

February 7, 2017
Regular Board Meeting
Judicial Annex Building
Live Oak, Florida

6:00 p.m.

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners met on the above date and time for a regular session and the following were present: Chairman Ricky Gamble; Commissioner Don Hale; Commissioner Clyde Fleming; Commissioner Larry Sessions; and Commissioner Ronnie Richardson. Ken Williams, Chief Deputy Clerk of Finance; Eric Musgrove, Deputy Clerk; Randy Harris, County Administrator; and James W. Prevatt, Jr., County Attorney, were also present.

Chairman Gamble called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Commissioner Fleming to lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He also noted that agenda item fifteen had been pulled from the agenda for discussion at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Special-Called Meeting and the January 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Special-Called Meeting and the January 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as written. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT:

Commissioner Richardson asked that consent agenda item number eleven be pulled for discussion.

The second item on the agenda was to approve payment of processed invoices.

SUWANNEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WARRANTS ISSUED REPORT

<i>FUND</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
001 GENERAL FUND	\$	1,697,448.55
112 RESERVE-CAPTIAL PROJECTS		
116 FINE AND FORFEITURE	\$	773,439.73
117 911 ADDRESSING FUND	\$	9,158.12
118 STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE	\$	4,816.17
119 MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND	\$	14,223.95
120 LAW ENFORCEMENT		
121 NARCOTICS CONTROL		
122 FIRE PROTECTION FUND	\$	22,220.59
126 EMS GRANT FUND		
128 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$	11,375.36
129 LAW EDUCATION	\$	1,200.00
131 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	\$	8,852.19
140 ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$	332,575.92
145 ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST. & PAVING		
171 LIBRARY FUND	\$	124,364.21
172 RECREATION FUND	\$	64,783.97
181 LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
251 RENOVATIONS / DEBT SERVICE		
301 VOTING EQUIPMENT FUND		
351 RENOVATIONS / CONSTRUCTION		
402 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$	140,587.12
403 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$	58,147.02
404 SUW CTY WATER PLANT	\$	388.38
GRAND TOTAL	\$	3,263,581.28

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Board of County Commissioners over \$10,000.00 Warrants Issued Analysis

Please find below a list of payments \$10,000.00 and above that will be approved for disbursement on 02/07/17

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Blue Cross Blue Shield	1/19/2017	174487	\$154,943.08	Employee medical insurance
Jim Hinton Oil	1/26/2017	174513	\$21,484.86	Fuel
Jim Hinton Oil	2/2/2017	174600	\$32,276.87	Fuel
Waste Management	2/2/2017	174646	\$37,193.17	Waste disposal
John Hipp Construction	2/2/2017	174659	\$26,670.00	Sand seal coating
Wastequip	2/2/2017	174688	\$15,764.57	Dumpsters
McInnis Services	2/2/2017	174700	\$252,629.22	State Atty Building/Airport Maintenance Building
Procom South Communications	2/2/2017	174708	\$13,569.70	Radios for Fire Rescue
Ketchum Wood and Burgert	2/2/2017	174717	\$12,244.97	Medical Examiner
North Florida Professional	2/2/2017	174721	\$23,678.00	Professional services/ Perimeter Rd #7 / Airport Maintenance Building
Dewberry Engineers	2/2/2017	174737	\$12,312.36	CEI services 180th Street

The third item on the agenda was to approve a Subterranean Termite Control Contract and Limited Warranty with Live Oak Pest Control in the amount of \$500.00 annually for Jo Kennon Dowling Park Library and Shirley J. Brooks Archive Wing. **(Agreement No. 2017-27)**

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve a Task Order with Dewberry/Preble-Rish, Inc. for CEI services associated with resurfacing/reconstruction of CR 252 from SR 51 to CR 250. Budget impact: funded by FDOT. **(Agreement No. 2017-28)**

The fifth item on the agenda was to approve Tourist Development Council financials for January, 2017.

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a grant to the Experimental Aircraft Association in the amount of \$4,010.00 for advertising and promotional materials. Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues.

The seventh item on the agenda was to approve a Tourist Development/Economic Development Office Promotional agreement with Country Road Films. Budget impact: the promotion fee will be funded \$2,500 from the Economic Development Office line item Promotion and Advertisement and \$2,500 from the Tourist Development Council. (**Agreement No. 2017-29**)

The eighth item on the agenda was to approve a Task Order with North Florida Professional Services, Inc. for engineering services associated with Perimeter Road. Budget impact: funded by FDOT. (**Agreement No. 2017-30**)

The ninth item on the agenda was to appoint Sheriff Sam St. John to serve as Emergency Management Director.

The tenth item on the agenda was to adopt Modification 1 to the Community Development Block Grant Housing – Subgrant agreement between Suwannee County and the Department of Economic Opportunity. (**Agreement No. 2016-13-01**)

The eleventh item on the agenda was to authorize the Tourist Development Council to enter into a partnership with North Florida Printing Company, Inc. to produce 5,000 County and City maps. Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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The twelfth item on the agenda was to authorize the Tourist Development Council to cost share with the Economic Development Office for Florida Trend advertisement (February, 2017 edition). Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to authorize the Tourist Development Council to cost share with the Original Florida Tourism Task Force for a 2017 Undiscovered Florida Co-op advertisement. Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 10, 12, and 13. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to authorize the Tourist Development Council to enter into a partnership with North Florida Printing Company, Inc. to produce 5,000 County and City maps. Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues.

Commissioner Richardson understood that the County was out of maps and asked for clarification on the additional costs. Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, replied that the Board was approving 5,000 maps while the TDC had approved a request for a quote on an additional 5,000 maps that would then be brought back before the Board for final approval.

Commissioner Richard moved to authorize the Tourist Development Council to enter into a partnership with North Florida Printing Company, Inc. to produce 5,000 County and City maps. Budget impact: funded from Tourist Development Tax Revenues. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

It not yet being 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble moved to additional agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The twentieth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There were two Additional Agenda Items:

The first additional agenda item was to accept a ceremonial check for the Florida Recreation Department Assistance Program (FRDAP) Unique Abilities Grant for the First Federal Sportsplex from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Chuck Hatcher with Department of Environmental Protection presented a check to the County for \$500,000 for use at the Sportsplex.

The second additional agenda item was consider approval of a resolution amending Resolution 2016-28 regarding a USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program Loan.

County Administrator Harris stated that that the resolution would modify the amount from \$300,000 to \$360,000 to reflect the 20% match that the Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative would provide.

Chairman Gamble clarified that the budgetary numbers for the original resolution needed to be reconciled so that further work could be done.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve a resolution amending Resolution 2016-28 regarding a USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program Loan. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-23)

It not yet being 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble moved to agenda item seventeen.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, items associated with Perimeter Road.

County Administrator Harris stated that he had attended a meeting the day before regarding work that had not been included in the original scope of work, including flashing stop signs, full traffic signal at CR 136, a water issue on the north end, and reconstruction of a portion of 72nd Trace that had been affected by ground problems. He stated that the vast majority of the work should fit within the current budget. County Administrator Harris stated that the issue with the City of Live Oak regarding the sewer line and ground issues near Lowe's still had to be addressed, and he was hoping to have a resolution in the near future as it was holding up completion of the work. He asked for approval by the Board to allow him and Chairman Gamble to approach the City of Live Oak to address the sewer line and ground problems near Lowe's.

Commissioner Fleming moved to authorize the Chairman and County Administrator to enter into discussions with the City of Live Oak regarding sewer line and ground problems near Lowe's. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator Harris further discussed the Perimeter Road project.

It being after 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble moved to Time Specific Items.

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

The fourteenth item on the agenda was **at 6:15 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard, to **hold a public hearing** to consider adoption of a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-02-01 by Troy John of T & T Farms to be granted a special permit

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under Section 14.6 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Intensive Agriculture to construct three (3) poultry houses on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1).

Chairman Gamble opened the public hearing.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak.

Mr. Ronald Meeks, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the 40-acre property was located in Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 12 East off 186th Street in the Luraville area. There were no issues with the property, which was currently vacant. Mr. Meeks discussed the application in detail and submitted the application as Composite Exhibit #1.

Commissioner Fleming asked about a date on the application, which stated “2016” instead of “2017”. County Attorney Prevatt replied that it would not be an issue.

Chairman Gamble opened the floor to public comments. There being none, Chairman Gamble closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Richardson moved to adopt a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-02-01 by Troy John of T & T Farms to be granted a special permit under Section 14.6 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Intensive Agriculture to construct three (3) poultry houses on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1). Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-24)

Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to discuss used vehicle tent sales that take place in Suwannee County.

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF REPORTS:

The sixteenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, presented a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation detailing the work of his office and the economic impact of new businesses within Suwannee County.

Chairman Gamble noted that even with Klausner receiving an economic incentive grant of over \$500,000, the County was still receiving over \$1 million in taxes per year.

Dr. Jackson continued his presentation, detailing some issues within the County in regards to economic development.

Mr. Greg Scott, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that there was a leak at the City Pool that was being investigated to determine the repair costs.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, items associated with Perimeter Road.

This item was discussed prior to agenda item fourteen.

The eighteenth item on the agenda was to discuss future plans for the Mizell's Building.

County Administrator Harris stated that the Board had previously discussed improvements to the building, including siding and gutters. He discussed a car wash area for the Sheriff's Office that would be placed on the south side of the Mizell's Building as well as an adjoining storage room for car washing supplies. County Administrator Harris stated that the Board needed to determine a long-term use for the Mizell's Building, including the possibility of climate-controlled storage for various offices. He suggested the possibility of a loading dock on the west end of the building to allow easy access to the storage area.

Chairman Gamble agreed that a loading dock was a good idea.

County Administrator Harris stated that he would proceed with a loading dock for the Mizell's Building.

The nineteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, any items related to the State Attorney's Office (if necessary).

County Administrator Harris stated that there were several small issues in the near future that would be discussed as the building was nearly complete. His hope was that the State Attorney's Office would move into their new building by the end of February. Parking lot paving probably would begin later in the week, and underground electrical work had been completed.

The twentieth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

These two items were discussed prior to agenda item fourteen.

The twenty-first item on the agenda was public concerns and comments. (Filling out of Comment Card requested, and forwarded to the Chairman or County Administrator. Individual speakers from the audience would be allowed three (3) minutes and a single representative or

spokesperson would be allowed seven (7) minutes to speak following recognition by the Chairman and must speak from the podium – one (1) trip to podium).

Ms. Sharon Higgins of 21256 49th Drive, Lake City, discussed a Tea Party meeting to be held on February 9th at the Jackie Taylor Building just outside of Lake City; KrisAnne Hall would be the speaker. C-SPAN would be in attendance to record the meeting.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was Administrator's comments and information.

County Administrator Harris briefly discussed the McAlpin Fire Station, which would probably be reopened by next week.

The twenty-third item on the agenda was Board Members' inquiries, requests, and comments.

Commissioner Richardson discussed a concern with solid waste collection sites turning away citizens with a Lake City address, although they actually reside in Suwannee County.

County Administrator Harris stated that an upcoming workshop would address the possibility of ID cards for Suwannee County residents that would stop out-of-county residents from dumping their waste.

Commissioner Fleming discussed the Battle of the Bands event that had been held over the weekend, and it had been a great event despite the weather. The event could attract five or six thousand visitors within the next few years and make a positive economic impact.

Commissioner Hale discussed a problem with sewage waste spilling into the Suwannee and Withlacoochee Rivers. He stated that he had been in contact with all the counties that border the Suwannee River, all of whom were in favor of combating the waste. County Administrator Harris was compiling information to present at a later date.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that Representative Elizabeth Porter had submitted a letter to the Federal Government the previous week regarding sewage waste leaks into the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers from the Valdosta area.

Discussion ensued on the process of notifying residents and counties affected by sewage leaks.

Commissioner Sessions discussed a Columbia County Board of County Commissioners meeting the next week that would address Land Development Regulations. The proposal would force land owners to purchase a permit every time they wished to change their land use. The proposal would reduce crop rotation and affect the soil. Commissioner Sessions also discussed his work as the director of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, showing that the budget had been reduced by nearly half, but the Authority had put much more into the local economy.

Chairman Gamble stated that it was important for citizens to show their support for not only Suwannee County, but also surrounding counties such as Columbia County. He did not want to see Suwannee County's LDRs changed to force citizens to pay for permits to change their land use.

County Administrator Harris stated that he had received an emergency contact regarding an economic development meeting that would negatively impact incentives to companies, especially those looking at moving into rural counties like Suwannee County. The proposals would reduce grant funding from the State to smaller counties.

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The twenty-fourth item on the agenda was informational items.

There were none.

Commissioner Sessions moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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BARRY A. BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

RICKY GAMBLE, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS