

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 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, and Clerk Billy Washington.

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

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion. It was requested to add a discussion and possible approval of the Sheriff's Department Byrne Grant agreement and discussion and possible action concerning a lawn mower purchase by the solid waste department. Commissioner Moore amended his motion for approval to include these items and Commissioner Kelley consented 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 meeting minutes from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> meetings with one change. The meeting date in the heading of the minutes from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting needed to be changed from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the minutes.

Under Constitutional Officer Reports, Chief Deputy Epp Richardson presented the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program agreement. He said the money associated with this grant had been withheld from the state at the federal level. It now appears as though the federal government will release this money. However, because of the truncated timeline, he could not wait until the next scheduled meeting to have these agreements approved. Attorney Reeves had been provided the agreement for review. Commissioner Davis presented a motion for approval of the agreement. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agreement.

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 on the consent agenda included:

1. Approval of Annual State Funded Emergency Management Preparedness Agreement - \$105,806.00
2. Approval of Federally Funded Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement - \$44,187.00
3. Aucilla Area Solid Waste Administration Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017
4. Budget Amendment Request – Sheriff

Under Public Works Item #1, Discussion Regarding Priority List for Road Paving Projects, Road Department Coordinator Lonnie Thigpen and County Engineer Bill Steves presented the priority list. After some discussion, Mr. Steves indicated that the estimated cost to complete Phase 4 and approximately one mile of Phase 3 of NW Flowers Road would be \$896,000. He recommended that the board remove SW Floridena Road and NE Almond Avenue from the list add that portion of NW Flowers Road. Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to accept the recommendation from Mr. Steves. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. After discussion concerning the term and amount of the paving loan, Commissioner Kelley amended his motion to include SW Floridena Road and NE Almond Avenue subject to there being money available. Commissioner Moore consented to the amendment and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the amended motion.

Commissioner Moore presented a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion for a new Request For Proposals for banking services related to the paving loan. Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to amend the agenda.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Davis presented a motion to send out a new Request For Proposals for a paving loan for a term of 4 years for \$3.9 million dollars. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Under New Business Item #1, Attorney Reeves presented amended Covenants and Restrictions for county owned property on SE Dale Leslie Drive. He suggested that the board consider a workshop to go over the proposed changes prior to agreeing to adopt them. Commissioner Kelley presented a motion to schedule a workshop to discuss the proposed covenants and restrictions on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to schedule the workshop.

Under New Business Item #2, Attorney Reeves presented a contract to purchase real property from Barbara Brown. He explained that the contract price is \$46,744.76, however this could increase due to closing costs and back taxes owed. Mr. Kauffman

explained the need for this property as part of the Suwannee River Water Management District grant. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the contract contingent upon funding from the Suwannee River Water Management District funding. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the contract.

Chairman Vickers then recessed the meeting at 6:49 p.m.  
Chairman Vickers called the meeting back into order at 7:05 p.m.

Under New Business Item #3, County Attorney Tommy Reeves explained that he had been directed at the last meeting to seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office about differentiated fees at the county boat ramp for in-state and out-of-state users. He stated that in researching this issue, he found a previously issued opinion in which the Attorney General said this practice was allowable. Mr. Reeves explained that this would have to be done by ordinance and that there were other factors that would need to be considered. The board agreed by consensus to add a discussion on this matter to the workshop scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Under New Business Item #5, Mr. Kauffman presented a quote for a 72" zero turn mower for the solid waste department for \$10,848.24. He explained that his intent was to include a quote for a 60" mower, which was a lower cost, but had been inadvertently left out of the packet. Commissioner Moore presented a motion to approve the purchase of a 60" mower at the state contract price not to exceed \$10,848.24. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the purchase.

Mr. Kauffman stated that the county had closed on the sale of property to Mr. Ralph Gray. He also presented an email that had been received by the EMS department praising the work of two EMS employees. Mr. Kauffman also informed the board of an accident that had occurred with one of the ambulances. It had been hit by another vehicle during the weekend prior while transporting a patient.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Vickers, Chairman

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