

MEETING SUMMARY
Board of County Commissioners
November 14, 2000
Special Meeting

Commissioners Riggs, Nicholson, O'Dell and Harrison in attendance. Mr. Sansom's last meeting was October 17th.

1. Mr. Holley presented plaques to outgoing Commissioners Bill Harrison (District 1) for eight years and to Kathie O'Dell (District 3) for 12 years of outstanding service to Okaloosa County, touching on a few accomplishments for each. Both Mr. Harrison and Ms. O'Dell expressed their appreciation for the plaques, the support of the Board, the County Manager, and county co-workers. Commissioners Riggs and Nicholson joined the Manager in expressing their appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Harrison and Ms. O'Dell. Both Ms. O'Dell and Mr. Harrison entreated the new commissioners as well as county residents to make sure the county does not go backward; that the County Manager style of government is maintained for Okaloosa County. It is and has been a great asset to this county.
2. Ms. Riggs presented the "Do the Right Thing" awards to the following young people who are making a difference in their community:
 - a. Trent Urquhart consistently presents an image of maturity, kindness and respect for his fellow students and teachers and is always willing to lend a hand where needed.
 - b. Amy Bonezzi is a positive role model and outstanding school leader. She is charismatic, courteous and upstanding and maintains a very high academic standing while being involved in many extracurricular activities.
 - c. Thomas Salter has overcome hearing, speech and learning difficulties to pursue post graduation goals. He has positive plans for his future and has capitalized on his extraordinary art ability to succeed.
3. Public Hearing was held to consider public comments on the 00/01 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Mr. Ruffin, Sheriff's Office, said the Board authorized the Sheriff to appoint a committee to recommend expenditure of the funds (copy provided to Commissioners). Board accepted recommendations of the Committee and approved implementation of the LLEB Grant. 4 ayes. Mr. Wesley Poole, Destin, FL, said if the Sheriff's Office wasn't making money, maybe we should privatize law enforcement.
4. Public Hearing scheduled for 6:10 concerning a vacation of a portion of the Nautilus Court ROW adjoining the platted Nautilus Court condominium was cancelled and will be readvertised and rescheduled in Fort Walton Beach.
5. Tax Collector Chris Hughes presented non-used commissions to the Board in the amount of \$644,563.
6. Mayor George Whitehurst requested a lease or an agreement for property on the east side of the courthouse (Courthouse Terrace) and provided drawings of a proposed veterans memorial he proposes to locate on subject property. He stated this memorial will include a wall of all war veterans in Okaloosa County who died in the line of duty. The drawings include a 16'x36' gazebo (for community use), and removal of the present memorial and eternal flame to another site. Mr. Whitehurst related that a committee of veterans organizations and members of the former Celebration 2000 committee have endorsed this plan and will assist in raising private funds to construct the memorial. Commissioners agreed conceptually with the plans to allow the property to be used for a veterans memorial and asked John Dowd to review and recommend if any what type agreement, lease, etc., will be needed and to prepare it. 4 ayes.
7. Ms. Lill Jennings, Hospice of Northwest Florida was recognized and provided a Proclamation which Mr. Stanford read declaring November as National Hospice Month in Okaloosa County. Approved proclamation and Chairman's signature. 4 ayes.
8. Minutes of the October 3, 2000, Regular Meeting were approved as presented. 4 ayes.
9. Resolutions were approved as listed below. 4 ayes.
 - a. Okaloosa Island Leasehold/Fee Simple Conversions
 - b. Amendment to Master Lease Agreement for Alan Orahod, Okaloosa Island Leasehold Conversion

- c. Amending FY 01 Fine and Forfeiture Fund Budget reflecting appropriations for DOT for the Okaloosa County DUI enhancement project
 - d. Amending FY 00 Fine and Forfeiture Fund Budget reflecting adequate appropriations for ½ cent sales tax
 - e. Amending FY 01 road/Bridge Construction Fund Budget reflecting appropriations for DCA for the Northern Pines drainage hazard mitigation project
 - f. Amending FY 00 General Fund Budget reflecting appropriations for surplus revenue
 - g. Amending FY 00 Fine and Forfeiture Budget reflecting appropriations for surplus revenue
 - h. Amending FY 00 Okaloosa Debt Service Fund Budget reflecting appropriations for surplus revenue
 - i. Amending FY 00 Capital Outlay Construction Trust Budget reflecting appropriations for budget transfers from General Fund, Fine and Forfeiture Fund and Debt Service Fund
10. Purchasing Department agenda items listed below were approved. 4 ayes
- a. Purchase one Batwing Mower from Alamo Industrial for \$16,027.64 (low quoter meeting specifications)
 - b. Purchase four farm type tractors from Wise Equipment for \$119,800.00 (low quoter meeting specifications)
 - c. Purchase 840 feet of 24 incl PVC line pipe with couplings from Hughes Supply, Montgomery Water and Sewer Division for \$29,441.00 (low quoter meeting specifications)
 - d. Awarded the bid to Roads Inc. of Northwest Florida for \$195,806.00 (low bidder meeting specifications) for construction of Charlie Day Road and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract.
 - e. Purchase two cutaway buses for Okaloosa Transit for \$106,218.00 from Transit Plus (to be piggybacked off a Jacksonville Port Authority bid). Comparative prices were received and compared to Florida state contract and this price is lower.
 - f. Awarded quote to Southern Computer Supplies, Inc., for \$13,488.09 for one DesignJet 3500CP Plotter (low quoter meeting specifications)
 - g. Purchase of one ground penetrating radar system to Mala GeoScience USA, Inc. for \$27,903.00 (low quoter meeting specifications)
 - h. Purchase of one 4'x6'x4 ½" concrete vault with a heavy traffic load lid with a Model 720 Bermad pressure control valve installed at the Crestview northern loop water main project from Hughes Supply for \$10,576.00. This is the only vendor who will install and set the vault in place and will eliminate the county needing to rent a crane to set the vault.
 - i. Awarded one year lease on concession areas at Beasley Park (Jan 01-Dec 01) to Kayart Enterprises for \$600 and authorized Chairman to sign agreement. This was the only bid received.
11. Approved the purchase of 17 replacement computers (base units and keyboards) for the court system to be purchased through state contract from Dell Computers (\$14,699.00) and funded from the Court Facilities Trust Fund. 4 ayes.
12. Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign agreement with the Department of Children and Families and approved contract with Bridgeway Center, Inc. to provide case management services for the Domestic Violence Court. Past funding was thru the Byrne Grant which has terminated. 4 ayes.
13. Approved ESRI, Inc. Maintenance Agreement for GIS ArcInfo licensing which includes technical support and updated software for \$25,506.90.

14. Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement with Okaloosa County Fire-Rescue Organization for the Special Operations Vehicle used for hazardous materials and technical rescue incidents. 4 ayes.
15. Approved advertizing for a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance and resolution to set maximum rates for wrecker services, pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes. Commissioners requested wording be included to address instances where wrecker services have overstepped their boundaries, etc. 4 ayes.
16. Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a six month agreement with North Okaloosa Medical Center for inmate health care services which should result in a significant savings for inmate medical costs. 4 ayes.
17. Approved Change Order #1 to the contract with Delta/Lord Joint Venture to provide boundary surveying and geo-technical borings for approximately 13.6 acres on Okaloosa Island for the proposed Conference/Civic Center (\$20,173.13). 4 ayes.
18. Approved advertising for RFPs from construction firms for construction of the Silver Shell Accessway in Destin. Funding available from tourist impact fees. 4 ayes.
19. Approved the dedication of the new OCPLC Bookmobile in memory of Margaret S. Gebauer and authorized the OCPLC Coordinator to arrange for lettering. Commissioners requested it be brought to Crestview for dedication with appropriate invitations to her family members.
20. Authorized Airports Director to begin negotiations for the Destin Airport hangar development. Board also authorized him to be able to negotiate for the Bob Sikes Airport in the same way with final approval resting with the Board. 4 ayes.
21. Approved the cost allocation analysis for the fiscal year ended 9/30/99 prepared by DMG-Maximum and presented by the Finance Director, and authorized allocation of central service costs to the three enterprise funds (Water & Sewer, Airport and Solid Waste). There was discussion about possibly other areas such as Inspection, EMS, etc. being charged also. 3 ayes (Ms. O'Dell voting nay).
22. Following agenda items from the Planning & Inspection Department were approved. 4 ayes
 - a. Appointment of Bruce Ravan to the Board of Adjustment (3 yr term beginning Nov 00) to fill a vacancy created by June Walker who did not seeking reappointment.
 - b. Final plat for re-plat of Towers Acres, Lots 16-18, Block A, including a 30' vacated easement adjacent to Lot 16 as submitted by Henry DeVarona. Property is zoned RGD, contains 1.70 acres and is located on Evans Street in Niceville.
 - c. Paying closing costs associated with acquisition of land parcels in the Antioch Road/Ellis Road acquisition project from funds awarded in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
 - d. Advertising for a public hearing on December 5, 2000 to review and receive comments on an application for funds under the Florida DCA Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Trust Fund to develop and distribute educational brochures regarding hazard mitigation.
23. Items approved from the Public Works agenda follow. 4 ayes.
 - a. Final payment (retainage) to Cornerstone Businesses, L.C. for the SR 293 and Commons Blvd Signalization Project (\$9,179.20).
 - b. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$400.00 to the contract with Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for a lime rock bearing ration test to determine if the existing roadbed on Wilkinson Bluff Road is suitable for base material.
 - c. Changed wording and authorized the Chairman to sign the Statutory Deed when prepared, in the reverter clause of the deed for the Carver Hill Memorial and Historical Society, Inc. to coincide with wording needed to complete a \$90,000 USDA grant. The language will keep the property for use only for public purposes.
 - d. Authorized the chairman to execute the Artificial Reef Grant contract with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for a \$30,000 grant for a steel hulled tug boat to be used as an artificial reef. Location will be noted on the county's internet site.

e. Purchase of "Waste Works" software for the solid waste landfill revenue collection office, Baker Transfer Station, Okaloosa County Transfer Station and the Wright composting Facility. Staff said this software will greatly enhance program operation.

f. Resurfacing of Jonquil Avenue to complete the current allocation of roads in District 4 as a continuation of the Overlay Program previously approved by the Board.

g. DEP grant to Benedict Engineering Co., Inc. to monitor an experimental beach renourishment project on Eglin AFB consisting of a porous groyne system.

24. Approved final loan amendment (Amend #2, Collection & Transmission Facilities, Rocky Bayou/Bluewater Area Sewers) and authorized the Chairman to execute the loan agreement. 4 ayes.

25. Approved reappointment for two years of Doris Berg, Jim Chitwood and Dr. Karen Chapman on the Northwest Florida Health Council. 4 ayes.

26. New Business was approved as listed:

a. Mr. Holley said FAC was concerned about accurate census counts in Florida and asked local governments to write Dr. Prewitt, Census Bureau, asking for post-census review and for Florida's call center to be re-opened for two weeks for the uncounted to be enumerated. Approved sending a letter as requested and approved Chairman to sign. 4 ayes. Ms. Riggs said she would like to see some census numbers.

b. Budget transfers: Road/Bridge Construction Fund, Library Cooperative Fund, Conference Center Debt, Prisoner Benefit, Risk Management, Law Library, and Northgate MSBU. 4 ayes

c. Mid-Bay Bridge Run/Walk on December 9, 2000 sponsored by the Niceville/Valparaiso Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

27. Cancelled December 19th BCC meeting after Mr. Sealy related that the public hearing scheduled on airport issues will have to be rescheduled and readvertised. 4 ayes. Board agreed the only meeting scheduled for December 2000 will be December 5, 8:30 a.m. in Crestview. 3 ayes (Ms. O'Dell voting nay).