

November 14, 2006
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

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Gerald Holley, Attorney, was present.

Sherry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Wendell Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Pursuant to Public Notice, a Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of the 2005-06 Supplemental Budget # 2. There was no discussion from the public.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the 2005-06 Supplemental Budget # 2 with Commissioner King offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Supplemental Budget # 2)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment # 7 with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the minutes from October 31, 2006 with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Msuic made a motion to approve the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Martin E. & Judith Andrews with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Satisfaction of Mortgage)

Commissioner King made a motion to appoint Joey Marsh as the hearing officer on the grievance filed by Richard Gainey. Commissioner Thomas offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to appoint Don Carroll to the Development Commission Board with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Williams, Building Inspector, discussed the need for a Local Construction Regulatory Board. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to table for the new Board to review. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Williams, Building Inspector, discussed the need for a Planning & Zoning Department. The Board agreed to see if a consultant agency would be feasible for this responsibility.

Chairman Stafford stated the Driver's License Office was available to the Board if they would like it. The Board agreed to look at it and find out if the trailer could be moved or not.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the request from the Library Board for a Bookmobile in the total of \$22,000 that will be considered in the 2008 budget. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bookmobile Costs)

Chairman Stafford read a letter from Steve & Susan Harris and Charles & Rhonda Smith regarding the closing of an adjoining FEMA property.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, discussed a DEP fine for moving a fuel tank and stated she had discussed another alternative to paying the fine with DEP which would involve planting trees on FEMA properties. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to request DEP to allow us to take Mitigation Proposals and to request a revised settlement. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas stated the Board would look into which FEMA properties can be used to plant the trees on and maybe the property that the Harris' and Smiths' were concerned about could be used.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Donald E Etheridge to the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System Administrative Board. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the cleaning contract with Donna Hendrix. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

Commissioner King made a motion to table the 2006-07 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the JAG Grant application for Funding Assistance

with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Application)

Commissioner King made a motion to have just one Board meeting in December on the 19th at 3:00 pm with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas discussed the title search on the tower that the Board is looking into purchasing. The Board agreed to let Wilburn Baker, Ambulance Director, work out an agreement. Commissioner Thomas also stated that the Board should read a tower ordinance from Bay County and be prepared to act on it at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the request from Tri-County Community Council regarding the Boards Fuel Bid with Curt Miller Oil Company. Mr. Joel Paul, Director of Tri-County Community Council was not available for discussion so no decision was made.

The Board discussed the Building Permit and Plans Review fees for the new hospital. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to table the request to waive these fees with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

John Hagan, Projects Manager, gave his appreciation to Chairman Stafford and Commissioner Smith and thanked them for doing a good job.

Commissioner Thomas discussed a disagreement in the Road Department where some employees wanted to take off November 20-24, 2006 for Thanksgiving Holidays and December 21 through January 2, 2007 for the Christmas Holidays and other employees wanted to work. Commissioner Smith made a motion to let the employees that want to work do so and the ones that want to take off do so. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, stated she had received news that the new Emergency Operations Center is approved in the fundable range in the total of \$667,911. The next step is to submit an application for the federal share of a little over \$300,000.

John Sieben, Hatch Mott MacDonald, gave an update on CR 160.

Wayne Powell, area resident, discussed the new Dental Clinic that has been set up in front of the Agriculture Center. Mr. Powell also presented pictures to the Board and asked them to explain what they are and the reason behind it. Chairman Stafford stated if Mr. Powell had a problem that he knew where to proceed to.

Cathy Britton, Road Department, gave her appreciation to the Board and thanked them for all they do.

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