

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; 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 6:01 p.m. and asked Commissioner Sessions 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 April 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and April 11, 2017 Special-Called Meeting.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and April 11, 2017 Special-Called Meeting as written. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gamble noted that consent agenda items six, eight, nine, and eleven would be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT:

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

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SUWANNEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WARRANTS ISSUED REPORT

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FUND		AMOUNT
001	GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,613,683.63
112	RESERVE-CAPTIAL PROJECTS	
116	FINE AND FORFEITURE	\$ 746,125.43
117	911 ADDRESSING FUND	\$ 5,714.75
118	STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE	\$ 1,426.97
119	MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND	\$ 6,110.87
120	LAW ENFORCEMENT	
121	NARCOTICS CONTROL	
122	FIRE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 14,244.92
126	EMS GRANT FUND	
128	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 8,915.61
129	LAW EDUCATION	\$ 732.25
131	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,150.82
140	ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$ 144,651.91
145	ROAD AND BRIDGE CONST. & PAVING	
171	LIBRARY FUND	\$ 87,817.68
172	RECREATION FUND	\$ 58,666.12
181	LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
251	RENOVATIONS / DEBT SERVICE	
301	VOTING EQUIPMENT FUND	
351	RENOVATIONS / CONSTRUCTION	
402	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 44,225.98
403	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 43,687.49
404	SUW CTY WATER PLANT	\$ 4,309.61
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,781,464.04

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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 04/18/17

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Windstream	4/6/2017	175702	\$11,639.95	Telephone services
City of Live Oak	4/13/2017	175750	\$16,139.80	Utilities
Florida Power and Light	4/13/2017	175757	\$22,150.59	Electric services
Jim Hinton Oil	4/13/2017	175766	\$22,562.83	Fuel
Avfuel Corp	4/13/2017	175802	\$25,223.42	Aviation fuel
Waste Management	4/13/2017	175807	\$37,217.99	Waste disposal
Music Construction	4/13/2017	175813	\$666,713.22	Perimeter Road #5
North Florida Professional	4/13/2017	175872	\$36,113.00	Engineering and inspection services / Perimeter Road
AECOM Technical Services	4/13/2017	175895	\$16,030.00	Professional services / airport apron
Worth Construction and Develop	4/13/2017	175904	\$16,500.00	Emergency pool repair
			<u>\$870,290.80</u>	

The third item on the agenda was to approve renewal of a Line of Credit with First Federal Bank of Florida.

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve appointments to the Suwannee County Development Authority Board.

The fifth item on the agenda was to approve a Subterranean Termite Control Contract & Limited Warranty with Live Oak Pest Control, Inc. in the amount of \$450.00 annually for the new State Attorney's Office. (**Agreement No. 2017-44**)

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a Change Order with Wayne Frier Home Center of Live Oak for the McAlpin Fire Station. Budget impact: Budgeted item.

This item was pulled for discussion.

The seventh item on the agenda was to approve funding continuing integrated marketing communications campaign for All Aboard Live Oak in the amount of \$7,500. Budget impact: funded from General Funds.

The eighth item on the agenda was to adopt changes to resolution No. 02-27 pertaining to the expiration of building permits.

This item was pulled for discussion.

The ninth item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution for the Suwannee County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan.

This item was pulled for discussion.

The tenth item on the agenda was to authorize Cox Fire Protection, Inc. to perform internal investigation of fire sprinkler systems on the Suwannee County Courthouse, Suwannee County Jail, and Suwannee River Regional Library to obtain compliance with new NFPA 25 fire safety codes.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to authorize completion of improvements to the Mizell Building utilizing funds from the reserves for Capital outlay.

This item was pulled for discussion.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to award a bid to Worth Contracting, Inc. for interior painting of Suwannee River Regional Library in the amount of \$24,000. (Bid Solicitation No. 2017-06) (Bids were opened on April 4, 2017). Budgeted item. (**Agreement No. 2017-57**)

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-5, 7, 10, and 12. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a Change Order with Wayne Frier Home Center of Live Oak for the McAlpin Fire Station. Budget impact: Budgeted item.

Chairman Gamble clarified that the request included a request to authorize payment \$87,949.70.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve a Change Order with Wayne Frier Home Center of Live Oak for the McAlpin Fire Station. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2016-116-01)

The eighth item on the agenda was to adopt changes to resolution No. 02-27 pertaining to the expiration of building permits.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that he had provided the Board with a revised resolution that covered all necessary changes.

Commissioner Sessions moved to adopt changes to Resolution No. 02-27 pertaining to the expiration of building permits. Commissioner Hale seconded. Commissioner Richardson asked if the Board was amending the building permit process by this action. County Attorney Prevatt replied that the resolution only updated language and did not change the building permit process. **The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-37)**

The ninth item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution for the Suwannee County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that he had provided the Board with a revised resolution with scribes' errors corrected.

Commissioner Fleming moved to adopt a resolution for the Suwannee County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-38)

The eleventh item on the agenda was to authorize completion of improvements to the Mizell Building utilizing funds from the reserves for Capital outlay.

County Administrator Harris wished to add any invoices for last-minute work on the State Attorney's Office to the Board's approval.

Commissioner Richardson moved to authorize completion of improvements to the Mizell Building and State Attorney's Office utilizing funds from the reserves for Capital outlay. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

It not yet being 6:15 p.m., Chairman Gamble moved to Staff Reports.

STAFF REPORTS:

The seventeenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

County Administrator Harris stated that paving on Perimeter Road should be completed within the next two or three weeks. He noted that additional flashing signs would also need to be installed, but the material had been ordered months ago. County Administrator Harris noted that bidding for the railroad work at the Catalyst Site was being postponed until additional work had been completed by Klausner.

Commissioner Fleming asked about a stop sign or signaling device at old White Springs Road and 86th Street. County Administrator Harris replied that he was awaiting the materials to install the signs.

Commissioner Richardson asked about late payments from Klausner to local businesses and asked if the County could urge them to make more timely payments. County Administrator Harris replied that there was nothing that the County could do, and he had heard the same comments from the public since Klausner had established itself in Suwannee County. He added that he had spoken to Klausner about the issue in the past and it appeared to be an issue of their lengthy invoicing process, which was a longer period than which some businesses were familiar.

Mr. John Koch, Independent News Service, stated that he had investigated the Klausner complaints himself and it boiled down to certain businesses not having the capital to wait the thirty to forty-five days that it took Klausner to pay them. He noted that these businesses needed to move into the present age and realize that there was an invoicing process to be followed that sometimes took some time; Klausner could not simply write a check the day the work was completed.

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

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

The thirteenth 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-17-04-01 by Amy Dierolf, agent for Duke Energy Florida, to be granted a special permit under Section 4.4.5 (b) (12) of the Suwannee County Development Regulations for Utilities and Related Facilities 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, stated that the property was located in Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 11 East, with access off River Road due east of the current power plant. The application was for an unmanned solar electrical generation facility. The plant would produce 8.8 megawatts of carbon-free energy (enough energy for approximately 1,700 households) and would retain a vegetation buffer around the site. Mr. Meeks discussed the application in further detail and then submitted the application into the record as Composite Exhibit #1.

County Attorney Prevatt asked Amy Dierolf of 299 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, agent for Duke Energy, about the buffer. He asked if the buffer would be included on the site although it was not required. Ms. Dierolf replied that the buffers would be installed per the site plans.

Chairman Gamble opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Jim Ward, 27476 29th Place, Branford, asked the total acreage of the site. Mr. Meeks replied that it would be approximately 86 acres.

Mr. Ward asked if the solar panels were moveable or fixed, and the number of acres being used for the facility itself. Ms. Dierolf replied that the panels would be fixed and cover a little over 60 acres of the site.

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

Commissioner Hale moved to adopt a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-04-01 by Amy Dierolf, agent for Duke Energy Florida, to be granted a special permit under Section 4.4.5 (b) (12) of the Suwannee County Development Regulations for Utilities and Related Facilities on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1), with the stipulation

that all buffers on the site plan would be installed. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-39)

Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

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-17-04-02 by North American Towers, LLC authorized agent for property owner Joann Saunders, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.11 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for an essential service (195 feet monopole communications owner and associated equipment) on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1).

Chairman Gamble opened the public hearing.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak.

Mr. Meeks discussed the application, noting that the 152-acre property in question was located in Section 22, Township 2 South, Range 12 East, with access off CR 136 on 189th Road. He noted that the County would have the option to use the tower for communications purposes, and the tower would reduce the cellular telephone dead spots in the area. Mr. Meeks discussed the application in detail and then submitted it into the record as Composite Exhibit #1.

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

County Attorney Prevatt asked Gary Brundage of North American Towers, LLC, who lived at 1489 South Missouri Avenue, Clearwater, about buffers provided in the site plans and if his company would follow through with installing them. Mr. Brundage replied that his company would comply with buffers of evergreen trees.

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Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard, to hold the second of two public hearings to consider the enactment of an ordinance adopting Florida-Friendly Use of Fertilizer on Urban Landscapes.

Chairman Gamble opened the public hearing.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak.

County Administrator Harris stated that the ordinance had been discussed in a prior meeting, and was a mandate by the State of Florida to be approved by local governments by July 1, 2017.

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

Commissioner Fleming moved to enact an ordinance adopting Florida-Friendly Use of Fertilizer on Urban Landscapes. The motion died for lack of a second.

County Administrator Harris asked for legal opinion from the County Attorney about the necessity of passing the ordinance. County Attorney Prevatt replied that it appeared there were some issues with the proposed ordinance as currently written, but an ordinance would need to be adopted by July 1.

County Administrator Harris reiterated from a previous meeting that this was, in effect, an unfunded mandate from the State. He stated that he had no plans, nor was it realistic or cost-effective, to create "Fertilizer Police", since it was not required by the State law.

Commissioner Sessions stated that the ordinance discussed urban landscapes, of which Suwannee County had very few. He was concerned that the focus of the ordinance was on highly-populated urban areas, not farmers, but could easily be expanded to include farmers (to their detriment).

Commissioner Richardson stated that he had discussed the issue with the local state senator, who agreed that the language of the ordinance was an issue and not intended to deal with rural areas around springs. He did not wish to lose State funding because of a refusal to approve

the ordinance and asked for continued discussions with the Attorney General and other related State offices.

Chairman Gamble urged the Board to submit their changes to the proposed ordinance to the County Attorney or County Administrator within the next thirty days.

After questioning by County Administrator Harris, County Attorney Prevatt replied that there must be one more hearing since the ordinance had not passed tonight.

Chairman Gamble reopened public comments.

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

Mr. William Starling, 5679 129th Road, discussed the effects the ordinance would have on his 185-acre farm, noting that he already followed best practices for fertilizers and other environmental issues.

Commissioner Richardson replied that anyone falling under the Right-to-Farm Act would be exempt from the ordinance, but there was the possibility of further legislation that may impact farmers.

Chairman Gamble stated that he had submitted the proposed ordinance to local fertilizer suppliers, and if necessary, they were willing to work with the ordinance as currently written. He noted that the present or a future Board could change the ordinance.

County Administrator Harris stated that the proposed ordinance effected every person in Suwannee County, and he was opposed to it on those grounds. He reiterated that if passed, he would not enforce the ordinance (nor was it required for him to do so).

Discussion ensued on the Right-to-Farm Act.

County Administrator Harris discussed the need for the County to adopt the ordinance in order to receive State grant funding.

Mr. Thomas Lynn, 819 Tara Trace, Live Oak, asked why the ordinance needed to be passed if it would not be enforced. County Administrator Harris replied it was mandatory for the various counties within the State to pass the ordinance, adding that the County could lose out on numerous State grants if the ordinance was not adopted; this would severely impact the ability of the County to provide for its citizens.

Mr. Starling asked if there was a State website provided listing fertilizer rates. The response was that the State may set rates at a later date, but Mr. Starling could follow the best management practices already provided by the State.

Chairman Gamble closed the floor to public comments and then closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

The sixteenth item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the request of Kanacheril & Sons, Inc. (Kanacheril) for a Satisfaction of Judgement Lien against Mark Henry Kiser.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS:

The seventeenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

This item was discussed after consent items.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The eighteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, vehicle tent sales in Suwannee County.

Commissioner Hale stated that he had originally intended to discuss the issue at an earlier meeting, but after further research on the issue, he suggested sales permits.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that vehicle tent sales would fall under the Land Development Regulations, noting that the LDRs only authorized education and religious tent “sales”. Any other types of tent sales would need to be approved by the Board at least sixty days prior to the sales event. If approval was not given, Code Enforcement could cite the vehicle tent sale and give them an order to cease and desist, but the seller would have between seven and ten days to cease operations; this would not help as most vehicle tent sales lasted three days. County Attorney Prevatt added that the Board would need to determine a method for granting permits and amend the Land Development Regulations if they so desired, or put into place a method to fine vehicle tent sales if they did not wish them to take place.

Commissioner Hale noted that his recommendations were based upon how other counties worked with vehicle tent sales.

Commissioner Fleming stated that he was not in favor of the temporary vehicle tent sales, because it negatively impacted the local dealerships and also made it harder for citizens to receive repairs locally.

Commissioner Sessions stated that the Board needed to protect the local businesses first.

Commissioner Hale noted that local vehicle dealerships were held to Suwannee County standards and hired locally, and it was in the County's best interest to support them.

Discussion ensued on the process of fining vehicle tent sales and that civil action could be enacted if they refused to pay a fine.

Commissioner Richardson asked how often vehicle tent sales occurred within the unincorporated portions of the City. County Attorney Prevatt discussed the Live Oak city limits and the frequent sales of vehicles and fireworks that took place near Interstate-10 and US 129 near Walmart.

County Attorney Prevatt also noted that tent sales of all types would be impacted, including fireworks. He added that unpermitted uses would need to come before the Board or the Land Development Administrator.

Mr. Bryan Blair of 208 SW Maple Lane Way in Lake City, a representative of Walt's Live Oak Ford Company, stated that the vehicle tent sales were a big concern with his dealership. He added that the City of Live Oak had outlawed vehicle tent sales some time ago. Mr. Blair noted that some purchasers believed that Walt's sponsored the tent sales, and he wished that the tent sales either be outlawed or have a large permitting fee to make them equitable with local dealerships.

Chief Sommers noted that the State required fire prevention related to tent sales and asked that it be incorporated into any County legislation on the matter.

Michelle Robbins of 14320 US Highway 90, Live Oak, operator of Economy Motors, had concerns with the vehicle tent sales. She noted that it was difficult to find out who was actually selling the vehicles, and since they were not local, it was nearly impossible to provide adequate

customer service. Ms. Robbins noted that the vehicle tent sales normally occurred once a month, especially during the summer, and asked that the Board outlaw vehicle tent sales.

Mr. Bo Hancock, 6135 Wiggins Road, Live Oak, stated that no one had defined a tent sale and that should be done to avoid future litigation. He was also concerned with private property rights, noting that the Board may need to tell Walmart and private property owners what they could and could not do with their property.

Mr. Jason Little, 1019 Saltwater Circle, St. Augustine Beach, general manager of Clay Motors, stated that his business was not opposed to competition, only that it be fair competition. He discussed the unequal nature of not only vehicle tent sales, but also food sales and other related types of sales that impacted local brick-and-mortar businesses.

Commissioner Hale asked if the Board could narrow the types of tent sales that were prohibited. County Attorney Prevatt replied that the Board could narrow the scope of the Land Development Regulations.

Commissioner Sessions suggested setting a minimum sales limit of \$5,000 for tent sales, which would exempt one-person sales of small amounts of food but incorporate vehicle, large-item, and large-volume sales of other products.

Discussion ensued on narrowing the scope of tent sales.

Commissioner Richardson noted that the issue was about consumer protection and enforcement of County regulations.

Chairman Gamble suggested addressing the issue through the Land Development Regulations, and did not wish to require occupational licenses.

County Attorney Prevatt noted that sellers would need to get permits through the Land Development Regulations.

The Board agreed to authorize the County Attorney to research changes to the Land Development Regulations or local ordinances to address tent sales.

The nineteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, the Capital Improvement Loan.

County Administrator Harris reminded the Board of the special-called meeting from the previous week at which the Capital Improvement Loan was discussed for either a twenty-year or a fifteen-year loan, and then addressed the proposals in great detail to those of the public who had not been in attendance. He submitted handouts discussing the options to the Capital Improvement Loan.

Commissioner Fleming left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Commissioner Fleming returned to the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

County Administrator Harris noted that at the current loan rate, the County's taxpayers would be liable for a portion of the State Attorney's Office expenses. He stated that the County would need to recoup expenses of nearly \$170,000 related to the State Attorney's Office construction, and a memorandum of understanding was being drawn up to that effect. County Administrator Harris did not recommend paying down the current loan as had been discussed at the special-called meeting. Instead, he suggested covering annual fixed costs for custodial service, insurance, and utilities, as well as escrow for repairs and replacement. The suggestion would also include increasing the lease payment by 3.3% per year for years 2, 3, and 4, and then offer a fixed

lease payment for years 4 through 16. County Administrator Harris also discussed in great detail various sources of revenue to cover the anticipated expenses.

Commissioner Richardson left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

County Administrator Harris asked that the Board accept the estimated expense calculations, which included modified escrow for the purpose of establishing a basis for the lease payment, and also accept the proposed lease payment schedule as the basis for drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the State Attorney.

Commissioner Richardson returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Chairman Gamble stated that he was happy with the last proposal.

Commissioner Richardson moved to accept the estimated expense calculations for repayment of the State Attorney's Office loan, which included modified escrow for the purpose of establishing a basis for the lease payment. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the County would be placed in a bad position with the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the State Attorney. County Administrator Harris replied that he had spoken with the State Attorney, and there was nothing negative about it for the County unless the County did not recover expenses from the various counties within the circuit.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the proposed lease payment schedule (with a 3.3% increase for years 2-4 and a flat rate for years 5-16) as the basis for drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the State Attorney. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and after noting that there would be no increase in the circuit's payments after the fourth year, the motion carried unanimously.

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

County Administrator Harris reiterated that paving should be completed within the next three weeks.

The twenty-first 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 further to discuss.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There were none.

The twenty-third item on the agenda was public concerns and comments. (Filling out of Comment Card required, 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 was one public comment.

Greg Scott, Recreation Director/Airport Manager, reminded the Board of the Suwannee County Fly-In at the airport later in the month.

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

County Administrator Harris noted that he had received compliments on the work being done at the Heritage Park and Gardens as well as the Sportsplex, and wished to pass the information to Mr. Scott and others involved with the project.

Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, noted that the Governor had recently complimented Suwannee County's airport.

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

Commissioner Richardson noted that he would be holding a town hall meeting in O'Brien on April 27. He added that the Catfish Festival in Branford had gone well over the past weekend.

Commissioner Fleming had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Hale stated that he had a good time at the Who Do You Follow Walk over the weekend, and had heard that the Catfish Festival had gone well.

Commissioner Sessions noted the Suwannee Valley Twilight Field Day to be held at the Agricultural Extension Center on May 2, and also reminded the Board that the Wanee Festival would be held over the upcoming weekend, leading to tens of thousands of visitors and a boost to the local economy.

Chairman Gamble stated that the USDA grant had been closed upon last week and was the first one for the North Florida region. He was hoping for additional grants in the future.

County Administrator Harris noted the Informational Item, pointing out that the City of Live Oak had enacted fire assessments. The County's portion would be \$7,808. He then discussed improvements made within the city limits by the County that could be reimbursed by the City.

Commissioner Sessions noted that the City had been charging the County some \$700 each time a water truck was filled.

The Board agreed to allow County Administrator Harris to put together a listing of improvements made by the County for possible reimbursement by the City.

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

It was noted that the City of Live Oak had enacted a fire assessment and would be charging the County for its properties within the city limits.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 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