

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. Clerk of Court Barry A. Baker; Ken Williams, Chief Deputy Clerk of Finance; Eric Musgrove and Logan Woods, Deputy Clerks; 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 County Administrator Harris to lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Board Workshop and the March 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Board Workshop and the March 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as written. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gamble noted that consent agenda items 5 and 8 had been pulled for discussion.

CONSENT:

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

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WARRANTS ISSUED REPORT

4/3/2017

FUND		AMOUNT
001	GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,353,126.07
112	RESERVE-CAPTIAL PROJECTS	
116	FINE AND FORFEITURE	\$ 35,589.16
117	911 ADDRESSING FUND	\$ 3,315.38
118	STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE	\$ 1,946.70
119	MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND	\$ 7,960.36
120	LAW ENFORCEMENT	
121	NARCOTICS CONTROL	
122	FIRE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 36,725.33
126	EMS GRANT FUND	
128	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 3,885.20
129	LAW EDUCATION	\$ 462.50
131	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,375.51
140	ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$ 308,028.17
145	ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST. & PAVING	
171	LIBRARY FUND	\$ 73,480.57
172	RECREATION FUND	\$ 80,600.18
181	LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$ 8,750.00
251	RENOVATIONS / DEBT SERVICE	
301	VOTING EQUIPMENT FUND	
351	RENOVATIONS / CONSTRUCTION	
402	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 71,341.60
403	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 58,943.18
404	SUW CTY WATER PLANT	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,050,529.91

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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 04/03/17*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	3/23/2017	175495	\$168,513.36	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE STATE ATTY ACCESS,FIR ALARM,SECURITY, SURVEILLANCE
SECURITY SAFE CO	3/30/2017	175526	\$19,428.00	SYSTEM
JIM HINTON OIL	3/30/2017	175527	\$36,795.01	FUEL
RING POWER CORP	3/30/2017	175549	\$76,403.57	2015 FREIGHTLINER 2450 WATER TRUCK
SPORTS CONNECTION	3/30/2017	175559	\$20,752.13	UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT RECREATION DEPT
COLUMBIA OFFICIALS	3/30/2017	175573	\$10,810.00	UMPIRES & SCOREKEEPER FEES FOR 2017 BABE RUTH LEAGUE
WASTE MANAGEMENT	3/30/2017	175576	\$35,743.84	WASTE DISPOSAL
FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INS	3/30/2017	175586	\$256,195.35	2016/17 INSTALLMENT #3 COUNTY INSURANCE
CAPITAL CITY BANK	3/30/2017	175588	\$129,918.78	COUNTY LOAN PAYMENT
DIGITECH COMPUTER	3/30/2017	175629	\$11,483.94	EMS MEDICAL BILLING
FIRST FEDERAL BANK	3/30/2017	175639	\$84,189.44	COUNTY LOAN PAYMENT
KETCHUM WOOD & BURGERT	3/30/2017	175643	\$13,093.36	MEDICAL EXAMINER
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICE	3/30/2017	175656	\$13,090.90	DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS & APRON/WEST HANGAR @ AIRPORT
			<u>\$876,417.68</u>	

The third item on the agenda was to approve a change to the Personnel Rules & Regulations regarding holidays, and adoption of an enabling resolution. (**Resolution No. 2017-32**)

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve Tourist Development Council recommendations.

The fifth item on the agenda was to approve a sidetrack agreement with CSX.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

The sixth item on the agenda was to authorize bidding of the railroad spur for the Catalyst Site. Budget impact: funding from various grants.

The seventh item on the agenda was to authorize bidding of a chain link fence for the Wellborn Collection Site. Budget impact: Solid Waste Reserves.

The eighth item on the agenda was to authorize bidding of gates and fence adjustments for various Solid Waste Collection Sites. Budget impact: Solid Waste Reserves.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-4 and 6-7. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The fifth item on the agenda was to approve a sidetrack agreement with CSX.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that the County had received the proposed sidetrack agreement, but there were several items that needed to be adjusted before the language was appropriate. He asked for permission to approve the agreement with revisions to be negotiated by the County Administrator and County Attorney.

County Administrator Harris stated that there were actually three items involved in the agenda item, including the sidetrack agreement, a resolution authorizing further negotiations, and approval to pay \$775,246 to CSX for construction of the railroad sidetrack and signaling devices. He discussed the issue in further detail, noting that normally CSX required full payment before a project begins.

After questioning, County Attorney Prevatt suggested that the Board handle the items as separate motions.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve a sidetrack agreement with CSX, with the understanding that the County Attorney and County Administrator would be able to negotiate adjustments to the final agreement. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-41)

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve payment for the CSX sidetrack in the amount of \$775,246. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hale moved to approve a resolution authorizing negotiations and advertising for bids for CSX sidetrack work. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-33)

The eighth item on the agenda was to authorize bidding of gates and fence adjustments for various Solid Waste Collection Sites. Budget impact: Solid Waste Reserves.

Chairman Gamble asked that the funding for the project be pulled from Landfill Contingency instead of the Solid Waste Reserves.

County Administrator Harris stated that there would probably be little money used from the Contingency account.

Commissioner Fleming moved to authorize bidding of gates and fence adjustments for various Solid Waste Collection Sites; budget impact to be from the Landfill Contingency fund (instead of the Solid Waste Reserves). Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The ninth item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution declaring April 10, 2017 as “National Lineman Appreciation Day”.

Mr. John Little, Director of Communications for the Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, read the proposed resolution into the record.

Commissioner Sessions moved to adopt a resolution declaring April 10, 2017 as “National Lineman Appreciation Day”. Commissioner Hale seconded. County Administrator Harris and Commissioner Richardson thanked linemen for their service to the community. **The motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-34)**

The Board paused for a photo opportunity with local linemen.

It not yet being 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble moved to County Attorney Items.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

County Attorney Prevatt stated that the USDA loan through Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative would close on April 12, but SVEC needed a letter confirming the authorization that had been voted upon by the Board many months ago.

Discussion ensued on the USDA loan in detail.

County Attorney Prevatt explained that the County would take approximately \$360,000 of the \$3 million from the First Federal loan and designate it for the SVEC loan.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve a letter confirming authorization of a USDA loan with SVEC. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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It not being 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble allowed Mr. Lee Harvard to approach the Board.

Mr. Lee Harvard, insurance agent with B.W. Helvenston and Sons, submitted to the County a check in the amount of \$39,923 for adjusted general liability and workers' comprehensive insurance premiums for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

The tenth 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-17-02-03 by Deerpond LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation & Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1).

Chairman Gamble opened the public hearing.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak.

Ronald Meeks, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the special permit in detail. He noted that the application was for mining activity on two 40-acre parcels and one 20-acre parcel south of Beachville, specifically in Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 15 East. The application was for the expansion of an existing mine located just south of the property.

County Attorney Prevatt clarified for the record that the principal owners of the properties were the same, not the companies.

Mr. Meeks continued his presentation, stating that access to the property would be provided off 260th Place and County Road 49, and had been granted to Deerpond LLC from the existing

mine property south of the proposed location. After further comments, Mr. Meeks entered the application into the record as Composite Exhibit #1.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there would be any impact to electrical service on the property. County Attorney Prevatt replied that the property owner and power company would sign an agreement for whatever activities both entities approved. He added that generally, there would be no mining in the area of the electrical service, and the location was far enough away that it would be many years before the mining expanded anywhere close to that point.

County Attorney Prevatt asked County Administrator Harris to address a condition he had mentioned at the previous regular meeting.

County Administrator Harris asked that the Board make a condition for the property owners to pave the entrance to the mine back 250 feet from the County road to alleviate dust.

Commissioner Fleming asked how far away pipelines were from the property.

Mr. Randy Burnett, 3917 NW 20th Drive, Gainesville, representing the owners, stated that the closest pipeline ran on the east side of the property and there would be no mining activities within the setback, generally 300 feet.

County Attorney Prevatt added that the Department of Environmental Protection would have its own requirements that the property owners must follow.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the access road was a private or public road. Mr. Burnett replied that the owners had originally believed that it was a public road, but had since discovered that it was actually a private road. He added that the property owners were currently in negotiations to pave the road. After further questioning, Mr. Burnett replied that the Federal

Government was requiring more infrastructure for mines, including improving roads, to alleviate dust problems.

Discussion ensued on the specific access to the mining properties and any stipulations the County wished to set.

County Administrator Harris recommended asphalt for a minimum of 250' on the road, with a minimum depth of 1 ½ inches of asphalt. He discussed some of the dust and mud issues with unpaved roads.

Mr. Burnett reiterated that the owners were currently in the process of bidding roadwork for the haul road.

Chairman Gamble opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Jim Ward, 27476 29th Place, Branford, was sworn in by the County Attorney and then discussed the condition of the shoulders on CR 49 near the entrance to the mine. County Administrator Harris replied that CR 49 was scheduled for reconstruction in the near future, which should alleviate the problem that Mr. Ward mentioned.

There being no further comments, Chairman Gamble closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Fleming moved to adopt a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-02-03 by Deerpond LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation & Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1) with the stipulation that the owners pave the access road 250 feet from the County road with asphalt at least 1 ½ inches thick. County Administrator Harris stated that he would work with the property owners to

pave their road in the proper location. **Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-35)**

Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

The eleventh 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-17-03-01 by Rok North LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation & Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1).

Chairman Gamble opened the public hearing.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak that had not previously been sworn in.

Mr. Ronald Meek, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the application was for a 98-acre parcel located immediately west of the previous application, with the same owners, stipulations, access roads, and information. He entered the application into the record as Composite Exhibit #1.

Chairman Gamble asked if the Board wished to add the same stipulations to this property as had been done in the previous application. The Board agreed to do so.

Chairman Gamble opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Ward asked about access to a nearby road, and it was pointed out that there would be no access to the specific road in question.

Mr. Ward asked if there had been any issues with area wells. Mr. Burnett replied that there had been no past issues, but the company was required by Federal and State regulations to perform regular well and/or water tests.

There being no further comments, Chairman Gamble closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Richardson asked what had been required in the previous application regarding well issues. Mr. Burnett replied that there was a statement in the resolution that if a well was damaged by the mining company, the company was required to replace it. He added that there had been no problems or complaints regarding wells.

Commissioner Richardson noted that since the mining was expanding away from area wells, a stipulation on wells was a moot point.

County Attorney Prevatt recalled that the well stipulation in the original mine approval had been precipitated by another business in the area, not the mining company itself. He added that the Department of Environmental Protection required well monitoring/replacement and there was no need for the County to add the stipuation.

Commissioner Sessions moved to adopt a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-03-01 by Rok North LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation & Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1) with the stipulation that the owners pave the access road 250 feet from the County road with asphalt at least 1 ½ inches thick. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-36)

Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF REPORTS:

The twelfth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

Mrs. Katherine Allen, Extension Office Director, noted several impending activities related to the Extension Office as well as interviews for replacement staff that would be held in May. Ms. Allen asked if it would be possible to close her office on May 9 for training in High Springs.

Commissioner Sessions moved to allow the Extension Office to close on May 9 for training in High Springs. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The thirteenth item on the agenda was a discussion from a representative of Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center on the provision of healthcare in Suwannee County.

Mrs. Rhonda Sherrod, Market CEO of Shands Hospitals, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and discussed the 2016 services and statistics for the Live Oak Regional Medical Center.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, a Business Incentive Grant application by Klausner Lumber One, LLC.

Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, stated that on March 7, he had received a Business Incentive Grant application from Klausner. He then discussed the specifics

of the application, which would include an approximately \$15 million building expansion and add an estimated 43 new direct jobs. The estimated total rebate for the applicant would be \$321,536, divided over seven years. Dr. Jackson recommended approval of the incentive.

Discussion ensued on Klausner's ability to meet the County's incentive requirements.

County Administrator Harris stated that the proposed incentive was related to the railroad spur that had recently been approved, and the application was necessary for certification.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that if the Board approved the application, an agreement would be written up that would come before the Board for final approval.

Chairman Gamble asked that since Klausner already had an existing incentive approval, would they have to meet the additional amounts in this application. Dr. Jackson replied that Klausner must meet the original incentive agreement before they could begin meeting the proposed incentive. County Attorney Prevatt added that there was an acceleration period in the original incentive agreement that must be met before employment numbers could be credited to the new incentive program.

Discussion ensued on validating Klausner's employment information and comparing the original incentive agreement with the proposed one, which would involve not only additional employees, but additional construction.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve a Business Incentive Grant application by Klausner Lumber One, LLC. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, plans for the Douglass Center.

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Commissioner Fleming stated that the Douglass Center Advisory Committee met on March 30 and had recommended that the County proceed with the construction of additional restrooms, place a historical marker, and procuring engineering services from Darabi and Associates for possible renovations and improvements.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the recommendations of the Douglass Center Advisory Committee to construct additional restrooms, place a historical marker on the property, and procure engineering services from Darabi and Associates for possible renovations and improvements. Commissioner Sessions seconded. Commissioner Richardson asked if the Board had approved a historical marker at a previous meeting. It was determined that the Board had tentatively agreed to a historical marker in a workshop and thus it needed to be approved at a regular meeting. County Administrator Harris added that the task order for engineering services with Darabi and Associates had been provided to the Board. Mr. Robert Ford, 8896 135th Loop, Live Oak, thanked the Board, and specifically Commissioner Fleming, for their work. He then asked about allowing the Douglass Alumni Association to upgrade the current boys' dressing, locker, and restrooms to make them functional at no cost to the County. Mr. Ford also asked about the newest Board proposals to mothball certain buildings until funding was available instead of razing them. He then questioned if new restrooms would alter the ability of the gymnasium to be classified as a historic structure. County Administrator Harris stated that if the Douglass Alumni wished to work on the boys' restroom property, he had no problem accommodating them. He stated that the gymnasium was an unlikely candidate as a historical structure because the State had already deemed it non-historic. County Administrator Harris added that most of the activities that occur at the Douglass Center were outdoors, and the proposed

restrooms would accommodate the large number of patrons. He suggested parceling out work on the new restrooms while using County and inmate labor. Discussion ensued on renovating the Douglass Center property for better uses now rather than doing nothing other than hoping for historic grants in the future, grants that thus far had come to naught. County Administrator Harris noted that the proposed building engineering evaluation would be driven by short- and long-term costs, and suggested focusing on certain buildings (the cafetorium, library, and other related structures) on the campus instead of every building. **The motion to approve the stated recommendations carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-42).**

The sixteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, any items related to Perimeter Road (if necessary).

There was nothing to discuss.

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

There was nothing to discuss other than the additional agenda item.

The eighteenth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There was one additional agenda item:

The first additional agenda item was a request for approval of an addendum to Luke McInnis' contract for the State Attorney building to add one (1) additional sprinkler zone in the amount of \$675.00.

County Administrator Harris stated that the sprinkler zone was necessary because of landscaping done behind the State Attorney's Office Building to assist the new drainage system.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve an addendum to Luke McInnis' contract for the State Attorney Building to add one (1) additional sprinkler zone in the amount of \$675.00. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2016-60-08)

The nineteenth 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).

There were three public comments.

Deputy Clerk Musgrove, speaking as Chairman of the Suwannee County Historical Commission, invited the public to attend a free event to be held on Tuesday, April 11, at the Judicial Annex. The son of Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, would be speaking on that historic event and Suwannee County's ties to it.

Mr. Charles Barrett, 7580 CR 136, Live Oak, invited the Board and public to attend the Lower and Middle Suwannee River Basin Management Plan meeting that would be held on April 13, 2017. He then discussed some of the items on the meeting's agenda.

Mr. Ward discussed the Ichetucknee Springs Advisory Planning Committee that had been held recently and his attempts to have Suwannee County included in the discussions.

The twentieth item on the agenda was Administrator's comments and information.

County Administrator Harris stated that Senator Bradley and other Legislators would be meeting with County Officials regarding various issues this week. He then discussed upcoming

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legislative issues, including Home Rule proposals, which would affect Suwannee County and the authority of its elected officials.

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

Commissioner Hale had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Sessions noted a meeting to be held on April 11 regarding the possibility of Amtrak making stops in Live Oak.

Commissioner Richardson had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Fleming had nothing to discuss.

Chairman Gamble stated that the Suwannee County Fair went very well, and was better each year.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was Informational Items.

It was noted that Amtrak officials and Senator Nelson would be at the Train Depot on April 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. to give an update on the status of Amtrak.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

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BARRY A. BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

RICKY GAMBLE, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF
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