

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014

4:00 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in Regular Session with the following members present: Justin Hamrick (District 1), Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie L. Moore (District 3), Clyde Alexander (District 4), and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Coordinator Allen Cherry, Assistant County Coordinator Sherilyn Pickels, County Attorney George T. Reeves, and County Clerk Tim Sanders.

The Chairman, Honorable Ronnie L. Moore, called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamrick, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agenda as amended: At the request of Mr. Cherry, delete New Business item no. 2. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Madison for Burn Pit.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2014 were presented for review. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve said minutes as presented.

Regarding the Consent Agenda, Mr. Reeves asked to remove item no. 4, Approval of contract between Madison County and Apalachee Center, Inc. for outpatient services, and place on New Business for discussion. Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamrick, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (1. Approval of Madison County Health Department Yearly Contract; 2. Proclamation declaring November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Madison County; 3. Approval to declare Mosquito Control truck as Surplus Property; 4. (deleted); 5. Budget Amendment Request of \$890.71 for Sheriff's Office Employee payout; 6. Budget Amendment request for Fine & Forfeiture to amend for Termination Leave payout; 7. Budget Amendment Request for BOCC General Fund to amend budget to actual; 8. Budget Amendment Request for DOJ Equitable Sharing Program/Sheriff to amend for additional revenues and expenditures; 9. Resolution 2014-10-22, executing Small County Outreach Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the widening and resurfacing of Honey Lake Drive).

Under Public Works Department, the Clerk asked the Board to consider a one-time request for bids for all five proposed County Road Paving Projects that are estimated to cost \$2,750,000. Mr. Sanders reported that letters to lenders have been sent regarding their interest in providing the County with a Line of Credit/Loan to be repaid with County 5th and 6th Cent Gas Tax and new 5 Cents Local Option Fuel Tax revenues to make said improvements, and that a one-time bid for all five projects would determine whether funds were available to complete said projects as proposed. County Engineer Bill Steves advised that bidding all five projects separately at one time did not present a problem. As previously discussed the Board by consensus agreed to start with Commissioner Alexander's District 4 Morris Steen Road project. A motion was made by Commissioner Hamrick and seconded by Commissioner Alexander for staff to pursue, at one time, bids for all five road paving projects. Discussion followed on Chairman Moore's concern that Big Bend Transit's Madison Shuttle would not be able to operate for a full year without additional funding, since the City of Madison decreased their contribution from \$10,000 to \$2,500. The Clerk expressed a hope that the City would use their additional gas tax proceeds from the County's enactment of the new 5 Cents Local Option Fuel Tax to provide the needed dollars to support the shuttle that operates almost exclusively in the City of Madison. Mr. Sanders also reported that all available County 5th and 6th Cent Gas Tax proceeds are committed to repay the loan for the five County Road improvements. The Board by consensus agreed to re-look at the availability of said gas tax proceeds after the submittal of said bids. The motion above carried unanimously (5-0).

Discussion followed on approval of a CONTRACT FOR SERVICES between the County and Apalachee Center, Inc. for psychiatric services and case management services for inmates of the Madison County Jail. The County Attorney expressed a concern about Section 8. "Indemnification" and "Insurance" also labeled Section 8, and asked the Board to delay approval until he has time to contact the Center. The Board by consensus agreed to table the matter until the next Board meeting.

Mr. Cherry reported the Tourist Development Council (TDC) agreed to contribute approximately \$10,000 additional funds needed to complete the grant-related restroom on the Four Freedoms Trail in Pinetta. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Board voted unanimously to approve the additional funds from the Tourist Development Tax for said project.

Mr. Cherry reported an agreement between the County and the Town of Greenville for a new library location at the vacant Farmers and Merchants Bank building is moving forward and that Suwannee River Regional Library Director Betty Lawrence believes funds for carpeting and paint are available in her current budget.

Mr. Cherry also reminded the Board of the Annual County Employee Appreciation Lunch scheduled for November 12th and that he would be glad to collect a \$100 contribution from the Commissioners, Clerk, and County Attorney to help defray costs.

The County Attorney advised the Board that the property owner who earlier applied for a road closure of Canal Point Trail, would be re-submitting an Application for Road Closure for the Board's consideration after purchasing more property along its right-of-way.

The Clerk reported the City of Madison has asked if the Board would like to join in a congratulatory letter to Kansas City Royals centerfielder and American League Championship Series Most Valuable Player Lorenzo Cain, who grew up in Madison and is now playing in the World Series against the San Francisco Giants. The Board by consensus agreed and to also help defray the costs of a sign on the Court House lawn honoring Lorenzo Cain.

Commissioner Davis reported a successful Appreciation Dinner for the County's Volunteer Firefighters sponsored by the Board, County Coordinator, and Clerk.

Chairman Moore invited everyone to the dedication of the new USDA-funded Senior Citizens van on Thursday, October 23rd at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

By: _____
Ronnie L. Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners