

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

9:00 A.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, and Clerk Billy Washington.

The Chairman, Honorable Wayne Vickers, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted roll call.

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

There were no petitions from the public.

Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held June 13, 2018 and the special meeting held June 22, 2018. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. It was noted that the minutes for the June 22 meeting required changes to the heading. These changes were "regular" to "special" and "Wednesday" to "Friday". Commissioners Kelley and Martin consented to the changes and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes from both meetings.

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 were as follows:

1. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Madison County and the Town of Greenville to Locate EMS/Firefighter Staff in Greenville.
2. Approval of Tourist Development Council Grant for the North Florida Cattle Battle - \$3,200.
3. Approval of Tax Collector's Recapitulation of the Tax Roll for Madison County, Florida for the 2017 Tax Year.

4. Resolution 2018-06-26; Supporting the Application for a Public Library Instruction Grant for the Construction of a Branch Library in Greenville, Florida.
5. Proclamations Recognizing and Commending Men of R.O.Y.A.L.T.Y.

Items under Old Business #1 and #2 were passed until later in the meeting.

Commissioner Vickers moved the meeting to New Business Item #1, Award of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Check from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Mr. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District, gave a brief presentation of the operations of the water management district. After the presentation, Commissioner Kelley inquired about the water levels at Cherry Lake being low. Mr. Thomas stated that ground water levels were coming up. Commissioner Moore asked about the process for applying for the "Leaky Valve Program". He stated that he was asking for the benefit of Greenville Town Manager Edward Dean who was in attendance. Mr. Thomas said that the program was administered through the RIVER grant program. Citizen Cynthia Dell-Langston expressed concerns over irrigation pivot over-spraying onto county roads and nitrate level rise due to large dairies. Mr. Thomas said that with regards to the nitrate issues from the dairies, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture held jurisdiction. He stated that the water management district works with agriculture producers in regards to water usage. He also stated that the district was aware of the over-spraying issue. The district chooses to take a less regulatory approach. Instead, choosing to help agriculture producers seek grants to improve irrigation equipment to make it more efficient and reduce over-spraying. Commissioner Vickers asked if the district was looking at ways to limit water usage from irrigation pivots. Mr. Thomas explained that the permit for the irrigation pivot limits the usage. The district utilizes monitoring equipment to ensure that the farms are in compliance. Mr. Thomas then presented a check in the amount of \$19,588.42 for payment in lieu of taxes to the commissioners.

Under Old Business Item #1, Review of Contract with Certified Service Center for 5 Acres of Real Property, Attorney Reeves presented the contract. He summarized the major elements. Mr. Greg Vickers of Certified Service Center, then made an offer to purchase the entire 9.84 acre parcel for \$5,000 per acre. Attorney Reeves explained that there were still covenants and restrictions in place on the property that would have to be changed to allow for the land usage. He advised that a workshop may be in order. By consensus, the board agreed to hold a workshop in 2 weeks and a vote concerning this sale in a month.

Commissioner Vickers moved the meeting to Old Business Item #2, Discussion Regarding Fishing Tournaments of Cherry Lake. After explanation from Attorney Reeves concerning the policies of Taylor County regarding boat ramp usage and in-state versus out-of-state rates, Mr. Reeves suggested seeking an Attorney General's opinion on the legality of variable rates. The board instructed Mr. Reeves to seek the Attorney General opinion. Mr. Kauffman presented to the board staff recommendations

and three options to consider with regards to the fishing tournaments. After some discussion, Commissioner Moore presented a motion to require clubs to complete a form requesting permission which includes a parking plan, grant permission for the requested tournament dates (July 21st 6pm-midnight, July 14th, August 25th, September 8th, October 20th and November 10th 6pm-11pm, July 19th and August 2nd) and require alternative parking plan to be presented. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Commissioner Vickers then placed the meeting into recess at 10:06 a.m.

Commissioner Vickers called the meeting back into order at 10:26 a.m.

Under New Business Item #2, Marquesas Blime gave a presentation on behalf of Ability 1st on assistance available to residents of Madison County. She gave an overview of the services offered within their six county service area. In Madison County, Ability 1st has partnered with community organizations to provide four ramps, four sets of steps, and one modular metal ramp. They currently have nine pending projects for Madison County.

Under New Business Item #3, Robin Riley from Brown and Brown Insurance introduced James Heckler and Jonathan Ebersole from Benecon. Mr. Heckler and Mr. Ebersole gave a presentation about the Florida Local Government Health Insurance Consortium. They explained that Madison County would be receiving an 8.5% increase in health insurance rates. Ms. Riley then presented to the board the various bids for the following insurance coverages: health, supplemental and disability, dental, vision, life and gap. Clerk Washington explained that the insurance committee had met the day prior to the meeting and had the following recommendations:

1. Stay with the current health insurance provider – United Health Care
2. Limit the supplemental insurance provided to employees to AFLAC
3. Stay with MetLife for dental and vision insurance
4. Stay with Lincoln for Life and AD&D Insurance
5. Stay with Allstate for Medical Gap Insurance
6. Allow AFLAC to offer legal shield and FSA services to employees

Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to accept the recommendations of the committee. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Under New Business Item #4, John Keillor and Erik Luoma from Lanigan and Associates presented the annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. They stated that the audit contained an unmodified or “clean” opinion. Mr. Keillor noted that the audit did contain two findings, one pertaining to reconciliations within the Emergency Medical Service and one pertaining to disbursement to the Supervisor of election’s Office without proper budget requisition request. Clerk Washington stated that he was aware and that there are now policies and procedures in place to rectify the EMS reconciliation issue and prevent the improper budget requisition request issue.

Commissioner Vickers moved the meeting to New Business Item #5. Attorney Reeves briefly explained the contract for purchase of real property from North Florida Medical Centers, Inc. In the last meeting the board had agreed to draft a contract for purchase of the building for the taxes owed. Mr. Reeves explained that after researching, he has found that North Florida Medical Centers, Inc. did not owe back taxes, however the property did have a tax lien filed against it from the property appraiser's office in the amount of \$40, 576.00. This lien was filed due to the property receiving an exemption to which it was not entitled. Mr. Reeves explained that the contract grants to the county a 60 day due diligence period with a \$500 binder. He recommended approving the contract, see the costs involved and determine if this is still a good deal within the due diligence period. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. Commissioner Kelley asked if the grant that the library was seeking for this building would cover only renovations. It was explained that the grant would cover renovations and acquisition. Clerk Washington asked if the interest and penalties associated with the tax lien could be waived or negotiated by the property appraiser. Attorney Reeves explained that it may be possible but he did not have any certainty. The board then voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the contract.

Under New Business Item #6, Brian Kauffman presented and gave a brief outline of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Economic Opportunity detailing the terms and conditions of the re-designation of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the Memorandum. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the memorandum.

Under New Business Item #7, Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to moved the location of the August 22, 2018 regular meeting to the Madison County Extension Office due to early voting in the board meeting room. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Madison County, Florida

By: _____
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

ATTEST:

William D. Washington,

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners