
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING APRIL 15, 2013 7:00 PM

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.

Members present: Karen Cossey, Morris Dobbs, Jimmy Tallman, Wayne Smith and Willie Croft.

Others present: Clerk of Courts Kellie Hendricks Connell, County Attorney Russ Wade, Board Secretary Dianne Hannon, Chris Drum, Shelton Arnold, Gail Thornton, Jimmy Beasley, Maggi Wetzel, Channing Dobbs, Rebecca Bryant, Davie Mecusker, Sissy Herndon, Ricky Jenkins, Mary Brown, Debbie Osborne, Shanee Minshoe, Kim Beasley, Lora Croft, Mitch Andrews, Wayne Andrews, Debbie Thomas, Becky Raulerson Jeff Ference, Lori Thompson, Doug Close, Janet Booth and Scott Roberts.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Smith informed the Board that he was still recovering from an illness and asked Vice Chairman Tallman to chair the meeting. Commissioner Tallman called the meeting to order and welcomed the public.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Tallman delivered the invocation and led the pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ricky Jenkins requested that the Board earmark the \$300,000.00 they received from New River Solid Waste Association for a fire station in Palestine and in Providence. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Tallman, to earmark \$130,000.00 each, for a total of \$260,000.00 for future use as fire stations.* Commissioner Tallman discussed speaking with Steve Dicks, previously with USDA who previously discussed the possibility of a 1% interest loan for a fire station with the County. Commissioner Tallman also asked if the Board would entertain creating a committee to research this.

Channing Dobbs, Mayor of Raiford requested if any unused computers were available and if the County would donate one to the Town of Raiford. Clerk Connell informed the Board that she believes that there are extras in storage, as well as a printer. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to purchase a computer and printer, up to \$1,000.00 for the Raiford City Council if this equipment is not found to be in storage.*

Maggi Wetzel came before the Board to ask for their assistance with the fireworks for the July 4th Celebration. She was informed that the \$4,000.00 was already in the budget and she will be contacted when the check is ready.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 18, 2013, Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. and March 26, 2013, Special Meeting 7:00 p.m. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes.*

5. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration For Approval To Pay The Bills

Commissioner Dobbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to unanimously pay the bills.

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Commissioner Cossey questioned if there was a budget amendment tonight? Clerk Connell confirmed that and stated that it is Budget Amendment 2013-05. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to unanimously approve Budget Amendment 2013-05.*

6. REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously approve having a workshop on April 29, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the office of the Supervisor of Elections.

7. PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY & NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to unanimously approve the Proclamation.

8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNION COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER

Commissioner Smith stated that he had a letter sent to the City so that this matter could be revisited. He now feels that it isn't fair for him to do all of the work and would like Commissioner Tallman and Commissioner Cossey to work on this and get back to the Board later. Commissioners Tallman and Cossey accepted.

9. COUNTY ROAD 240E/240W BID RESULTS

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to unanimously award the bid to the lowest of five bids received, V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc., with a base bid of \$892,642.00 and to add the alternates A-E.

10. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jimmy Beasley, Solid Waste Department

Nothing to report.

Shelton Arnold, Jr., Road Department

Mr. Arnold reported that he had an employee quit and he would like to advertise and fill this position. *Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to unanimously allow Mr. Arnold to advertise this position with a starting salary of \$8.50 an hour, six months of probation and allow for a .50 an hour raise after completing the probation period.*

Mary Brown, Public Library

Commissioner Cossey moved, seconded by Commissioner Croft, to unanimously allow the Library to close on April 22nd until noon for staff training.

Chris Drum, EMS

Mr. Drum stated that lightning had hit the phone system and they will be making an insurance claim. He also informed the Board that his payroll will be over budget and he would like more input for next year's budget.

John Walker, Emergency Management

Absent.

Mitch Andrews, Volunteer Fire Department

Nothing to report.

Basil Bactawar, Extension Office

Absent.

Wayne Mundorff, Building Department

Absent.

11. AGENT OF RECORD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS

The Board decided to set up a workshop for April 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Hannon will

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schedule the interviews. Commissioner Smith suggested that the Board recess this meeting and reconvene on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

12. REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK OF COURTS

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

14. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karen Cossey, District 1

Commissioner Cossey stated that she would like to say that she isn't a lazy commissioner and the Board has always depended on the Chairman to look out for the Board's best interest and she doesn't believe that is happening. She informed the Board that after the last meeting regarding A&A Transport Commissioner Smith cursed her out and he did it again after the March meeting. *Commissioner Cossey moved, to remove Commissioner Smith as Chairman. Commissioner Smith moved, to table the matter until November. Commissioner Croft seconded Commissioner Cossey's motion and it carried 3-2 to remove Commissioner Smith as Chairman. Voting in favor: Cossey, Tallman and Croft.* County Attorney Wade informed the Board that as a matter of procedure, the current Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Tallman, will now serve as Chairman. *Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Cossey, to unanimously appoint Commissioner Croft as Vice-Chairman.* Commissioner Smith stated that he had a grandson that he will get to spend more time with. He stated that he has served as a commissioner for 21 years and has served as Chairman for 18. He stated that he would like to commend the Board for making the motion and he would like to apologize for losing his temper.

Morris Dobbs, District 2

Nothing to report.

Jimmy Tallman, District 3

Nothing to report.

M. Wayne Smith, District 4

Nothing to report.

Willie Croft, District 5

Nothing to report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Dobbs, to unanimously agree to recess until Thursday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JIMMY TALLMAN, CHAIRMAN

KELLIE HENDRICKS CONNELL, CLERK

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