

**FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**201 E. GREEN STREET**

**TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**OLD POST OFFICE**

THE CHAIR CALLED THE SPECIAL 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           | 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                     |
| SHERIFF         | WAYNE PADGETT  | IN PERSON           | ALL                     |
| UNDER-SHERIFF   | MARTY TOMPKINS | 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 CHAIR READ LIVE CONFERENCE CALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

**4. THE BOARD TO DISCUSS TAYLOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL DETAIL AT KEATON BEACH BOAT RAMP AND STEINHATCHEE BOAT RAMP.**

DISCUSSION:

SHERIFF PADGETT – IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE VOTED TO CANCEL THE BOAT RAMP DETAIL IN THE SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. THE DETAIL WAS SET UP, AS ONE (1) DEPUTY COULD NOT HANDLE IT ALONE. I AM REQUESTING THE BOARD NOT TO CUT THIS SERVICE.

JIM ZURBRICK – STEINHATCHEE RESIDENT – 44 YEARS AGO OUR DEPUTY WAS DEPUTY DAN, WITH NO GUN, AND THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED. BUT, STEINHATCHEE IS GROWING AND IT HAS CHANGED. WE NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS. WE NEED OFFICERS AT BOAT RAMPS ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

STAN RIDGEWAY – I HAVE SEEN THE CONGESTION BUILD AND THE PROBLEMS. JUST THE PRESENCE OF THE DEPUTIES MAKES THINGS BETTER. PLEASE CONSIDER THE SITUATION BEFORE MAKING ANY DRASTIC CHANGES.

COOTER REED – WE NEED DEPUTY'S ON THE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FUNDS ALLOCATED TO HELP THE SHERIFF.

PATTY ZURBRICK – WE NEED THE DEPUTY'S AT THE BOAT RAMP TO HELP WITH TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE – IF THE PEOPLE NEED THE EXTRA DEPUTY PRESENCE, THAT I CAN SUPPORT.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN – THANK YOU TO THE SHERIFF AND RESIDENTS FOR THEIR COMMENTS. I HAVE EVALUATED THIS SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE NEED IS THERE AND IS GROWING, NOT DIMINISHING.

COMMISSIONER ENGLISH – I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONERS FEAGLE AND NEWMAN.

JIM MOODY – I APPRECIATE THOSE COMING FROM STEINHATCHEE TO LET US KNOW THEIR CONCERNS. I TALKED TO PEOPLE AT KEATON BEACH AND THEY WANT THE DEPUTIES THERE. I AM FOR KEEPING THE DEPUTY DETAIL AT THE BOAT RAMPS.

MOTION:

TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT THE BOAT RAMPS IN STEINHATCHEE AND IN KEATON BEACH.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

SHERIFF PADGETT EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER ENGLISH MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN, 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, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
GARY KNOWLES, Clerk