

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2018

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to insure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Karen Cossey, Chairman

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Courts

ATTENDING: Commissioner Tommy Nettles; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Woody Kitler; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Tallman offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Towne, engineer for Kimley-Horne, provided the Board an update on 150th Loop and 63rd Drive. The design work for 63rd Drive is approximately 60% complete. There is a right of way survey needed for 150th Loop before they can continue design. He added that geotechnical work is complete for SE 8th Avenue and CR-238.

Carol Mosley, informed the Board there is a discussion hosted by Bradford Environment Group regarding mining on October 20 from 3:00 until 7:30 at the Brooker Town Hall.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the following meetings were presented for approval: Planning & Zoning Board: May 21, 2018 Special Meeting on LDR 18-01, May 21, 2018 Special Meeting on LDR 18-02, May 21, 2018 Special Meeting on Special Permit Application; Board of County Commissioners: May 21, 2018 Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-05, May 21, 2018 Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-03, May 21, 2018 Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-04, May 21, 2018 Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-02, May 21, 2018 Public Hearing on Special Permit Application, June 5, 2018 Special Meeting, June 18, 2018 Public Hearing, June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting, July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting; Board of Adjustments: July 16, 2018 Public Hearing. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approval all minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croft and passed without opposition.**

5. FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Croft moved to pay the invoices presented by the Finance Department, and Commissioner Nettles provided a second. The motion passed without opposition.

Pam Woodington presented the Board with three bills for the Solid Waste Department that were not received in time to process: HWI Equipment for \$1,980.98, Welch's Auto for \$177.95 and Securtel for \$4995.00. **Commissioner Croft moved to accept Budget Amendment 2018-10, and Commissioner Kitler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. FALL UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Jamie Driggers informed the Board they are currently working on developing the 5-year transportation plan, and comments can be made regarding the plan on FDOT's website. The window for solicitation of State funds is now open, and will close in mid-January. Commissioner Tallman expressed concerns regarding County Road 18 from Worthington Springs to the Columbia County line. He stated the road is extremely narrow, the markings are not visible and has steep drop-offs, and is heavily traveled. Clerk Connell interjected that she and Chair Cossey had discussed the road with Mr. Towne. It was recalled it is on the 5-year work plan, but not through the SCRAP/SCOP program, and Commissioner Tallman asked that Mr. Driggers look into moving funding of that road to an earlier period.

7. TASK FORCE REGARDING THE SUWANNEE & WITHLACOOCHEE RIVERS

Commissioner Tallman volunteered to serve on the task force, which addresses concerns with sewage leaks out of Valdosta. Merilee Malwitz-Jipson asked to speak regarding the topic. She informed the Board that she had visited some sewage treatment sites, and has communicated with the water management districts involved. She also informed the Board she would provide notices of public pollution to the Board secretary.

8. LIBERTY AMBULANCE, COPCN APPLICATION

Danny Cribbs, Liberty Ambulance, addressed the Board seeking a COPCN. Chair Cossey asked what the response time would be, and Mr. Cribbs answered it would be approximately 60 minutes. Chair Cossey added that the prison was in favor of this service. **Commissioner Tallman moved to approve the Certificate of Public Necessity for Liberty Ambulance, and Commissioner Croft provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Kim Hayes, Solid Waste

Mrs. Hayes presented a new Policy & Procedure for Animal Control. Chair Cossey suggested it be tabled to give Board members additional time to review.

Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Department

Mr. Arnold had nothing to report.

Wayne Clemons, EMS

Mr. Clemons informed the Board that he had added lighting around Station 3, and purchased new furniture for Station 5, and expressed appreciation from the employees. He stated the new A/C contract has already proven beneficial, and announced that on October 20, his staff would be participating in a softball game, Guns & Hoses, against the Sheriff's office staff, as a fundraiser to fight breast cancer. He also added that EMS, Emergency Management and the Sheriff's office has sent supplies to the panhandle for hurricane relief efforts.

David Nistler had nothing to report.

Tim Allen, Emergency Management Director was absent.

Mark Hughes, Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Hughes reported he has installed door openers for the fire engine bays, and the Fire Department assisted the high school in multiple ways for the parade, and Union County High School expresses appreciation to the County for that.

10. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Connell told the Board the Union County Mitey-Mite team has had an undefeated season, and is headed to the playoffs, and possibly a bowl game.

Clerk Connell also informed the Board that she and Chair Cossey had worked with the Child Protective Team to draft a contract to control a steadily increasing cost. They have reached an agreement, but the contract was not sent from CPT in time to disburse to the Board, and should be received soon, and will be presented.

11. REPORT FROM RUSSELL A. WADE, III, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Wade had nothing to report.

12. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

Karen Cossey, District 1

Chair Cossey allowed Louelle Phillips an opportunity to speak, as she had driven from Polk County and was late due to car problems. Ms. Phillips expressed appreciation to the Board for their actions against phosphate mining. She introduced her daughter, Brianna Burnham, a 4th grade student with the Earth Guardians, who spoke to the Board about effects in her life from phosphate mining.

Chair Cossey presented Commissioner Kitler and Commissioner Nettles each with a clock in appreciation of their dedicated service to Union County.

Woody Kitler, District 2

Commissioner Kitler expressed that it had been a pleasure to serve; that there was a lot of work and challenges still to come, and thanked the Commissioners that would continue on the Board for their dedication to Union County.

Jimmy Tallman, District 3

Commissioner Tallman expressed appreciation for the service of Commissioner Kitler and Commissioner Nettles. He also updated the Board about the construction of the Agriculture Education Building, stating that we are working to complete it, but are being met with challenges in the bid process and purchasing policies. He is working to maximize the grant funds to get the most usable building for the County.

Tommy Nettles, District 4

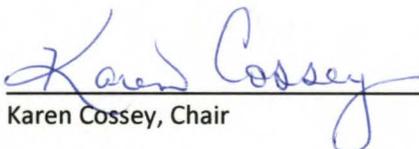
Commissioner Nettles stated it has been a pleasure and honor to work with other Board members, and Department heads. He said he had learned a lot, and hopes the County continues the good work.

Willie Croft, District 5

Commissioner Croft said he had enjoyed working with Commissioner Kitler and Commissioner Nettles.

Chair Cossey adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Karen Cossey, Chair

ATTEST:



Kellie Hendricks Connell, Clerk of Courts