

May 16, 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. 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 Commissioner Fleming 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 May 2, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as written. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT:

Chairman Gamble noted that consent agenda item six would be pulled for discussion.

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

5/16/2017

<i>FUND</i>			<i>AMOUNT</i>
001	GENERAL FUND	\$	1,327,332.37
116	FINE AND FORFEITURE	\$	750,662.11
117	911 ADDRESSING FUND	\$	5,672.27
118	STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE	\$	8,196.38
119	MUNICIPAL SERVICES FUND	\$	5,897.67
122	FIRE PROTECTION FUND	\$	13,317.58
128	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$	6,034.08
129	LAW EDUCATION	\$	1,649.31
131	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	\$	2,565.97
140	ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$	126,652.41
171	LIBRARY FUND	\$	92,396.86
172	RECREATION FUND	\$	33,827.75
402	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$	46,645.73
403	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$	13,040.59
404	SUWANNEE COUNTY WATER PLANT	\$	2,341.45
	GRAND TOTAL	\$	2,436,232.53

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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 05/16/17*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jim Hinton Oil	5/5/2017	176160	21,537.06	Fuel
City of Live Oak	5/5/2017	176156	25,858.32	Utilities
Florida Combined Life	5/5/2017	176183	11,765.56	Two months Life Insurance
Florida Power & Light	5/12/2017	176219	21,762.75	Utilities
Security Safe	5/12/2017	176226	13,250.00	monthly mtc and security gate State Atty
Music Construction	5/12/2017	176267	427,991.32	Perimeter Road pmt # 6 and # 7
Windstream	5/12/2017	176286	12,913.95	Utilities
			<u>535,078.96</u>	

The third item on the agenda was to approve a Subterranean Termite Control Contract and Limited Warranty with Live Oak Pest Control, Inc. for the Administrative Building at 13150 80th Terrace. **(Agreement No. 2017-52)**

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve a settlement agreement recommended by the County Administrator and County Attorney regarding the 71st Drive drainage ditch. **(Agreement No. 2017-53 and 2017-54)**

The fifth item on the agenda was to approve Change Order No. 3 with Music Construction, Inc. for work associated with Perimeter Road. **(Agreement No. 2016-92-03)**

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of the County Commissioners and State Attorney.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

The seventh item on the agenda was to approve a Certificate Regarding Matching Funds in the amount of \$954.53 as a prerequisite for obtaining a Federal Election Activities Grant in the amount of \$6,363.54. **(Agreement No. 2017-55)**

The eighth item on the agenda was to authorize applying for FEMA Assistance for a Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to purchase a Fire Safety House, Fire Extinguisher training system, and Robo-tronic Fire Truck for the Fire Prevention division. Budget impact: Fire Budget contingency funds.

The ninth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising a Request for Qualifications for dragline repair services.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-5 and 7-9. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners and State Attorney.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that there were a few minor corrections to the MOU. The payments would be due on the first of the month and considered overdue after the fifteenth day of the month. County Attorney Prevatt also noted a change in wording by the counties related to Article V, Section 14 and recommended approval of the amended MOU.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners and State Attorney with the changes noted by the County Attorney (payments overdue after the fifteenth of the month and wording related to Article V, Section 14). Commissioner Hale seconded. County Administrator Harris noted

that the cumulative savings to the various counties over the lease period would be more than \$578,000. **The motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-56)**

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF REPORTS:

The tenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

Betty Lawrence, Director of Libraries, discussed various past and upcoming programs at the regional libraries, including the summer programs. She added that the Dowling Park Library ribbon-cutting would held on June 11.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The eleventh item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, enacting a burn ban within Suwanee County.

Mr. James Sommers, Safety Director, informed the Board of the various burn bans within the State due to the ongoing drought. He added that the counties west of Suwanee County had not yet enacted a burn ban, and Suwanee County rain levels to date and projections over the summer would be within normal levels. There had been several brush fires over the past several

weeks, but they had been minor issues. Chief Sommers recommended that the Board watch the situation closely but not pass a burn ban at the present time.

Commissioner Fleming stated that he was comfortable with Chief Sommers' recommendation.

Chief Sommers added that Fire Rescue had been in contact with the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and they would be enacting a burn ban on their premises.

Commissioner Richardson thanked Chief Sommers for his study and agreed with the recommendation.

Brief discussion ensued on burn permits and the extent of a burn ban.

The Board took no action at this time.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, an agreement with Klausner and Matco regarding construction and operation of a railroad spur at the Catalyst Site (if available).

Chairman Gamble stated that this item had been pulled for discussion at a later date.

The thirteenth 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 had nothing to discuss.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There were none.

The fifteenth 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).

Mr. Ash Ranganadan of 176th Road, McAlpin, was concerned with the dust and health hazard on 176th Road since the paving had been removed about two years ago.

Commissioner Richardson stated that 176th Road had been submitted to the Department of Transportation for paving, but the DOT had chosen not to pave any new roads this year. Chip seal had also been discussed as an alternative to paving.

Discussion ensued on the situation.

County Administrator Harris reiterated that the application for the paving of 176th Road had been submitted, but the DOT had decided not to fund any roads in Suwannee County. He added that the County would continue to apply for the project. County Administrator Harris did not believe that a chip seal would work on 176th Road because of the heavy trucks that were using it.

Commissioner Richardson suggested that County Administrator Harris study the base of 176th Road to determine possible solutions to the limerock and dust problem. County Administrator Harris replied that he would research the issue further.

Mr. George Johnson of 10350 176th Street, McAlpin, also discussed the issue of 176th Road. He suggested that the Board should fix the problem, as it did not exist before the paving was removed. Mr. Johnson discussed health issues with his wife due to the limerock dust.

Commissioner Richardson asked about the possibility of paving over chip seal. County Administrator Harris replied that a contractor would not guarantee such a road due to liability, and he did not recommend doing it.

Discussion ensued on 176th Road and the chances of DOT paving it in the near future with their more limited funding.

Chairman Gamble asked for one of the County's engineering firms to present an estimate on the costs to pave 176th Road.

Mrs. Debbie Vickers, Public Works, stated that the County had applied for the paving of 176th Road for the past four years. She stated that engineering estimates for 176th Road were \$1.2 million, plus another \$1.1 million for the nearby church road. Mrs. Vickers noted that the information was available to the public in her office.

Mr. Johnson asked how the County had funded the pavement removal of 176th Road. Chairman Gamble replied that the former commissioner for District Five, in conjunction with the Road Department, had removed the top layer.

County Administrator Harris clarified for the record that 176th Road had been an old sand mix road, not an asphalt road.

Further discussion ensued on 176th Road.

Mr. Jim Ward of 27476 29th Place, Branford, asked about the total length of the roads under discussion. It was pointed out that the total length of both roads was approximately 2.7 miles.

Mr. Ward asked about using gas taxes for paving. County Administrator Harris replied that gas tax funding was meant for road maintenance, not to be spent by the County Commissioners as they saw fit.

County Attorney Prevatt added that the State had determined that the gas tax funding was meant for maintenance, not construction, and had been clear on their stand.

Mr. Ward stated that since it was the County's Road Department that had torn up 176th Road, the Road Department should be the one to fix the problem.

Commissioner Richardson asked for County Administrator Harris to come up with a cost to provide a temporary solution to the limerock problem. County Administrator Harris replied that he would research the issue.

Discussion continued on gas tax revenue, reducing the dust problem, and the possibility of setting up an MSBU.

Ms. Katherine Allen, County Extension Services Director, thanked the Board for allowing her office to close for a staff meeting out of town. She also discussed programs put on by the Extension Office and several positions that would soon be filled.

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

County Administrator Harris had nothing to discuss.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was Board Members' inquiries, requests, and comments.

Commissioner Richardson noted a town hall meeting to be held in Branford on May 24th.

Commissioners Fleming and Hale had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Sessions thanked the Road Department for their work with the CARES program.

Chairman Gamble had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Richardson added that there would be a meeting outside of Branford on May 20th with the Commissioner of Agriculture, who was now running for governor. He also thanked the Sheriff for his work to combat speeding.

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The eighteenth item on the agenda was Informational Items.

The Board received a notice of conviction regarding the theft of items from one of the solid waste collection sites.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 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