

Board of County Commissioners

April 18, 2002
7:00 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled session at the School Board Administration Office.

Commissioners Present:

Dewey Weaver, George Skinner, Kenneth Witt (Chairman), Ronald Williams and James Montgomery.

Others Present:

County Coordinator – Dale Williams, County Attorney – Marlin Feagle
Assistant County Coordinator – Lisa Roberts and Deputy Clerk – Sandy Markham.

The meeting came to order. Commissioner Montgomery opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed.

Building and Zoning

The Board of County Commissioner considered the following:

Public Hearings

Zoning Amendments:

(1) Z #0384 – CEE-BAS, INC. – District 5. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. The Chair declared the public hearing open. The public hearing closed without comment.

Motion by Commissioner Montgomery to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Z #0385 – Suwannee River Forestry, Inc – District 5. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. The Chair declared the public hearing open. The public hearing closed without comment.

Motion by Commissioner Montgomery to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) Z #0386 – Tony Richards – District 3. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. The Chair declared the public hearing open. The public hearing closed without comment.

Motion by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Text Amendments:

(1) LDR #02-2-Board of County Commissioners (1st Hearing). The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. The Chair declared the public hearing open. The public hearing closed without opposition.

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Subdivisions – Final Plat:

(1) SD #0098 – Sedgefield Phase II, District II.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) SD #0108 – Hickory Ridge – District 3 – Commissioner Skinner

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve contingent upon the review of deed restriction, and a meeting with Mr. Daniel Crapps, Developer to determine how he plans to develop the property. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the Consent Agenda with exception to item #13. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting on item #13. Second by Dewey Weaver.

There was a call for clarification on items 14, 19, and 20. Mr. Dale Williams gave clarifying information.

The motion carried unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve item 13. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried with Commissioner Williams abstaining.

See form 8-B attached.

Consent Agenda Continued

- (1) Invoice – Saxelbye Architects, Inc. - \$119.60
- (2) Invoice – Saxelbye Architects, Inc. - \$1,379.43
- (3) Indigent Burial – Sherrill Guerry Funeral Home – Joseph Charles Caruso, Deceased - \$500.00
- (4) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – SW Old Wire Road
- (5) The Ameritas Acacia Companies – Proxy Card – Election of Directors
- (6) 9-1-1 Addressing – Change/New Road Name – SW Shell Line Lane
- (7) 9-1-1 Addressing – Change/New Road Name – SW Walkers Way
- (8) Public Library – Sirsi Corporation – Automation Vendor – Consent to Assignment of Licensing, Service and Maintenance Agreement
- (9) Adopt-A-Road Litter Removal Agreement- The Shawn Stephens Family – Woodlands Terrace
- (10) Public Library – Disposal of Junk Property – 17” Monitor DTK – County Property #9848 – 17” Monitor DTK – County Property #10138 – 15” Monitor – County Property #10150
- (11) Construction Management – Change Order #23 – Regency Electric Company, Inc - \$47,946.00 Additive
- (12) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Special Meeting – March 25, 2002
- (13) Invoice – Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. – Pay Request No. 8 – SR 247 - \$56,026.44
- (14) External Budget Amendment 01-37 – Sheriff’s Department – BA #7 - \$43,762.18

- (15) Sheriff's Department – Florida Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund Semi Annual Report – Oct 1, 2002 through March 31. 2002
- (16) Utility Permit – Bell South Telecommunications – Peacock Road
- (17) 9-1-1 Addressing – Naming of Found Unnamed Roads – SW Mayflower Glen – SW Levi way
- (18) Construction Management – Change Order #29 – M.M. Parrish Construction Company - \$17,616.00
- (19) Revised Position Description – 9-1-1 Addressing Technician – Changing Temporary full-time 9-1-1 Addressing Technician Position to Permanent Full Time
- (20) Tourist Development Council – Welcome Center Closing – Request to Extend Current Time Frame for Closing from May 31, 2002 to July 31. 2002
- (21) Public Works Department – Purchase Used Double Drum Compactor – Industrial Tractor Company - \$24,998.00

Dept. of Transportation

Mr. Dale Williams advised that Board that it is time once again to prioritize road projects for the Small County Road Assistance Program for the year 2003-2004. Staff recommended the following:

CR 240 from State Road 247 to State Road 25
CR 252 from State Road 25 (U.S. 41) to CR 241

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement

Mayor Truett George for the town of Fort White has requested that they be able to utilize Laurie Hodson as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Fort White. Staff advised that should the Board choose to approve this, an Interlocal would be needed.

Motion by Commissioner Williams to table until the County Attorney is able to research the matter, and draft a proposed agreement for the Board's consideration. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Zahner Family

The Board considered Resolution No. 2002R. A resolution authorizing the exchange of real property involving the CR 252 Relocation Project and the Zahner Family. **See the attached resolution.**

Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Alligator Lake

Commissioner Montgomery submitted a maintenance proposal for the Boards consideration. His proposal recommended two employees be hired for the efficient operation and maintenance of the Alligator Lake Recreation Area. The proposal outlined hours of operation, number of needed employees, salaries, maintenance schedules and job descriptions. The Board was advised that since the opening of the site, there have been unexpected numbers of people visiting.

Motion by Commissioner Montgomery to hire two individuals for use at Alligator Lake and other project areas. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to adopt the proposal as written. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Weaver advised that Wal Mart is interested in using the Alligator Lake Recreation area for another fishing tournament on June 01, 2002. Wal Mart is willing to pay all costs associated with the tournament, and they are willing to restock the lake.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve subject to Staff having a formal agreement drafted. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously. **See the attached proposal.**

Future Growth

Commissioner Williams expressed concern over future needs for county offices/department space. With the enormous growth in Columbia County, Commissioner Williams believed it would be in our best interest to begin looking for property to purchase now, and not wait until there is a desperate need and pay a higher price.

The Commission agreed that property would be needed in the near future, and that it would be cheaper to purchase now. Commissioner Weaver suggested the County look at property they already own in addition to other properties.

Motion by Commissioner Williams to form a committee to look at options. Second by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Mr. Dave Rountree commended the commissioners for a job well done at the Alligator Lake Recreation area.

Mr. Dave Rountree questioned the approval of item #19 on the Consent Agenda. He asked if there was a freeze, or restriction on hiring for county positions. The Board responded there are indeed restrictions, and explained that changing the temporary full time position to a permanent full time would not effect the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

Chairman Kenneth Witt
Board of County Commissioners