

Meeting Summary
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners
March 3, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Crestview Courthouse

Commissioner Roberts introduced Interim Sheriff Edward Spooner. Sheriff Spooner briefly addressed the board.

Public Information Update, presented by Kathy Newby

I would like to discuss and get feedback from the Board on a Military Community Covenant idea and event to:

- Welcome 7th Special Forces by signing covenant
- Involve municipalities; surrounding communities
- Only cost involved is for posters; will try to get costs sponsored.
- Requesting support from Board of County Commissioners to pursue.

I'm just going to share some of the photos from the Eco-Nomic Living Expo – see crowds – well attended and a great kick off event for Okaloosa Saves Week.

The Eco-Nomic Living Expo demonstrated to residents that if you conserve a little energy, water, and resources that you also Save money and if everyone does this – just think as a whole what a difference it would make!

Home Improvement Expert Danny Lipford & Financial Expert Deborah Owens gave us great examples and info on how to conserve with small changes for big benefits.

Story by Deborah Owens about a 62-year-old, \$10/hour parking attendant that has a \$800k portfolio. Danny Lipford discussed inexpensive items that save a lot of money such as:

- Saving water with dual flush kits for toilets; Conversion kits are available for about \$30
- Auto shut-offs for sprinkler systems when it rains
- Wrapping your hot water heater in a blanket
- Programmable thermostats to name a few

The Extension office offers advice on conservation landscaping, and the Master Gardeners assist with outdoor gardening questions.

Our Water and Sewer Department gave away aerators for the kitchen and bathroom sinks and also gave seminars to adults and children on water-saving ideas – which saves you money on your water bill! They have the following brochures:

- “water audit” to see how you are doing or how to save money.
- 50 ways to save brochure
- coloring books
- indoor and outdoor water conservation kit.

Moment in Military History... Provided by Baker Museum.

Eglin during WWII created change in our area and since they didn't have enough housing, residents

rented rooms to soldiers and their families. Many locals people went to work at Eglin as well. The USO was built outside the gate and there was a lot of interactions with military members as well, with socials, 2 dances a week, bingo, etc.

Consent Agenda – Items 1 – 13 approved, 5 years.

1. February 3, 2009 Regular BCC Meeting minutes.
2. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Law Enforcement for Florida Law enforcement exchange (FLEX) – GAP region one grant in the amount of \$148,000.
3. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Library Cooperative Fund, to reflect appropriations for cash carryforward in the amount of (\$65,000).
4. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Library Cooperative Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Library Services for state aid to libraries grant in the amount of (\$13,445).
5. Budget Transfer: BT-09-17 for CTD Medicaid non-emergency transportation (NET) program grant previously accounted for by donations, now a grant. \$98,628 for the grant and \$50,972 General Fund reserves.
6. Request approval to award the bid for the upgrade and replacement of current hand-key control access for several buildings of OCWS to Warren Hollow Metal Doors, Inc., they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$56,864.
7. Request approval to award the bid for cold mix open graded asphalt to Coastal Material of Alabama, Inc., they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$59.75 per ton for #57 aggregate and \$63.00 per ton for #89 aggregate.
8. Request approval to award the bid for numerous replacement traffic signals and parts to Control Technologies of Central Florida, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$70,070.67.
9. Request approval to award the bid for painting and repair of Paschel Water Tank to Tank Pro, Inc., they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$321,065.
10. Request approval of final payment in the amount of \$80,872.37 to APAC Southeast, Inc. for resurfacing and widening of West College Blvd. in Niceville.
11. Request approval of a Special Event Permit to hold Easter Sunrise Services at John Beasley Park on Sunday, April 12, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., sponsored by the Lutheran Churches of the Emerald Coast.
12. Request approval of a Special Event Permit for a wedding to be held at John Beasley Park on May 16, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Sherri Tarabick for R.S.V.P.
13. Request approval and BCC signatures for renewal of Public Official Bond for Okaloosa County Property Appraiser Timothy P. Smith.

Department Business

Gerald Edmondson/County Extension

1. Presentation of the Annual Report to the Board as required by Florida Statue. District: All. **Informational only.**

Darrel Jones/Tourist Development Council

1. Informational update on efforts to secure a Federal Shore Protection Program for Okaloosa County and the City of Destin. District: All. **Informational only.**

Don Vanderhoek/Information Systems

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with World Fiber Technologies for fiber optic networking throughout the County. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of Polyengineering Task Order No. 90 for design phase services for the County Fiber Optic Project. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Richard Brannon/Purchasing

1. Request approval to award the bid for two new cooling towers for Eglin Air Force base to Engineered Cooling Services, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$265,246. As this project is paid by Eglin, no BCC funding is required. Staff also requests that approval authority be granted to the County Administrator for any future bid awards funded by Eglin. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval to award the bid for improvements to be made to the PJ Adams Pkwy and SR 85 intersection to C.W. Roberts Contracting, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$946,280.45. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**

Elliot Kampert/Growth Management

1. Request approval to schedule, advertise and conduct a public hearing to provide information to the public regarding the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Stabilization Program administered by the Florida Department of Community Affairs. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
An additional motion made to authorize the Affordable Housing Authority Committee to serve as the Citizens Advisory Advocate Committee for the purpose of receiving public input prior to the public hearing before the board. Approved, 5 years.
2. Request approval for Staff to proceed with negotiation of contracts with the Okaloosa Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Okaloosa County Community Development Corp. to assist in the utilization of funds made available through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program administered by the Florida Department of Community Affairs. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
Additional motion made authorizing the Chairman to execute the completed application prior to the April 7 meeting. Approved, 5 years.
An update was provided on the Summer House.

Jeff Littrell/Water & Sewer

1. Request approval of and authorize Okaloosa County Water & Sewer to construct and provide wastewater treatment and disposal services to serve the 7th Special Forces Group Cantonment site on Eglin Air Force Base using department staff and equipment. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval to solicit quotes in lieu of formal bids for the purchase of 36" ductile iron pipe and associated fittings for the Fort Walton Beach sewer interconnect. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
3. Request approval of Amendment No.1 to Polyengineering Task Order No. 76 for construction phase services for the repair and painting of water storage tanks. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Greg Donovan/Airports

1. Request approval of Task Order No. 40 for the LPA Group Inc. for architectural and engineering design services for the Baldwin Building at NWFL Regional Airport. This building serves as a junction point for power and communication lines serving the airport and is in need of repair/renovation. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute an Assignment of Lease for Block 2 Lot 3 at the Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
3. Request approval of the relocation of sections of perimeter security fencing and gates at Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport by FBO Destin Jet. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Donna Miller/Administrative Services

1. Request approval of a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,364.60 from the General Fund to Public Safety to provide “out of pocket” expenses for the purchase of radios, chargers and batteries for enhanced communication between the State Attorney’s office and the Sheriff’s dispatch. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request the Board to reaffirm a vote taken at the October 21, 2008 BCC meeting authorizing staff to proceed with design development of the Judicial Annex Extension. District: All. **Not Approved, 3 nays; 2 yeas, Commissioner Jannazo and Commissioner Roberts.**
3. Discussion concerning anticipated staffing needs for the Judicial Annex Extension. District: All. **Withdrawn.**
4. Request staff direction concerning the reverter clause for the Shalimar Courthouse Annex property deed. District: All. **Withdrawn.**

Danielle Slaterpryce/Public Works

1. Request acceptance of deeds and easements for right-of-way improvements for a portion of Keyser Mill Road. District: 3. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of a request by the City of Crestview that the County convey title of Wildhorse Drive to the City. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**
3. Request approval of a contract with the Florida Department of Corrections to provide an inmate work squad and supervisor to assist in road and stormwater tasks throughout the County. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
4. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution to formally adopt the procedure for right-of-way vacation in Okaloosa County. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
5. Report to the Board on the Trash Can II contract. District: All. **Motion made to disapprove the request from Trash Can Company II to forgive their debt, access to scales remain on a cash basis, and that the current outstanding debt to the County be turned over to the County’s collections agent for their pursuit. Approved, 5 years.**
6. Status report on funding opportunities provided by the Economic Stimulus Program in aid of state and local programs including infrastructure and stormwater. District: All. **Motion made to allow Commissioner Roberts and Mr. Curry to sign documents as soon as possible, so they don’t have to wait for a board meeting. Approved, 5 years.**

Old Business

1. Legal briefing concerning Bay County Airport and Northwest Florida Regional Airport. **Mr. Dowd briefed board on available options. Motion was made to meet with all parties to discuss matter in an effort to resolve it. Approved, 4 yeas; 1 nay, Commissioner Jannazo.**

2. Discussion concerning the City of Valparaiso's recent lawsuit against Eglin Air Force Base.
District: All. **Motion made to sign a proclamation with the three counties and cities.**
Approved, 5 yeas.
Additional motion made to consolidate a list of attorneys and law firms should the County decide to take legal action. Approved, 5 yeas.

Additional Items

1. Mr. Curry briefly addressed the citizen's survey.
2. Mr. Curry briefly mentioned the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department issues and said records would be revisited by auditors.
3. Mr. Jannazo informed the board that today began the Legislative Sessions.

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