

August 1, 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 Hale 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 July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as written. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

8/1/2017

FUND	
001	GENERAL REVENUE \$ 829,289.12
116	FINE & FORFEITURE \$ 811,704.89
117	911 ADDRESSING FUND \$ 3,222.11
118	STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE \$ 20,620.32
119	BUILDING DEPARTMENT \$ 13,899.69
120	LAW ENFORCEMENT \$ 650.00
122	FIRE PROTECTION FUND \$ 10,152.73
128	EMERGENCY MGT FUND \$ 5,836.71
129	LAW EDUCATION \$ 164.92
131	TOURIST PROMOTION \$ 14,380.37
140	ROAD & BRIDGE \$ 723,287.70
171	LIBRARY \$ 101,880.21
172	RECREATION \$ 51,791.66
402	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION \$ 46,176.47
403	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL \$ 46,132.74
404	WATER PLANT \$ 1,900.00
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	\$ 2,681,089.64

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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 8/1/17

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jim Hinton Oil	7/20/2017	177317	30,757.90	fuel
Anderson Columbia	7/28/2017	177363	499,470.03	CR 252 Extension DOT Grant
Waste Management	7/28/2017	177417	31,866.91	waste hauling
Digitech Computers, Inc.	7/28/2017	177476	19,289.17	medical billing charges
Ring Investments, LLC	7/28/2017	177485	30,155.34	Wheel Loader Lease-Rock Mine
Ketchum, Wood & Burgert	7/28/2017	177489	13,128.02	Medical Examiner charges
Florida Department of Health	7/28/2017	177497	25,000.00	3rd quarter funding
AECOM Technical Services	7/28/2017	177507	20,332.00	Environmental Assessment / West Apron development Phase I - Airport Grant
			669,999.37	

The third item on the agenda was to approve holding the second meeting for the month of August on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve annual membership dues associated with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership.

The fifth item on the agenda was to authorize the Chairman to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Live Oak Rail-Trail Project, and adoption of resolution authorizing its officers to execute this agreement. (**Agreement No. 2017-72 and Resolution No. 2017-50**)

The sixth item on the agenda was to authorize acceptance of funding from FAA and authorize the County Administrator to execute the FAA grant documents for the proposed Apron Expansion at the Suwannee County Airport, subject to County Attorney review.

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The seventh item on the agenda was to authorize making improvements to the new Wellborn Collection Site utilizing Solid Waste Collection contingency fund.

The eighth item on the agenda was to authorize purchasing sixteen 8 cubic yard solid waste containers. Budget impact: funded from Solid Waste Budget. (**Agreement No. 2017-73**)

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 and 4-8. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The ninth item on the agenda was to hear a presentation regarding State of the Resource/Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

Hugh Thomas, Suwannee River Water Management, presented a check to the Chairman for \$17,267.69, which was the portion remaining for payment in lieu of taxes. He thanked Suwannee County for allowing the Water Management District to perform the work.

County Administrator Harris thanked Mr. Thomas for his friendly and helpful staff.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF REPORTS:

The tenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, submitted handouts and discussed the Suwannee County Strategic Marketing Plan established by the Tourist Development Council, including strengths and weaknesses with the County's tourism strategies.

Commissioner Fleming was surprised by the amount of money spent by visitors in Suwannee County. Dr. Jackson replied that other studies showed an even larger amount of money spent via credit cards. He added that the County needed to expand lodging opportunities, both in campgrounds and hotels, as well as conference centers.

Commissioner Sessions noted that during large events at the Spirit of the Suwannee, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority drives to Lake City to pick up patrons because there is insufficient lodging in Suwannee County. Dr. Jackson replied that there was a similar issue with diving opportunities in the Branford area.

Commissioner Richardson thanked Dr. Jackson for his work and qualifications.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The eleventh item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, awarding a bid and authorizing execution of a contract for construction of 29th Road, contingent upon Florida Department of Transportation's approval (Bid No. 2017-08).

County Administrator Harris stated that the bids were opened earlier in the day, and the apparent low bidder was Anderson Columbia at \$1,647,950.80. He added that there was a shortfall of approximately \$70,000 for the project, and suggested first approaching the Department of Transportation for additional funding. If the DOT was unwilling to assist with the additional expenses, he had set aside a reserve funds for such a use.

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Commissioner Sessions moved to award a bid and authorize execution of a contract for construction of 29th Road to Anderson Columbia for \$1,647,950.80, contingent upon the Florida Department of Transportation's approval. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-74)

County Administrator Harris stated that Commissioner Sessions had received much flak from the community over 29th Road, and many of the comments circulating were false. He clarified some of the false assumptions regarding the road, noting that this was the only funding appropriated by DOT for 29th Road.

The twelfth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There was one additional agenda item:

The first additional agenda item was a request for authorization for the Chairman to sign agreements with the Florida Department of Corrections for use of inmate crews.

County Administrator Harris stated that the County had an ongoing relationship with the Department of Corrections for inmate labor and asked for approval.

Commissioner Richardson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign agreements with the Florida Department of Corrections for use of inmate crews. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-75, 2017-76, 2017-77, and 2017-78)

The thirteenth 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

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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. Robert Ford, 8896 135th Loop, Live Oak, submitted handouts and updated the Board on the Douglass Center Gym restroom restoration project. He also discussed various events held recently at the Douglass Center.

Mr. Jim Ward, 27476 29th Place, Branford, noted that the Department of Environmental Protection had recently granted an application for a sewage treatment company.

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

County Administrator Harris reminded the Board to bring their budget books to the budget workshops that began the following day.

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

There were none other than a note about the upcoming budget workshops.

The sixteenth item on the agenda was Informational Items.

There were none.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 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