

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 27, 2020

5:30 P.M.

The Lafayette County Commission met on the above date and hour for a regular scheduled meeting. The meeting was held in the County Commissioners Meeting Room at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. The following members were present: Commissioner Lance Lamb, Dist. 1; Commissioner Henry McCray, Dist. 2; Commissioner Lisa Walker, Dist. 3; Commissioner Anthony Adams, Dist. 4; Commissioner Earnest L. Jones, Dist. 5; and Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, County Attorney.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mrs. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING – LANDOWNER PROPERTY REQUEST

The Board held a Public Hearing to consider a landowner property request to allow the use of property, less than the 5 acre minimum requirement, as an exception to the rule to allow for developing as residential with a home. The Board asked for questions and comments from the public, and on a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. McCray, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request with the following conditions: 1) the property may not be further divided, 2) the property must remain residential in the future, and 3) the property owner must pull the permit to build within six months. The public hearing was closed.

RESIGNATION LETTER OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mrs. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation letter of Robert Hinkle, Lafayette County Building Inspector.

AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 (FIRST READING)

On a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. McCray, the Board voted unanimously to have Mrs. McMillan-Fredriksson read Ordinance No. 2020-01 by title only. The proposed ordinance is in regards to the six cents local option fuel tax. This is the first reading of the proposed ordinance, the second reading will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at which time the Ordinance will be considered for approval.

COUNTY WEBSITE SERVICES

On a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to use The Net Group for the Board of County Commissioners website services.

2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. McCray, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Transportation Plan for Lafayette County Behavioral Health.

CARES ACT FUNDING

The Board discussed the CARES Act Funding with Steve Stevens with the accounting firm Thomas Howell Ferguson, P.A. He explained to the Board the services that their company would provide in assisting the county with distribution of the CARES Act funds. On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with DSI for CARES Act Funding distribution. Being under the current State of Emergency, with the issue of time being of greatest importance, the Board declared this a sole source issue.

MOWING AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY CEMETERIES

On a motion by Mrs. Walker and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertising to receive bids for mowing and maintenance at county cemeteries retroactively.

INDUSTRIAL PARK VACANCY

The Board discussed the vacancy left at the Industrial Park by the Southern Fire Pits Company, and how to fill the vacancy. On a motion by Mrs. Walker and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the vacant building for rent.

APPROVE THE BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve following bills:

General Fund - \$324,380.54

Emergency 911 Fund - \$482.24

Industrial Park Fund - \$195.36

NW SUMTER AVENUE PROJECT

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to give Dewberry Engineers, Inc. the authority to award the bid on the NW Sumter Avenue SCOP Improvements Project to Anderson Columbia.

CR 405 CHANGE ORDER

On a motion by Mrs. Walker and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Change Order on County Road 405.

SE MCCRAY GRADE CHANGE ORDER

On a motion by Mr. McCray and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve Change Order #1 for SE McCray Grade.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AGREEMENT

On a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve an agreement for the Coronavirus Relief Fund with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, which is strictly for rent and mortgage costs for individuals impacted by the Coronavirus. The Suwannee River Economic Council will cover this service for the County.

SET THE BUDGET HEARING DATES

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to set the following Budget Hearing Dates: Tentative Budget Hearing – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., and Final Budget Hearing – Monday, September 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

SET THE MILLAGE RATE

On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to set the maximum millage rate at 9.7 mills.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. McCray and a second by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.



Anthony Adams, Chairman

Attest:



Steve Land, Clerk



Approved this 10th day of August, 2020.