

Meeting Summary  
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners  
February 3, 2009 – 8:30 a.m.  
Crestview Courthouse

***Scheduled Items***

Don Howard, Clerk of Court, presented the Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to **Mr. Gary Stanford**.

Employee Awards presented by Mr. Curry.

**5 YEAR AWARD**

Felix Anthony Zullo, Jr., Correctional Officer I, Corrections, 02-02-04

David J. Marcotte, Master Painter, Facility Maintenance, 01-08-04

Lani A. Birchett, Transit Coordinator and Grants Manager, Growth Management, 02-23-04

**10 YEAR AWARD**

Sheri Whitman, Program Technician II, Resources, 02-22-99

Alejandro “Alex” Garcia, Meter Reader, Water & Sewer, 02-02-99

**15 YEAR AWARD**

Jimmy D. Williamson, Mosquito Control Technician, Mosquito Control, 02-18-94

**35 YEAR AWARD**

Carl Godwin, Master Plumber, Facility Maintenance, 02-20-74

Public Information Update, presented by Kathy Newby

- This month is the Eco-Nomic Living Expo and Feb. 10 is the deadline for Piggy Bank Pageant Entries. If you don't know what that is – a picture is worth a thousand words! I just want to encourage churches, schools, and organizations that involve kids, to include businesses to enter and teach children to save at the same time...call University of Florida-Okaloosa County Extension Office, 585-7059, 797-4902.
- Heritage Museum Needs Volunteers for Expanding Archives and launching an Interactive Website at the end of this month! In an effort to involve the community, we are asking for the public's help. Museum staff will provide necessary training. Please call 850.678.2615 today and volunteer.

**Department News –**

- **Beach Safety** also seeking volunteers and preparing for the 2009 Junior Lifeguard season
  - Expecting over 75 students this year; A Variety of Support needed from funding, volunteers, coaching, hydration & nutritional snacks, and transportation.
  - Involved in fund raising events through the University Of Florida's 4-H Youth Development Program over the next few months.
  - Contact Senior Lifeguard / Jr. Lifeguard Coordinator Megan Kisabeth at 850-259-3999 to volunteer or schedule a Beach Safety Briefing on this topic or others for

your department or division.

- **Public Safety Department & local PIOs** have been working on a Memo of Understanding between the City of Destin and Ft. Walton Beach, the Sheriff's Office, the Health Department and Okaloosa County to develop a Joint Information Center & Joint Information System (JIC/JIS).
- The Joint Information System develops a structure for providing organized, swift and reliable information following a catastrophic event other than a hurricane – that crosses city and community boundaries, impacting all of our citizens. This information would be provided to Hurlburt and Eglin PIOs, our citizens and the media. The incident and incident commander really determines how the information will flow, we just want to be organized as a group when the incident occurs.
- And we are there, the MOU is agreed upon and the signature process – this is good news. The JIC is part of the Incident Command System under the National Incident Management System (ICS/NIMS) in which Okaloosa County operates.
- Coming soon to the libraries' circulation computer system – you will be able to see what the top DVDs and book checkouts are – and say if your favorite is John Grisham, you can receive an email when the latest one comes into the library. This is the same system; just an upgrade and the Okaloosa Library Cooperative got the upgrade at no extra costs and it included all training and consultations. Libraries are always moving forward with technology advances ... visit Destin, FWB, Crestview, Niceville, Val-P, & Mary Esther – members of Co-op.

Visit these websites:

[Wewantwestjet.com](http://Wewantwestjet.com)

[Destin-fwb.com](http://Destin-fwb.com) and check out the new video and ad campaign!

[Okaloosasaves.org](http://Okaloosasaves.org)

[Readokaloosa.org](http://Readokaloosa.org)

Of course, [okaloosafl.com](http://okaloosafl.com)

### **Moment in History...** Provided by Baker Block Museum

As written in 2-18-1916 Okaloosa News

Mardi Gras is here and it was in the area in 1916 ... MILTON MARDI GRAS was held February 24, 25, 26, 1916; Adjoining Counties Day was also celebrated and Governors Day, which had Parades Every Day—Confetti Every Night, along with Special Decorations and Electrical Effects.

And in 1916 ...AEROPLANE FLIGHTS ON FEBRUARY 25 and 26

A full sized torpedo boat destroyer will be blown up in the river by the aviator who will drop bombs from the sky. Athletic events; 12 large shows under canvas, concessions, big Ferris Wheel, Merry Go Round, two big free sensational acts, an Autodrome where a young lady will drive a racing auto at ninety miles an hour on a wall straight up and down. CORONATION BALL, & PROF.

CORELLA and his royal Mexican band will furnish music.

Mardi Gras in FWB started in 2003!

## ***Old Business***

1. Discussion concerning the pros and cons of transitioning to a program-based budget, and provide guidance to staff on the budget process, the timeline for transition and the funding for a citizen survey of budget priorities. District: All. **Mr. Amunds made motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the telephone survey with the commissioners and staff being consulted on the questions. He further moved that department heads of enterprise funds be consulted regarding inclusion of questions for their departments in the survey which would allow a contribution of enterprise funds towards the survey cost. Approved, 5 yeas.**

**Mr. Amunds made motion, seconded by Mr. Harris, to proceed as recommended by the County Administrator with an email being sent identifying which departments will be included in the budget transition process this year. Approved, 5 yeas.**

2. Discussion, review and approval of legislative priorities and a letter for submittal to the federal delegation. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

### **Public Hearing**

Request public comment and consideration of a request for rezoning submitted by Linda K. Smith for .24 acres of land, more or less, located at 5410 Malcolm Tucker Ave. in Crestview. The requested rezoning is from **BG** to **RSS**, or a more restrictive zoning district consistent with the future land use designation of **LDR**. District: 1 **Approved, 5 yeas.**

## ***Consent Agenda – Items #1-5 approved, 5 yeas.***

1. January 6, 2009 Regular BCC Meeting Minutes.
2. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Community Affairs for citizen corps program grant in the amount of \$3,000.
3. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Health for emergency medical services county grant in the amount of \$60,741.
4. Request approval of the settlement of a workers' compensation claim.
5. Request approval of a letter from the BCC in support of the Heritage Museum in their efforts to secure grant funding.

## ***Department Business***

### ***Don Vanderhoek/Information Systems***

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with the University of West Florida for utilization of connections on the Okaloosa County Fiber Optic System. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas**

### ***Donna Miller/Administrative Services***

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the City of Fort Walton Beach requesting a new lease for the Head Start Program buildings at 22 & 24 McGriff Street, Fort Walton Beach, for continued operation of the Head Start facilities at those locations. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

***Richard Brannon/Purchasing***

1. Request approval to purchase eight new cutaway buses off a competitively bid Florida state contract for replacement of aged high mileage vehicles for Okaloosa County Transit from Transit Plus, Inc. for a total cost of \$655,278. This purchase is 100% grant funded with no local funds required. District: All. **Approved, 4 years; 1 nay, Mr. Harris.**

***Dino Villani/Public Safety***

1. Request approval of a request from Air Methods Corporation for a 5% rate increase for air-ambulance operations within Okaloosa County. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

***Jeff Littrell/Water & Sewer***

1. Request approval to hold a public meeting at the March 3, 2009 BCC meeting to discuss OCWS staff constructing the wastewater forcemain project to serve the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group Cantonment on Eglin AFB. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of Change Order No. 3 to add an additional 150 days to finalize the repair and painting of the Seminole water tank job. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

***Elliot Kampert/Growth Management***

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to sign an Intent to Apply for the Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Stabilization Program. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of request by Technical Associates on behalf of Powertel/Memphis, Inc. to place a 150' monopole communication tower on property located south of Range Road in Niceville. Also request approval of utility & ingress/egress easements for same. District: 5. **Approved, 5 years.**

***Greg Donovan/Airports***

1. Request approval of Amendment No. 3 to a lease with Destin Jet to provide a revised legal description to adjust the leased boundaries to the actual developed area at Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval a sublease agreement between Destin Jet and Northwest Florida State College for the construction, development and operation of a First Responder Training Facility and General Education Facility at Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

***Danielle Slaterpryce/Public Works***

1. Informational item and request for staff direction concerning the updated stormwater system hydrological analysis needs list. District: All. **Informational/Discussion.**
2. Request approval of a staff request to install a "No U Turn" sign on Antioch Road at its intersection with State Road 90 in Crestview. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**
3. Request approval of a staff request to submit grant applications to the Northwest Florida Water Management District for projects identified in the Gap Creek Drainage Basin Study. District: 4. **Approved, 5 years.**
4. Request approval of a Resolution which would allow installation of 30 MPH speed limit signs on county maintained local roads at the request of a County Commissioner. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
5. Discussion and staff direction concerning a joint initiative with the Cities of Crestview, Florala and Opp; the Departments of Transportation for Florida and Alabama; and Walton County for

improved traffic connections between these areas. District: 1. **Mr. Amunds made motion that Mr. Harris attends future meetings regarding this matter. Approved, 5 years.**

6. Discussion and staff direction concerning a proposed Interlocal Agreement for creation of the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Finance Authority. **District: All. Mr. Jannazo made motion to draft an immediate letter of support for the Regional Transportation Finance Authority with the understanding that we would like to enter into negotiations regarding the Interlocal Agreement. Approved, 5 years.**

### ***New Business***

1. Discussion and appointment of a representative to the Second Congressional District's Healthcare Council, and discussion and selection of a project for presentation to the Council. District: All. **Mr. Amunds made motion to appoint Dr. Karen Chapman, County Health Department Director. Approved, 5 years.**

### ***Pocket Item***

1. Request approval of a posted speed limit of 20 mph on Bridgewater Court. District: **4. Approved, 5 years.**

### ***Visitor***

**Mr. Harold LaFountain addressed the board regarding his thoughts on how the citizen's survey should be publicized.**

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