

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

4:00 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in Regular Session with the following members present: Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie L. Moore (District 3), Alfred Martin (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. District 1 Commissioner Justin Hamrick was unable to attend.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Alex Quintere, Field Representative for Congresswoman Gwen Graham, who introduced himself and reported the Congresswoman's staff would be in Madison on a monthly basis to meet with the public.

Chairman Moore also recognized Reverend Albert Barfield and presented him with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from the Board for his 27 ½ years of service to Madison County. Reverend Barfield thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and be a part of so many positive changes during his employment with the County.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the agenda as amended: at the request of Mr. Cherry, delete New Business item number 4. Discussion regarding roof on new Greenville Library; and add to New Business item No. 5. Consideration of request to place painting of quilt on County Agricultural Center; and New Business item number 6. Consideration of request by County Volunteer Fire Board to amend Volunteer Fire Department Districts in the County.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2015 were presented for review. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve said minutes as presented.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda (1. Appointment of Commissioner to

Workforce Consortium; 2. Re-appointment of Commissioner Vickers to the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors; 3. Budget Amendment Request for DOJ Equitable Sharing Program to amend revenues and expenditures; 4. Budget Amendment Request for State Confiscation Trust to amend revenues and expenditures).

Chairman Moore directed the Board's attention to a scheduled Public Hearing to consider vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing a portion of SW Canal Point Road (the eastern most approximate 612.37 feet) lying in section 4, township 2 south, range 8 east. Mrs. Pickels referred to the APPLICATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE that included the applicants' names, an aerial photograph of the subject county-graded road, a proposed Resolution, and Sketch to Accompany Legal Description prepared by Poppell Land Surveyors, LLC. County Attorney Reeves explained a similar application came before the Board earlier and at that time he recommended to not close the road because all parties affected by the closure had not joined in the Resolution. He advised at this time all property owners have signed off on the closure and there is no legal impediment to close said portion of road.

Mr. Scott Copeland, Esq. advised that he represented all the applicants (Terence R. Wojdan, Timothy S. Wojdan, Barbara A. Wojdan, W. C. Forestry & Wildlife, Inc., and Joshua Christopher Davis) that adjoin the proposed portion of road to be closed and all have perpetual easements to access their respective properties. He stated the proposed closure would be a win/win situation especially for the County with no maintenance, expense, or liability.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public. Hearing none, he returned the matter back to the Board. After further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Vickers and seconded by Commissioner Martin to deny the request for road closure. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Moore next directed the Board's attention to another Public Hearing scheduled to consider AN ORDINANCE OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TEMPORARY WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECOGNITION OF RELATED RULES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mr. Reeves explained the Suwannee River Water Management District's (SRWMD) responsibilities outlined in Florida Statutes to regulate water use and allocating available water supplies during periods of water shortage. He also advised SRWMD is authorized to enter into interagency agreements to promote consistent regulation of projects spanning its boundaries and part of the proposed ordinance provides terms of enforcement by the Sheriff or Code Enforcement. Mr. Reeves also advised adoption of said ordinance would provide County eligibility to SRWMD grant funding in the future. And, for the record Mr. Reeves stated that he is the General Council for the SRWMD.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public. Mr. Jerome Wyche, who resides on County Camp Road, asked about the possibility of extending public water services down County Camp Road. Mr. Reeves advised adoption of the ordinance would allow the City of Madison and County to be eligible for future water grant funding. Mr. Reeves also advised this ordinance does not apply to agriculture water use.

Hearing no other comments from the public, Chairman Moore returned the matter back to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Vickers to approve said Ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

County Engineer Bill Steves presented to the Board a paper entitled SUBMITTED BIDS-PROJECT NUMBERS FY 2015-01 THRU FY 2015-05-2105 (for) County-Wide Roadway Improvements Projects-February 25, 2015-4:00 PM for the following county roads: Yellow Pine, Oak Hill, Whippoorwill, Wonderwood, and Cattail. Mr. Steves also presented comparative bid data on each project from each of the following companies that submitted bids: Anderson Columbia Co., Dixie Paving & Grading, Inc., Music Construction, Inc., and The Scruggs Company. Mr. Steves also reported the Low Bid Total came in at \$2,369,361.71, which is \$400,138.29 below the estimated total cost of \$2,769,500.00. Mr. Steves recommended not committing said leftover funds due to a potential cost increase for roadway base improvements in many areas. In conclusion, the County Engineer and Road & Bridge Coordinator Lonnie Thigpen recommended the following low bids from three different bidders for the five projects:

Dixie Paving & Grading, Inc.:	Oak Hill	\$244,636.50
	Whippoorwill	\$425,939.40
	Wonderwood	\$947,744.84
Music Construction, Inc.:	Cattail	\$526,910.25
The Scruggs Co.:	Yellow Pine	\$224,130.72

Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve said recommended low bids.

Discussion followed on placing rumble strips on NE Rocky Springs Church Road at the intersection with NE Rocky Ford Road. Commissioner Vickers reported a need for the installation as a safety measure. He also requested "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" signage at said intersection. Mr. Thigpen asked the Board to keep in mind the noise associated with rumble strips. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve said rumble strips.

Discussion followed on the vacant "Not Subject to the Tax" position on the Tourist Development Council (TDC). The Board by consensus agreed to re-agenda the matter for the

next Regular Meeting.

County Planner Jeanne Bass referred to a letter dated February 16, 2015 to the Board from her with attached information regarding a 0.10 acre County-owned parcel of land in Greenville that adjoins Mr. Ernest Pritchett. Mrs. Bass reported Mr. Pritchett would like to purchase the unidentified and untaxed property that she placed a value of \$350.00 upon based on recent sales in Greenville. The County attorney advised the Board may wish to allow staff to send letters to all adjoining property owners regarding the County's interest in disposing the subject property and to negotiate a sale with interested parties. Mrs. Bass also reported that Mr. Pritchett is paying for a boundary survey of the subject property. A motion was made by Commissioner Vickers and seconded by Commissioner Davis to proceed with the aforementioned process of notifying adjacent property owners of the County's interest to sell said unclaimed property. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Sandy Wilson, on behalf of the Florida Quilt Trail, presented the Board with a picture of a quilt with the 4-H Club design attached to a building and an email from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the "Department") Construction Project Consultant Craig Christ. In the email Mr. Christ stated the Department approved the display of a quilt design on the Madison Agricultural Center. Ms. Wilson introduced the new quilt trail concept of hanging replicas of quilts in public places across Florida and asked the Board to approve placing the 4-H design quilt replica painted by the Saddles & Spurs 4-H Club on the south wall of the Ag Center. The County Attorney advised the placement of the artwork should be done by County staff for liability purposes. A motion was made by Commissioner Vickers and seconded by Commissioner Davis to allow the placement by County staff of said quilt replica artwork on the Agricultural Center. Motion carried 4-0.

Emergency Management Director Tom Cisco presented a map of Madison County that featured new Volunteer Fire Districts for the eight (8) volunteer fire departments that the Fire Board approved and submitted for adoption. He reported after thorough review, the Division of Forestry district was eliminated and new district lines allow for more symmetrical fire districts. Upon a motion by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the new map approved by the Fire Board and allow the County Coordinator to work out the effective date.

The County Attorney gave the Board an update on the Nestle Water lawsuit filed against the Property Appraiser and reported a motion to intervene has been filed on behalf of the County and School District. He also advised the Florida Department of Revenue indicated it opposes the County and School District joining in the lawsuit.

Mr. Cherry noted a letter of appreciation from the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries of Madison, Inc. for trees removed along Dill Street by the County.

The Clerk, in keeping with ideas expressed during the past budget process, suggested

having a Workshop on the first Board meeting date in April to present a thorough midpoint review of revenues and expenditures of the present 2014-2015 fiscal year budget. He also referred to a MEETING NOTICE and agenda for the Florida Local Government Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors meeting in Gainesville on Thursday, the 26th which he will be attending on behalf of the Board.

Regarding "Consent Agenda item number 1. Appointment of Commissioner to Workforce Consortium", Chairman Moore clarified that he volunteered for said position.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

By: _____
Ronnie L. Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Sanders, Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners