

September 5, 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 Richardson to lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Before moving to the first Agenda Item, Chairman Gamble asked Mr. Robert Ford to read a resolution from the Governor establishing September 15th as a day of recognition for MIAs and POWs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as written. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gamble noted that Consent Items 10 and 15 had been 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**

9/5/2017

| FUND | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| 001 | GENERAL REVENUE | \$ | 1,184,179.60 |
| 116 | FINE & FORFEITURE | \$ | 41,053.42 |
| 117 | 911 ADDRESSING FUND | \$ | 8,488.79 |
| 118 | STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | \$ | 20,552.09 |
| 119 | BUILDING DEPARTMENT | \$ | 14,004.82 |
| 122 | FIRE PROTECTION FUND | \$ | 1,224,801.27 |
| 128 | EMERGENCY MGT FUND | \$ | 12,038.48 |
| 129 | LAW EDUCATION | \$ | 209.44 |
| 131 | TOURIST PROMOTION | \$ | 9,283.54 |
| 140 | ROAD & BRIDGE | \$ | 336,058.63 |
| 171 | LIBRARY | \$ | 817,024.86 |
| 172 | RECREATION | \$ | 69,074.13 |
| 181 | LOCAL HOUSING "SHIP" | \$ | 5,700.00 |
| 351 | RENOVATIONS/CONSTRUCTION | \$ | 446.00 |
| 402 | SOLID WASTE COLLECTION | \$ | 85,028.67 |
| 403 | SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | \$ | 61,911.25 |
| 404 | WATER PLANT | \$ | 6,329.47 |
| | | | 3,896,184.46 |
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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 9/5/17

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Check No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Jim Hinton Oil | 8/24/2017 | 177807 | 22,390.20 | Fuel |
| RH Moore & Associates, Inc. | 8/31/2017 | 177856 | 12,350.00 | 6 woven geotextiles/ sinkhole |
| Baker & Taylor, Inc. | 8/31/2017 | 177858 | 11,236.36 | Books |
| Jim Hinton Oil | 8/31/2017 | 177881 | 33,206.73 | Fuel |
| Property Appraiser | 8/31/2017 | 177886 | 23,510.16 | TRIM Notices |
| Ring Power Corp | 8/31/2017 | 177905 | 10,959.01 | Misc supplies-Road Department |
| Waste Management | 8/31/2017 | 177937 | 42,234.88 | Waste Hauling |
| Wastequip, LLC | 8/31/2017 | 177976 | 12,748.00 | 16 new dumpsters |
| Ketchum, Wood, & Burgert | 8/31/2017 | 178053 | 14,790.80 | Medical Examiner Fees |
| Aecom Technical Services | 8/31/2017 | 178068 | 16,382.20 | Prof Services Airport Grant |
| | | | 199,808.34 | |

The third item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Suwannee County Property Appraiser to make a First Certification and Extension of the 2017 Tax Roll to the Tax Collector prior to the completion of the Value Adjustment Board hearings to allow for meeting the statutory requirements of issuing tax notices. **(Resolution No. 2017-54)**

The fourth item on the agenda was to approve a Supplemental Agreement No. 19 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for professional services associated with the West Apron Expansion project at Suwannee County Airport. Funded from FAA Grant. **(Agreement No. 2014-44-19)**

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The fifth item on the agenda was to award a bid for West Apron Expansion at Suwannee County Airport and authorize execution of contract (pending County Attorney approval). (Bids were opened July 11, 2017) (Bid Solicitation No. 2017-07) (**Agreement No. 2017-81**)

The sixth item on the agenda was to approve a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA #440432-1-94-18) with Florida Department of Transportation for West Aircraft Parking Apron Expansion at Suwannee County Airport, and adoption of enabling resolution. (**Agreement No. 2017-82 and Resolution No. 2017-55**)

The seventh item on the agenda was to approve a Release of Lien for Felix Zamora and Yaquelin Romero, State Housing Initiatives Program Client. (**Agreement No. 2017-83**)

The eighth item on the agenda was to approve an agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in the amount of \$7,421.00, for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators for FY 2018. (**Agreement No. 2017-84**)

The ninth item on the agenda was to approve a Records Disposition Document for destruction of County records according to Florida Statutes for the Suwannee County Conservation District.

The tenth item on the agenda was to approve the Suwannee County S.H.I.P. Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 (close-out year), 2015/2016 (interim year 1), 2016/2017 (interim year 2), and Local Housing Incentives Certification.

This item was pulled for discussion.

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

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The twelfth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising for bids for batteries for Public Works Department.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising for bids for culvert pipe for Public Works Department.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising for bids for construction of US 90/SR 10 Four Lane Extension (Turn Lanes) from 175th Road to I-10 (FIN 431114-1-58-1) pending Bid package approval from FDOT.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising for a part time Administrative Aide position for Fire Rescue.

This item was pulled for discussion.

The sixteenth item on the agenda was to authorize purchase of a used van for transporting inmate crews. Budget impact: Funded from Road Department budget.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to declare miscellaneous equipment “surplus” and approve sale of same. Various Departments.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-9, 11-14, 16, and 17. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The tenth item on the agenda was to approve the Suwannee County S.H.I.P. Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 (close-out year), 2015/2016 (interim year 1), 2016/2017 (interim year 2), and Local Housing Incentives Certification.

County Attorney Prevatt stated that the form included for certification was not the correct version, and that the amended certification would be delivered the next morning. He asked that the

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Board authorize the Chairman to approve the report and form contingent upon County Attorney approval.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the Suwannee County S.H.I.P. Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 (close-out year), 2015/2016 (interim year 1), 2016/2017 (interim year 2), and Local Housing Incentives Certification with County Attorney changes. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to authorize advertising for a part time Administrative Aide position for Fire Rescue.

Mr. James Sommers stated that the list of qualifications to be advertised had contained a typo that needed to be changed and that once corrections were made, they would advertise for a part time employee.

Commissioner Richardson moved to authorize advertising for a part time Administrative Aide position for Fire Rescue with the corrected qualifications. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

The nineteenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

Greg Scott, Parks and Recreation Director/Airport Manager, updated the Board on several items. Mr. Scott noted an issue with the AWAL system at the airport and that it would take several weeks for the necessary repairs to be installed. He also noted that a small committee had been formed to work on strategic planning for airport improvements and business development, and

listed some of the progress made. Mr. Scott then detailed various sports and summer events that were already underway, as well as a recent donation of around \$1,900 from United Way to help with certain youth programs.

Ms. Katherine Allen, Extension Office Director, noted that her office now had a full staff with the addition of Derby Sales, who would be the new 4-H and Development agent.

Mr. Derby Sales informed the Board that he had started his position in July and had already enjoyed working in the community. Mr. Sales then briefly discussed his background and future plans for Suwanee County.

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

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

The eighteenth item on the agenda was at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, **hold a public hearing,** to consider adoption of a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-08-01 by WROX, LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwanee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation and Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1).

County Attorney Prevatt swore in all those wishing to speak.

Ronald Meeks, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the application in detail and noted that the subject property was located in Section 12, Township 6, Range 14. He also mentioned that the property was 160 acres and its entrance was off County Road 49. Mr. Meeks reminded the Board that they had approved special permits for mining earlier in the year that were contingent upon the paving of the internal haul road. He stated that the current applicants were the same

owners of the adjoining mines and that the current application adhered to the same requirements, which was written into the resolution. Mr. Meeks noted that the application had gone before the Planning and Zoning Board, and that they had recommended it for approval.

Discussion ensued on the permitting process and the long-range plan of the applicants.

Mr. Meeks noted the mining did fall within the accepted land use pattern, as there was an existing mine to the east of the property, and that the entrance to the proposed 160 acres was located directly across the current mine entrance on CR 49. He stated that the applicants did not anticipate any cross-activity in the mines, but the Board could include that as a condition for approval.

Discussion ensued on features of the proposed expansion, buffers, and impacts on future land uses and the surrounding properties.

Mr. Meeks entered the file into the record and mentioned that the applicants were present to answer any questions.

County Attorney Prevatt accept the file and exhibits as Composite Exhibit One.

Commissioner Richardson asked where the proposed entrance would be located. County Attorney Prevatt cautioned that only Board comments were being heard at the present time and discussion involving the public would be next.

County Attorney Prevatt then swore in Thomas and Pamela Matthews.

In response to Commissioner Richardson's question regarding the proposed entrance, County Administrator Harris replied that the entrance would be across from the current mine entrance on CR 49.

Commissioner Richardson was concerned about cross mining. Mr. Meeks replied that the current mining on the east side of CR 49 would cease before mining took place on the west side, so there should be no cross mining or traffic.

Chairman Gamble opened the floor to public comments.

Thomas Matthews, off 247th Street adjacent to the NW section of the subject area, stated he lived about a mile away from the proposed property. He mentioned that he had attended the Planning and Zoning meeting the previous week to address several concerns over the expansion of the mine, but that most of his questions would need to be answered by the County Commission. Mr. Matthews explained his concern over the public notification system for public meetings regarding mining operations, especially since mining was a special use operation. He felt meetings were improperly advertised and that the current signage methods used were not adequate. Mr. Matthews noted a few other concerns and then asked about reclamation standards and the existence of a master mining plan. He then discussed in great detail his experience with living near mining operations in the past.

In response to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Meeks stated that the site plan was made a part of the application, which was considered the master plan, and that the standard for reclamation was included in the Land Development Regulations.

County Attorney Prevatt informed Mr. Matthews that he would need to address the Board at the present time, not Mr. Meeks.

Mr. Matthews continued his discussion, noting that more residents had moved into the area surrounding the mine over the last few years and that he was concerned with the decrease in

property values due to the increase in mining operations, which he felt was unfair to homeowners who had already invested in their property.

Discussion ensued about the applicant's compliance with mining requirements, long-range planning, and the need for a permit at the current time.

Mr. Matthews also discussed at great length various issues with the lack of oversight to make sure requirements were being met, the Board's role in the permitting process, and the possibility of reclamation once mining was complete. Mr. Matthews noted his desire for a long-term plan for mining operations so that homeowners could be better prepared in the future as to where mining might be taking place.

Pamela Matthews, of 25644 SR 247, stated that CR 49 was narrow and that she had concerns over the amount of lime rock dust coming from the road. She stated that the road should be widened and that mining would ruin the landscape surrounding homeowners. Mrs. Matthews then discussed her experience living with the current mine and questioned how an expansion would impact her personal life.

Spokesman for Denali, Inc., Randy Burnett, of 3917 NW 20th Drive, Gainesville, Florida, stated he was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Richardson stated he had concerns with the long-term plan and asked how long it would take to mine the current mining properties. Mr. Burnett replied that only about a third of the previously permitted land had been mined and that the rate of mining depended on how much the business itself expanded. Mr. Burnett also pointed out that a State permit for mining was usually a thirty-year plan.

Commissioner Richardson believed the County was doing everything they should be doing legally, but that did not always take into account residents, especially in regards to the quality of the notification system. He expressed his concern over notifications and felt the County could improve the system.

Discussion ensued over improvement of notifications, the reclamation process, and establishing plans for future mining.

Commissioner Hale asked the time frame for reclamation. Mr. Burnett answered that typically, reclamation started six months after mining was finished or dormant. Mr. Burnett also stated that the DEP monitors each mine every month and that there are also annual inspections where potential problems were noted. He mentioned that mining was one of the most regulated businesses, due to Federal, State, and local oversight.

Discussion ensued on the number of acres left to mine at the current location, the time it took to complete the various other requirements the State required for a permit, details of the applicant's plans for reclamation, and the length of time it would take to finish mining in the current location.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the Board could table the issue to allow for further information and discussion. County Attorney Prevatt stated tabling the issue would require re-notification for a hearing.

Chairman Gamble pointed out that the current application was applied for correctly under the procedure set by the State and was following the same requirements as other mining applications. He felt the applicants should be allowed to mine on property they already owned since they met all requirements.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in County Administrator Harris.

County Administrator Harris stated that he had dealt with mines in the past in Marion County and that there were many areas where buildings were successfully built over reclaimed land. He stated that planning should be in place before mining was considered, so the planning and permitting should start now instead of later, when more residents could be living in the area.

Discussion ensued at great length on the various issues brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews stated that the County should consider the citizens of Suwannee County and that she did not think another mine was necessary.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there was a contingency in the application that mining operations would not start until mining of current properties was finished. Mr. Meeks replied that there was not.

County Attorney Prevatt swore in Jim Ward of 27476 29th Place, Branford, Florida. Mr. Ward recognized that permitting was a process, but asked the Board to question how much mining was really necessary.

Chairman Gamble closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Hale stated that he thought most of the concerns were worth considering, but also felt safety was something to be taken into account.

Commissioner Richardson mentioned that he would like to have a series of turn lanes put in on CR 49, since there was still several years before mining took place.

Commissioner Fleming pointed out that the applicants were employing citizens and bringing business back into the County.

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Chairman Gamble reiterated that the applicants did own the property and that they had the right to mine it. He noted he had no problem adding special conditions for approval, so long as they would not hinder business operations.

Discussion ensued on the special conditions to be added.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve a resolution approving Special Permit Request No. SP-17-08-01 by WROX, LLC, to be granted a special permit under Section 14.7 of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for Special Permits for Excavation and Mining Operations on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1), contingent upon the added special conditions that current mining operations must be completed before mining in the new location began, no-through traffic, the addition of another scale house once mining expanded, and paving of the entrance. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-56)

Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF REPORTS:

The nineteenth item on the agenda was Staff Reports.

This item was discussed prior to Agenda Item 18.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The twentieth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, the Final Plat for Cottages at River Hammock, Unit 1 Subdivision.

Mr. Meeks stated that this was the final plat for Cottages River Hammock, Unit 1, and discussed the subdivision in detail. Mr. Meeks noted that the preliminary plat had conditions which needed to be modified, but that the applicants met those requirements. He stated that although review of the final plat did show it to be in compliance, it still required some additional language after being reviewed by the County Attorney. Mr. Meeks asked that the final plat be approved contingent upon the final modifications being met.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the Final Plat for Cottages at River Hammock, Unit 1 Subdivision, contingent upon the additional modifications. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The twenty-first item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation project.

David Fox, of Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc., stated that he had several items to address with the Board.

The first item he addressed was a clarification on the issue of a conflict of interest. Mr. Fox stated that no conflict of interest was found.

The second item Mr. Fox discussed was the approval of the applicant ranking. He presented the ranking list of the five current clients for the CDBG project.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the ranking list as recommended.

Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fox then present each of the five bids and requested approval for each low bidder.

The first bid was for the house of James and Wanda Gillyard of 19926 142nd Street, Live Oak, Florida, and the low bidder was Florida Homes, Inc. at \$68,055. Mr. Fox noted the bid amount exceeded the limit of \$67,000 listed in the Housing Assistance Plan, but was necessary due to the large household size. He recommended approval of the bid at \$68,055 to Florida Homes contingent upon an environmental release from the DEO.

County Administrator Harris asked who would be paying the difference in the amount. Mr. Fox replied that the difference would be paid through the CDBG grant.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the bid for the house of James and Wanda Gillyard at \$68,055 to Florida Homes, Inc., contingent upon an environmental release from the DEO. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sessions asked about the other low bids that exceeded the limit and if they would all be paid out of the grant as well. Mr. Fox replied that they would.

The second bid was for the house of Karen Ridgeway, of 14136 76th Street, Live Oak, Florida, and the low bidder was ME Perkins Construction at \$67,200. Mr. Fox recommended approval contingent upon an environmental release from the DEO.

Commissioner Sessions moved to approve the bid for the house of Karen Ridgeway at \$67,200 to ME Perkins Construction, contingent upon an environmental release from the DEO. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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The third bid was for the house of Eva May Jackson, 14408 105th Road, and the low bidder was ME Perkins Construction at \$65,600.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the bid for the house of Eva May Jackson at \$65,600 to ME Perkins Construction, contingent upon an environmental release from DEO. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The fourth bid was for the house of Albert Gibson, Jr., 10751 142nd Street, McAlpin, Florida, and the low bidder was ME Perkins Construction at \$70,485.

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the bid for the house of Albert Gibson, Jr. at \$70,485 to ME Perkins Construction, contingent upon an environmental release from DEO. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The fifth bid was for the house of Christopher Adams, 13384 CR 252, Live Oak, Florida, and the low bidder was ME Perkins Construction at \$70,795.

Commissioner Sessions made a motion to approve the bid for the house of Christopher Adams at \$70,795 to ME Perkins Construction, contingent upon an environmental release from DEO. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fox stated that there was currently an advertisement out for six additional grant applicants, as there was enough grant funding for eleven applicants total.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, a Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) for road improvements to 155th Lane and 155th Loop.

County Administrator Harris stated that this was the early stage of an MSBU project and that residents had compiled the necessary 10% support for the project to have to the MSBU

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considered by the Commission. County Administrator Harris reminded the Board that he was not asking for the approval of the project, but rather approval to continue processing the MSBU. County Administrator Harris stated that costs for the various solutions were listed in the agenda packet, and if the Board agreed to move forward with the project, the balance of the estimates would be sent to the property owners in the proposed area. Petitions would then have to be signed, which would ultimately come back before the Board for consideration at a public hearing.

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to authorize County staff to move forward with an MSBU for road improvements to 155th Lane and 155th Loop. Commissioner Sessions seconded, and after brief discussion over expense options for the MSBU, the motion carried unanimously.

The twenty-third item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, a Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) for road improvements to 65th Road.

County Administrator Harris stated this project was similar to the one mentioned previously, but that they were still waiting for the petitions to be returned.

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to authorize County staff to move forward with an MSBU for road improvements to 65th Road. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

There were three additional agenda items:

The first additional agenda item was approval of an agreement with Florida Department of Corrections.

Chairman Gamble stated that the Board had recently approved four agreements for inmate crews, but there was now the addition of an inmate crew leader. He noted that with this addition, the Department of Corrections required an updated agreement.

Commissioner Hale made a motion to approve the agreement with Florida Department of Corrections for use of an inmate crew. Commissioner Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2017-85)

The second additional agenda item was a request for authorization to allow the County Administrator to exercise a slight deviation in the Indigent Disposal Policy.

County Administrator Harris stated that he had been contacted by the Medical Examiner, who was still in possession of some human remains after thirty-five years. He requested a deviation from the required 90-day invoicing policy in order to dispose of the unclaimed remains. County Administrator Harris noted that he and the County Attorney would come before the Board at a later date with an updated policy, but that for now a deviation would suffice to remedy the situation.

Commissioner Richardson moved to authorize allowing the County Administrator to exercise a slight deviation in the Indigent Disposal Policy. Commissioner Fleming seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The third additional agenda item was a request for pre-approval of a Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Irma with an effective date to be established if needed.

County Administrator Harris noted that this declaration was similar to others in the past, but was different in that the hurricane path and its effects on Suwannee County were still uncertain. He requested that the Board approve the declaration, but allow County staff to fill in an effective

date if the declaration was needed, so that the Chairman could sign without having to call a special meeting.

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to pre-approve the Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Irma with an effective date to be established if needed. Commissioner Richardson seconded. (Due to further debate, another motion and second were made later in the discussion).

Sheriff Sam St. John informed the Board that the Governor of Florida had already issued a state of emergency and that effects from the hurricane could already be seen. He also stated that some shelters for evacuees from the south had already been selected, as well as a few pet-friendly shelters. Sheriff St. John also noted that there would be a meeting at the EOC the next day to discuss emergency procedures.

County Administrator Harris stated he anticipated shutting down all non-essential County offices if it was necessary.

Commissioner Richardson moved to pre-approve a Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Irma with an effective date to be established if needed (See earlier note on original motion). Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2017-57)

The twenty-fifth 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).

Bo Hancock, of 6135 Wiggins Road, Live Oak, Florida, wanted to address notification for public hearings. He shared similar concerns that notification needed to be improved, and also thought that the number for the Planning and Zoning offices should be included on notifications. Mr. Hancock stated that the sound system for the annex needed to be improved, as he could not hear the commissioners.

Franklin White, of 7323 180th Street, McAlpin, Florida, wanted to know about the time frame for the start of the 176th paving project. County Administrator Harris replied that it would not start until after the new fiscal year that began in October, but he did not have an exact time frame at the moment.

Mr. White asked if the use of chip seal would affect the road being picked up by FDOT for paving. Chairman Gamble replied that it would eliminate its chances for some time.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of paving the road, the process of FDOT approval, what would occur if the chip seal did not hold up, and the differences in cost between chip sealing and paving.

Mr. White asked why the road was not being picked up by FDOT. Chairman Gamble replied that FDOT cut back their approved projects to three per year instead of five, and this affected which roads were chosen.

County Administrator Harris noted that FDOT had consistently been underestimating project costs due to inflation and that affected the amount of projects approved each year. He noted that it was FDOT who decided which of the projects to fund and that he felt a triple chip seal would hold up to the traffic on 176th Road.

Mr. White asked if there was any County funding that could be used to pave the road. Chairman Gamble replied that they could only fund the chip seal.

County Administrator Harris pointed out that the County still had several bridges that needed to be repaired, in addition to all of the other various road projects, and that he had to consider several different obligations before deciding to fund one road project.

Commissioner Richardson stated that the reason he had put forward this particular road to be chip sealed was because of professional assurance that the chip seal would hold up. He felt that since FDOT would not guarantee paving the road in the near future, then chip sealing would be better than the current state of the road.

Discussion ensued on issues with the road and whether the Board could pave only the areas with heavy traffic.

Mr. Ward suggested to Mr. White the possibility of using an MSBU to fund paving for the road. Mr. Ward then addressed the agenda item pertaining to mining, believing the Board should have tabled the issue due to the lack of adequate notification. He also felt there was an issue with granting mining permits so far in advance.

Discussion ensued on the expansion of the current mine and the various stipulations included in the approval of the application.

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

There were none.

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

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Commissioner Richardson stated that his family had suffered a loss due to a car accident and he wanted to commend the Sheriff's Department, Fire/EMS, and Highway Patrol on the way they handled the accident. He also noted a McAlpin town hall meeting on September 28th.

Commissioners Fleming and Hale had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Sessions thanked the community for their support with donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey and evacuees from Texas.

Commissioner Gamble thanked the audience for their patience and participation.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 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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