

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 107 North 6th Street, Palatka, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Kevin Durscher, Chairman; Commissioner Linda Myers, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Nancy Harris; Commissioner Hermon L. Somers, Jr. and Commissioner Brad Purcell.

Also present were: Rick Leary, County Administrator; Russell Castleberry, County Attorney; Don Bailey, Budget Officer; Kenny Downs, Chief Deputy Clerk; Mike Anderson, Finance Director; Nancy Barnes, BOCC Administrative Assistant and Toni Pace, Deputy Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kevin Durscher called the meeting to order at approximately 8:31 a.m.

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hermon Somers offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES; MAY 31, 2005

On Motion of Commissioner Purcell, Seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the May 31, 2005 Board of County Commissioners meeting as presented.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Minutes)

RECOGNITION – 30-YEAR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

The Board of Commissioners and Doug Stewart, Emergency Services Director, recognized the following fire service volunteers for thirty (30) years of volunteer service with Putnam County: Joe Montonye, Troy Hall, Booker T. Knowles, Thelma Kirby, David Morgan, Eddie Babbitt, Alan Peacock, Robert Peacock, Larry Beaton, Keith Grimes, Larry Lassiter and Norman Noble. Each volunteer was presented with a Certificate of Recognition, personalized plaque commemorating their loyal service and a lapel pin for their uniforms.

The Board congratulated the volunteers on their tenures and emphasized their appreciation for what the volunteers do for their community.

RECOGNITION OF AGENCY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Sheriff Dean Kelly appeared before the Board to recognize Betty O'Hara, School Crossing Guard, for 22 years of service upon her retirement. He presented Ms. O'Hara with a plaque of recognition. Mr. Kelly then proceeded to recognize the following employees: Randy Hurst and Patrick Kendrick-Auxiliary Deputy of the Year; Jason Nettles-Communications Officer

of the Year; Debbie Cason, Executive Assistant; Lieutenant Stacy Dowling-Corrections Officer of the Year; Richard Campbell-Patrol Deputy of the Year; Donna Vause-Special Officer of the Year; Chris Middleton, Detective of the Year and Bobby Harris, Employee of the Year. Mr. Kelly also recognized Pat Westberry for 31 years of service upon her retirement, and presented Ms. Westberry with a plaque.

The Board discussed the Sheriff Office Employees' accomplishments and recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ALLEN KLINE

Allen Kline appeared before the Board to discuss the condition of their private road on Lake Hewitt. He asked the County to perform some maintenance on the road.

The Board advised Mr. Kline that the County cannot help with repairs to their road because it is private property.

A discussion followed regarding the process to turn the road over to the County for maintenance.

SONNY HARRELL – COMMENTS FROM SISTER DOLLY HARRELL

Sonny Harrell appeared before the Board to state Sister Dolly Harrell's comments regarding the issue with Lettie Lane. He read her comments into the record.

THOMAS HARVEY

Thomas Harvey appeared in regard to a petition to change the name of Karen Drive.

The Board stated that he could comment when that issue was heard during this meeting.

STELLA WELLS

Stella Wells appeared before the Board to discuss an issue with CSX Railroad's desire to close a crossing in Pomona Park. She said if they are allowed to close the crossing, it will interfere with access to existing residences in that area, including access to her citrus groves.

The Board stated Ms. Wells should bring the issue before the Transportation Committee for discussion.

WILLIE MAE WILLIAMS

Willie Mae Williams appeared before the Board to discuss the constant widening of Lake Susan Road. She discussed road maintenance performed.

RECESS-RECONVENE

The Board of Commissioners recessed their meeting at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On Motion of Commissioner Somers, Seconded by Commissioner Myers, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Agenda)

A.) SURPLUS INVENTORY

The Board unanimously approved the List of Surplus Inventory, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of List)

B.) CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT POLICY 2.01

The Board unanimously approved updates to Employee Policy 2.01, and authorized the County Administrator to approve future Personnel Policy (manual) changes, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Recommendation)

C.) HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL AND MINUTES ACCEPTED

The Board accepted the Insurance Committee Minutes of 05/16/2005 and 05/26/2005, as recommended.

The Board approved implementing the BlueOptions 1552 and 1154 plans, retaining the BlueChoice 113 plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the plan year 10/01/05, as recommended.

The Board approved the increase in the Employer's Contribution and the Employee's Contribution, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Minutes and Recommendation)

D.) LISTED AMOUNT OF CHECK VOUCHERS FOR MAY, 2005

The Board approved the List of Check Vouchers for May, 2005, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of List)

E.) SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF SURETY BONDS FOR OFFICERS, CLERK OF COURTS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board approved continuing with the coverage and limits of coverage provided by the Government Crime Protection Policy currently in effect, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Information)

F.) LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE DISTRIBUTED

The Board unanimously accepted the List of Correspondence Distributed, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of List)

**G.) LIST OF COMMITTEE MINUTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS
DISTRIBUTED FOR BOARD ACCEPTANCE**

The Board unanimously accepted the List of Committee Minutes/Recommendations Distributed, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of List)

**H.) 2005-06 CONSOLIDATED SMALL COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

The Board approved and authorized the Chairman's signature for the 2005-06 Consolidated Small County Solid Waste Management Grant Application, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Application)

**I.) AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF MID-FLORIDA,
INC.**

The Board approved and authorized the Chairman's signature on agreement with Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida for funding in the amount of \$13,530.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Agreement)

**J.) BID 05-20; WASTE TIRE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING – AGREEMENT
FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

The Board approved and authorized the Chairman's signature on the Agreement for Contractor Services for Wheelabrator Ridge Energy, Inc. to provide waste tire removal/recycling at \$86.00 per ton for an initial two-year period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Agreement)

**K.) BID 05-21, REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS -
ARCHITECT/ ENGINEERING FIRMS; EOC RETROFIT PROJECT AND
ASSOCIATED A&E SERVICES**

The Board authorized negotiations with the firms listed in order of ranking, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Recommendation)

**DEBBIE BALEVRE, REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL – HURRICANE
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Debbie Balevre, Regional Planning Council, appeared before the Board to report a new housing assistance program for extremely low to low income applicants. She stated the new program is called the Hurricane Housing Assistance Program (HHAP). She said funding has been allocated by the state to Putnam County in the amount of \$1,052,106.00, and that a plan must be submitted by July 1, 2005 in order to begin receiving the funds. She discussed the strategies the Planning Council was recommending for the new program.

Following discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Myers, Seconded by Commissioner Purcell, the Board directed the Regional Planning Council to move forward with the Hurricane Housing Assistance Program and authorized the Regional Planning Council to administer the program, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Information)

KIM PAXTON, GIS COORDINATOR – GIS WEBSITE PRESENTATION

Kim Paxton and Joe Guidry appeared before the Board to give a presentation of the new GIS website.

Ms. Paxton instructed the Board on how to navigate the site and discussed points of interest.

A brief discussion followed.

ED TAYLOR – WATER STUDY

Ed Taylor appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of the Water Management District performing a feasibility study on Rodman Reservoir as resource for potable water. He stated he was informed that the County had declined an offer for the District to conduct such a study.

There was a discussion regarding communications between the County and Water Management District relating to Rodman Reservoir.

Following further discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Somers, Seconded by Commissioner Purcell, the Board approved the endorsement of communicating a request to St. Johns River Water Management District regarding a Rodman Water Study, as requested.

FRANK SANDAGE – INTERLACHEN LAKE ESTATES BOAT RAMPS

Frank Sandage appeared before the Board to discuss the condition and accessibility of the public boat ramps in Interlachen Lake Estates.

Suzanne Davis, Parks and Recreation Director, appeared to discuss the future plans for repairs and improvements to be made to the boat ramps in Interlachen Lake Estates.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Information)

ANGELIA AND JOEY FAULKNER – PETITION TO RENAME ROAD

Angelia Faulkner appeared before the Board to discuss her petition to change the name of the road from Karen Drive to Faulkner Drive.

Thomas Harvey appeared to discuss his opposition to the road name change.

Quin Romay appeared to discuss the road name change policy.

Following discussion, the Board directed Mr. Romay to research the call logs for data to determine feasibility and necessity of a name change for Karen Drive.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Information)

CODES ENFORCEMENT – FINE REDUCTIONS

CASE # 2004-00557; PAULA HARRISON

John Salmons, Code Enforcement, appeared before the Board to discuss the request for a fine reduction in this case. He said the recommendation is not to reduce the fine.

William Harrison appeared before the Board to discuss the request for a fine reduction.

Following discussion, Commissioner Myers offered a Resolution accepting a fine in the amount of \$1,600.00 plus a \$50.00 Administrative fee as settlement in Case # 2004-00557, Harrison, if paid within 60 days.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 1 for copy of Resolution)

CASE # 2004-00318; PASCHALL

John Salmons, Code Enforcement, appeared before the Board to discuss the request for a fine reduction in this case. He said the recommendation is to reduce the fine to \$750.00 plus a \$50.00 Administrative Fee, providing the property is in compliance by this proceeding. Mr. Salmons stated that the property is in compliance except for some needed weeding.

Homer Paschall appeared before the Board to discuss the case.

Heather Stinson appeared before the Board to discuss the length of time the property has been improperly maintained.

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Harris offered a Resolution accepting a fine in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus a \$50.00 Administrative Fee as settlement in Case # 2004-00318, Paschall, if paid within 60 days.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 2 for copy of Resolution)

CASE # 2001-00125; NELSON

John Salmons, Code Enforcement, appeared before the Board to discuss the request for a fine reduction in this case. He said the recommendation is to accept \$500.00 plus \$50.00 Administrative fee as settlement.

Commissioner Purcell offered a Resolution accepting a fine in the amount of \$500.00 plus a \$50.00 Administrative Fee as settlement in Case # 2001-00125, Nelson, if paid within 60 days.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 3 for copy of Resolution)

RECESS-RECONVENE

The Board of Commissioners recessed their meeting at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – R-05-009; FIELDS

Ryan Simpson, Planning and Development Services, appeared before the Board to discuss the applicant's request to rezone 3.10 acres from

Agriculture (AG) to Light Commercial (C-2). He said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the zoning change.

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:27 p.m.

Franklin Fields appeared before the Board in favor of the rezoning application.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 12:31 p.m.

The Board stated there had been no ex-parte communications regarding the application.

Commissioner Purcell offered a Resolution approving an ordinance amending the County zoning map, changing a 3.10 acre parcel from Agriculture (AG) to Light Commercial (C-2), as recommended.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 3 for copy of Resolution)

PUBLIC HEARING – R-05-010; ST. JOHNS TRADING COMPANY, INC.

Michelle Kennedy, Planning and Development Services, appeared before the Board to discuss the applicant’s request to rezone 2.7 acres of a 7.08 acre parcel from Agriculture (AG) to Light Commercial (C-2). She said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the zoning change.

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:34 p.m. and there being no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Board stated there had been no ex-parte communications regarding the application.

Commissioner Myers offered a Resolution approving an ordinance amending the County zoning map, changing 2.7 acres of a 7.08 acre parcel from Agriculture (AG) to Light Commercial (C-2), as recommended.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 4 for copy of Resolution)

PUBLIC HEARING – VS-04-014; JUNIOR LAKE ESTATES

Ryan Simpson, Planning and Development Services, appeared before the Board to discuss the applicant’s request for a vesting determination in Junior Lake Estates subdivision. He said that it was the Planning Commission’s recommendation that the Board deny the request to vest the lots within the development pattern known as Junior Lake Estates in that it does not qualify as an unrecorded subdivision as defined by the Land Development Code. He said the Planning Commission recommends that the development pattern vest based on the ownership pattern with consideration of the drainage easement and noted by the ownership map.

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:49 p.m.

Ronald Nease appeared before the Board in favor of the application.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 12:50 p.m.

The Board stated there had been no ex-parte communications regarding the application.

Commissioner Myers offered a Resolution denying the request to vest the lots within the development pattern known as Junior Lake Estates, and approving a development pattern vest based on the ownership pattern with consideration of the drainage easement and noted by the ownership map, as recommended.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 5 for copy of Resolution)

EAR BASED AMENDMENTS – MEETING SCHEDULE

Patrick Kennedy, Planning and Development Services Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the desire to schedule a series of joint workshops with the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed EAR based amendments.

On Motion of Commissioner Purcell, Seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board directed staff to proceed with scheduling and advertisement of the joint workshops, as requested.

RECESS-RECONVENE

The Board recessed their meeting at 12:59 p.m. and reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

EAST COWPEN LAKE ROAD PAVING PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER NO. 3

Bob Merton, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the request for Change Order No. 3, in the amount of \$3,554.57, for plan revisions to outfall pipe structures. He said staff is recommending approval.

Following discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Purcell, Seconded by Commissioner Somers, the Board approved Change Order No. 3, in the amount of \$3,554.57, to Craggs Construction Company for the East Cowpen Lake Road paving project, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Change Order)

CONTINUING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS-NEGOTIATIONS

Bob Merton, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to discuss staff’s request to enter into negotiations with an engineering firm for bridge replacements. He said the firm will be chosen based on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submitted, as well as Review Committee recommendations.

Rick Leary, County Administrator, discussed classification of the application for Hazard Mitigation Funds for the Songbird Bridge project as being a “Tier I” project, which is favorable.

Following discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Harris, Seconded by Commissioner Myers, the Board directed Public Works to enter into negotiations with an engineering firm and approved the authorization to enter into contract for the services, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Recommendation)

BID 05-18 – FLORAHOME DISTRICT DRAINAGE CLEANING

Bob Merton, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to discuss staff’s recommendation to award Nichols Construction with Bid 05-18 for the Florahome District Drainage Cleaning Project at a cost of \$362,250.00.

On Motion of Commissioner Purcell, Seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board approved the award of Bid 05-18 to Nichols Construction in the amount of \$362,250.00, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Recommendation)

BID 05-16 – COUNTY ROAD 309C MIXING AND PAVING

Bob Merton, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the request to award Anderson and Columbia with Bid 05-16 for the County Road 309C mixing and paving project in the amount of \$371,954.50, with an additional cost increase of 10% over the estimate.

Following discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Purcell, Seconded by Commissioner Somers, the Board approved the award of Bid 05-16 in the amount of \$371,954.50, with an additional cost increase of 10% over the estimated cost to Anderson and Columbia Company, as recommended.

(See Supplementary File for copy of Change Order)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING – FLORIDA ROCK

Rick Leary, County Administrator, discussed the scheduling of the Public Hearing regarding the Florida Rock case for the July 12, 2005 Board of County Commissioners Meeting. He said the hearing is to be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Beasley Middle School Auditorium.

By general consent, the Board directed staff to proceed with scheduling and advertisement for the public hearing.

DISTRICT REQUEST

Commissioner Myers discussed an email she received regarding a proposed bill in Congress that could affect oil and gas activities off of the coast of Florida. She said that the state is asking local governments to offer resolutions in response to this bill, which will be presented to Congress. She stated that a copy of the Resolution adopted by Lee County was included as an example.

Commissioner Myers offered a Resolution in regard to the impact the energy bill will have on Putnam County, as requested.

Roll Call Vote: 1. Yes; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. Yes; 5. Yes

(See Attachment No. 6 for copy of Resolution)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned their scheduled meeting at 2:27 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Kevin Durscher, Chairman

Tim Smith, Clerk of Courts

Minutes By: Deputy Clerk, Toni Pace.