

Meeting Summary
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners
August 4, 2009 – 8:30 a.m.
Crestview Courthouse

Employee Awards, Presented by Jim Curry

5 YEAR AWARD

Sean Barbaree, Parks Construction Crew Leader, Resources

10 YEAR AWARD

Matthews, Corrections Programs Manager, Corrections

James K. Cuchens, III, Road Maintenance Technician, Road Dept.

15 YEAR AWARD

Joan Mosier, Executive Assistant II, Administrative Services

25 YEAR AWARD

Sherry Anne Reed, Planning Analyst, Growth Management

Public Information Update, Presented by Kathy Newby

Sustainability Tip: Okaloosa County's Sustainability Committee logo unveiled.

How about a few definitions of this big word: Sustainability is the ability to sustain a certain process or state at a certain rate or level. A business is sustainable if it has adapted its practices for the use of renewable resources and is accountable for the environmental impacts of its activities.

Sustainability is not a fad –

The energy crisis is permanent

It's personal – you, your kids, grandkids are impacted

Clean technology is changing the game

Investors, banks, economists care

Mainstream media is reporting

Politicians are reacting

Determine what areas or aspects of going green work for you now, and plan to go "greener."

Small changes make a big difference! Provided by the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Water & Sewer Dept.:

Divers dive into the holding tank to clean the bottom in an enclosed, disinfected dive suit. The bottom of tank is vacuumed, to meet DEP requirements of cleaning every 5 years. This is done without interruption of service or wasting water.

Public Works reminds you to be mindful of our wildlife – this photo taken at Guest Lake in Holt/BWRSEF.

TDC – on Times Square! The digital Reuters sign, the largest digital sign in the world (7,400 sq. ft.), featured a brief headline and photo highlighting summer value at the Emerald Coast. The sign reaches more than 1.5 million people each day.

Lasting tribute of the F-15 is in its home at NWF Regional Airport. I think many photo opportunities will be experienced in this spot.

Extension Office: Florida 4-H is 100 years old this month – A century of Youth success. Aug. 27, there will be a celebration of this birthday in the Crestview office. Through the years, the overall objective of 4-H has remained the same: the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens.

Public Safety – New logo unveiled for Ready Okaloosa & Dino Villani has an update on the Blackman Fire District.

Moment in History... Provided by Baker Block Museum

The Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women announce this month the selected Hall of Fame winner, and I thought it would be a good time of year to highlight one of these women. Today, I'd like to remember Caroline Allen, who died in 2005 at the age of 80. She came to this area in 1949.

- She was an English Teacher at Drew H.S., Carver- Hill & Crestview
- After retirement, she worked relentlessly to fund and build the Carver-Hill Museum
- Caroline Allen organized events & programs for Black History Month, May Day, Martin Luther King Day and Carver-Hill Alumni Day.
- “She was consistent & didn’t back down,” Councilman Sam Hayes said of her at the time.

This African American woman’s commitment to her community, from helping with their taxes to typing letters, and even in death asked for donations to the museum in lieu of flowers, earned her a place in the Hall of Fame. She was a mother of 2 & grandmother of 4.

OCCSW was established by the Board of Commissioners in 1995 for the purpose of recognizing & honoring women who have made significant contributions to the improvement of women & citizens of Okaloosa County. You can see the Hall of Fame here in this courthouse & in the Water and Sewer building.

Scheduled Items

Public Hearing Request public comment and consideration of a proposed Ordinance which would amend the surcharge for certain traffic infractions or violations. District: All. **Approved, 4 yeas, 1 nay; Commissioner Harris**

Visitor **Alan Baggett, Executive Vice President, Building Industry Association (BIA)**, to address the Board concerning a BIA Resolution regarding the Land Development Code. **Informational Only.**

Visitor **Harold LaFountain**, to address the Board concerning the City of Mary Esther Annexation Plan and the location for the Judicial Annex Extension. **Informational Only.**

Consent Agenda - Item 1-12 was approved, 5 yeas. (See item #1 & #13).

1. June 16, 2009 Regular BCC Meeting minutes. **Discussion followed regarding the establishment of a formal process for follow-up on open board items and placement on the agenda.**

2. July 7, 2009 Regular BCC Meeting minutes.
3. July 16, 2009 Budget Workshop minutes.
4. Request approval of a Resolution in support of the City of Crestview's efforts to restore Sunset Limited rail passenger service between New Orleans and destinations in Florida.
5. Request approval of the removal of items from the County Fixed Asset Ledger.
6. Request approval of a final pay request in the amount of \$10,221.11 to Carter's Contracting Services, Inc. for the New Ebenezer Road Project of the Emergency Watershed Program.
7. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations from interest on time deposits in the amount of \$3,758.
8. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Community Affairs for Okaloosa County Sheriff Office Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners, management and administrative staff in the amount of \$75,000.
9. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Children and Families for domestic violence and/or sexual assault law enforcement services unit grant in the amount of \$158,558.
10. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from the United States Department of Justice for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act justice assistance grant in the amount of \$181,922.
11. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Supervisor of Elections – General Fund, to reflect appropriations from the Florida Department of State for specific appropriation 3149 Federal election activities grant in the amount of \$35,037.
12. Budget Transfer: BT-09-19 to provide for local match for specific appropriation 3149 Federal election activities grant in the amount of \$5,255.
13. Request approval of a Special Event Permit for a wedding with 250 guests to be held on the beach at James Lee Park in Destin on October 10, 2009 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., sponsored by Jimmie Boisjolie. **Motion was made to table this item until August 18, 2009. Approved, 4 yeas, 1 nay; Commissioner Campbell.**

Department Business

James Taylor/Risk Management

1. Request review and approval of staff recommendations for group benefits for employees of the BCC, Supervisor of Elections, Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector offices. District: All. **Motion was made to approve the employee plan; not the employee contributions. Approved, 5 yeas.**

Elliot Kampert/Growth Management

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a letter in support of a proposed Shoal River Buffer as submitted to Florida Forever by the Nature Conservancy and Eglin Air Force Base. District: 1. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

Donna Miller/Administrative Services

1. Discussion and staff direction concerning anticipated staffing needs for the Judicial Annex Extension. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

Kay Godwin/Human Resources

1. Request approval of the addition of language to the Communications Policy Chapter of the Human Resources Policy Manual requiring County employees and elected officials to exclusively use County email accounts for County business. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request staff direction concerning selection of a screening committee for the review of Public Works Director position applicants. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Jeff Littrell/Water & Sewer

1. Review and discussion concerning the recommendations of the Citizen's Committee for Future Water Supply to the Board of County Commissioners. District: All. **Motion was made to dissolve the Citizen's Committee for Future Water Supply. Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of Revision 3 to Task Order 1 with Constantine Engineering for program management services, and Revision 2 to Task Order 1 with HDR Engineering for design criteria professional services, both for the new county wastewater treatment plant. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Dino Villani/Public Safety

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a Subgrant Agreement for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a Subgrant Agreement for the US Department of Homeland Security/Florida Division of Emergency Management Citizen Corps Program. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**

Danielle Slaterpryce/Public Works

1. Request approval to solicit a Request for Qualifications to provide construction engineering and inspection services for the Hollywood Drainage and Resurfacing project per the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. District: 4. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request consideration of and staff direction concerning a request from the City of Laurel Hill for the return of ownership and maintenance of Thomas Road to Okaloosa County. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**

Pocket Item

1. **Danielle Slaterpryce provided an update on the Defense Grant for the Flyover.**

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