

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida met this day in regular session with the following members present: Alston Kelley (District 1), Wayne Vickers (District 2), Ronnie Moore (District 3), Alfred Martin (District 4) and Rick Davis (District 5). Also present were County Attorney George T. Reeves, County Coordinator Brian Kauffman, Assistant County Coordinator Sherilyn Pickels, and Clerk of Court Billy Washington.

The Chairman, Honorable Wayne Vickers, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and conducted roll call.

Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt the agenda.

Commissioner Vickers then asked for petitions from the public. Four citizens had signed in to speak. Ina Thompson spoke concerning building tennis courts at the recreation park. She wanted to make the commissioners aware that USTA National and USTA Florida both provided grants to organizations to help fund projects. After further discussion, the board agreed by consensus to direct staff to research USTA grant availability.

Benjamin Wyche brought several items to the attention of the board. He felt that the minutes from the previous meeting needed to be amended. Mr. Wyche also pointed out that the voting districts seemed to need realignment as this had not been done for some time and the population appears to have shifted. He also expressed his disagreement with the voting and the reasoning for the voting of the Tourist Development Council with regards to awarding grants. Mr. Wyche lastly asked about why contracts, which he believed affected real property, contained the paragraph not allowing them to be recorded in the public record.

Truman and Carolyn Jones appeared before the board asking if their request to construct an RV park near State Road 255 and Dale Leslie Drive would be granted. Mr. Jones stated that he was willing to pay \$8000 per acre for up to 5 acres of property. Commissioner Davis asked if it would be appropriate to direct the Jones to the Madison

County Development Council (MCDC). Mr. Kauffman told Mr. Jones that he would be allowed to present to the MCDC for their input.

Betty Lawrence, Director of Libraries, from the Suwannee River Regional Library presented a check to the board for the FY2018 State Aid Payment. She indicated that the aware amount was higher than the estimate of \$250,000. The check presented was for \$260,104.00. She also expressed her excitement over the potential for a new library in Greenville. It had come to her attention that a building was been offered to the county. She explained that the library would be interested in that building. Commissioner Moore asked that a discussion of this building be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Commissioner Davis indicated that as Mr. Wyche mentioned in his petition, the minutes needed to be amended to reflect that the board agreed by consensus to amend the consideration amount to include the relocation expenses. Commissioner Moore then amended his motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting as amended. Commissioner Martin restated his second to the amended motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to accept the minutes as amended.

Under Constitutional Officers Report, Clerk Washington presented the wording of the paving loan RFP. He stated that he intended to send the letter to three local banks (Madison County Community Bank, Capital City Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank) unless the commissioners felt he should request from other banks as well. The commissioners felt that those three were sufficient. Mr. Washington also presented the revenue and expenditure report by fund to the board. He stated that currently the board was operating at a deficit of revenue to expenditure in the Fiscally Constrained Fund. He explained that the county had still to receive about 55% of the expected revenue for that fund. He also explained that the Fiscally Constrained Reserve had a transfer amount of \$129,697.38 for this fiscal year. Of that amount, the county had paid \$44,467.15 toward the "Branch" property as part of the SRWMD Grant and \$3,146.00 for an option on property adjacent to the O'Neal's Restaurant. Clerk Washington also explained that he expected the \$44, 467.15 to be repaid to the county through the SRWMD grant within the next 30-45 days. These expenditures brought the balance of the transfer to the Fiscally Constrained Reserve Fund to \$82,084.23.

Commissioner Martin presented a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the consent agenda. Items contained on the consent agenda included the following:

1. *Resolution 2018-04-25; Re-naming SW Scruggs Avenue in the Unincorporated Area of Madison County to SW Pete Mobley Avenue.*
2. *Amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement.*
3. *Approval of the Tourist Development Council Grant for the 20th of May Celebration.*

4. *Approval of Updated Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for Madison County.*

Under New Business Item #1, Resolution 2018-04-25A, Requesting the Legislature Make Texting While Driving a Primary Offense was introduced. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the resolution.

New Business Item #2 involved the Medical Director Contract with Dr. Daniel B. Perkins, M.D. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the contract.

Under New Business Item #3, Sheriff Ben Stewart presented a budget amendment request. Sheriff Stewart explained that due to situations beyond his control, the jail was overspent in inmate medical care. Sheriff Stewart has expressed his concern for this to the board in several recent meetings. He explained that the underlying charges of the inmates with serious medical conditions do not easily allow for them to be released by the judge prior to their court dates to save medical expenses. Sheriff Stewart also explained that due to litigation involving sanctuary cities, the Department of Justice has not released money through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The sheriff's office uses this grant money to fund a dispatch position. Due to these two circumstances, the budget amendment request was for \$40,000.00 to increase Inmate Doctor/Hospital and \$55,629.00 to replace the unrealized revenue from the Byrne Grant. After discussion Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to transfer \$40,000.00 for inmate medical care from the Fiscally Restrained Reserve Fund. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Commissioner Davis questioned as to whether the entire \$40,000.00 was required at that time. Sheriff Stewart indicated that a lesser amount would suffice, but unless something happened with the inmate population and the health of the inmate population, his office would probably present another budget amendment request later in the year. The board voted on the motion and it failed (2-3) with Commissioners Davis, Vickers and Martin voting against. Commissioner Martin presented a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 for inmate medical care from the Fiscally Restrained Reserve Fund. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the transfer. Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to transfer \$55,629.00 from the Fiscally Constrained Reserve Fund to the Sheriff's Operating Fund. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Kelley amended his motion to state a transfer of 1/2 of the \$55,629.00 would be made from Fiscally Constrained Reserve Fund to the Sheriff's Operating Fund. Commissioner Moore consented to the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the transfer of 1/2 of the requested \$55,629.00 (\$27,814.50).

Under New Business Item #4, Greenville City Manager Edward Dean along with Greenville City Commissioners Barbara Dansey and Teresa Harville brought a letter

requesting full-time fire and EMS staff be placed in Greenville. Mr. Dean explained that he felt this would help to make Greenville a safer place. He requested the county begin the process of drafting an interlocal agreement with the city to place emergency responders as quickly as possible. Commissioner Moore spoke favorably of this endeavor and presented a motion to begin drafting an interlocal agreement with the City of Greenville. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. Commissioner Davis questioned whether the county had enough dual certified personnel to place in Greenville. Mr. Kauffman explained that presently there were not enough dual certified personnel, however the department has been working toward getting employees the training required to become certified. He felt the county could move forward with placing Emergency Medical Services personnel in Greenville currently and as employees became dual certified work those into Greenville, if the board was agreeable. The board voted unanimously (5-0) to begin the process of drafting an interlocal agreement.

Under New Business Item #5, commissioners discussed a conflict with the meeting date of June 27, 2018. It was noted that the Florida Association of Counties conference was during that week and several of the commissioners would be attending. Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to suspend the meeting scheduled for June 27, 2018. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to suspend the meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

County Coordinator Brian Kauffman expressed his appreciation for the volunteer fire department volunteers that participated in Down Home Days. The volunteers had a static display of trucks as well as an obstacle course for visitors to enjoy. He stated that as a result, nine people signed up with an interest in becoming volunteer fire fighters. He also indicated that the county's art contest had over 200 entries. Corporate Graphics awarded the top three winners and Clerk Washington awarded the teachers of the three winners.

Commissioner Davis asked if Mr. Reeves would research reapportionment of the districts in Madison County. Mr. Reeves briefly explained the process and stated that he would develop a more formal proposal to present.

Commissioner Moore said that the Solid Waste Department would be having an amnesty day Thursday, April 26th. He also remarked about an emergency regional landfill board meeting he had attended concerning the potential purchase of new scales. Commissioner Moore reminded the board that Sen. Rubio's office would be in Madison for citizens if needed, Tuesday May 1st.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

By: _____
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST:

William D. Washington,
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners