

MEETING SUMMARY
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners
October 20, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Water & Sewer Administration Building
Fort Walton Beach

Recognition of the Water & Sewer Department for an Owner of the Year Award given by the Design Build Institute of America (Florida Region) to Jeff Littrell, Director of Water and Sewer.

Public Information Update: **Sustainability Tip:** Americans will spend \$4.75 billion on Halloween this year. Regardless of how you spin it, that's a lot of candy wrappers, carved pumpkins and monster masks headed to the trash the next day. So, how do you spell out a green H-A-L-L-O-W-E-E-N?

- Many companies specialize in making healthier alternatives to traditional candy from organic lollipops to organic gummy bears
- Don't become a litterbug by dropping those candy wrappers along your route.
- The average person will spend \$56.31 on Halloween this year, with a part for costume purchases; consider alternatives of cardboard boxes to sheets in the linen closet; if not into DIY, (do-it-yourself), check out your local thrift store.
- Walking the neighborhood with friends and family allows for good conversation, additional costume exposure, proactive exercise for the candy-induced calorie fest and reduced carbon emissions associated with vehicles.
- Once all the festivities have winded down, the inevitable clean up begins. Every part of the pumpkin is reusable, recycle that party waste, donate those costumes to a local charity or store them for future use, raking and composting those autumn leaves and responsibly disposing or storing of those spooky decorations.

Okaloosa County employees raised \$18,788 and had 30 walkers for the American Heart Association Heart Walk.

Water & Sewer Dept. Good News! The Arbennie Pritchett Wastewater Treatment Plant will hold a **Ribbon Cutting on November 4, 11:30** a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and there will be a workshop for the new park at **Garniers on November 5, at 6:00** p.m. Details to follow in upcoming weeks.

Coming in Dec – Dec. 9 & 10th a Solid Waste Workshop will be held at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Disposal and collection contracts expiring March 30, 2011, we want to educate elected officials and others about the disposal alternatives that exist as we prepare to issue an RFP for collection and disposal in 2010. Workshop is advertised in FL, south Georgia, and south Alabama as we might need to take a regional approach to solid waste disposal. Engineers and those in the solid waste field can receive continuing education units toward renewal of their license by attending this workshop. **The workshop begins at 1 PM on Dec. 9 and goes all day on Dec. 10, 9:30AM - 4PM (registration prior each day).**

Public Safety –photo of new lifeguard tower on pier.

Hopefully everyone already knows about our 311 Citizens Information Line. Simply dial 311 within the county to access any department or constitutional office. Dial 850-423-4894 outside the county. You will get an automated menu response or you can talk to an operator.

Moment in History... Provided by Baker Block Museum

Is the story of a courageous couple – James & Myrtle Long

James lived in Delico and attended school in Dorcas, where he met Myrtle. They were married in 1923 and had 2 children, a boy and girl. James became interested in buying an airplane for airmail service and went to Colorado Springs, Colorado and in September of 1928, he flew with Flight Instructor Charles Welles. The Instructor flew recklessly, lost control on a maneuver and nose-dived into the ground. He died and James Long was paralyzed from the waist down. While in a 13 month hospital stay and influenced by a friend, James became interested in radio. Neighbors enjoyed what was the first broadcast station in Crestview, until he found out he had to have a license. He did get one and moved to Valparaiso in 1930. Myrtle got a license too and may have been the first woman to get an amateur license in the state. On July 31, 1936, a hurricane hit Valparaiso where they lived. James had the only means of communicating with people outside the area and sent messages for the Red Cross, Eglin, and individuals. They started Ham (radio) Fests, each year from 1931-1945. They were known to be great parents too, and James lived until 1946, while Myrtle lived to be 96 and see all but one of her great grandchildren. Ham Fest still go on today and Operators are still utilized during storm events.

County Administrator's Update: Jim Curry provided the following to the Board

- Norriego Point updates still pending due to administrative issues.
- Legislative Priorities with motion made to have a BCC letter sent to Legislative Delegation the importance of renaming SR285. Approved 5 yeas.
- TO/Contract orders process
- Constitutional Officer Workshop update: Draft benefit survey sent to Constitutional Officers for their input and Standing Audit Committee being formed.

Visitor **J.R. McDonald, Vice President, Lockheed Martin**, addressed the Board concerning F-35 operations in this area. **Discussion of the possibility of updating the County Seal to include F-35's. No action taken. Informational only.**

Visitor **Michael Klugh, Okaloosa Citizens Alliance, Inc.**, addressed the Board concerning Charter Government. **Discussion followed with emphasis on citizen involvement. Additional information to be presented at a future BCC meeting.**

Visitor **Larry Anchors, Board Member, Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge**, to address the Board concerning their proposed use of approximately 2-3 acres located at the old Island Golf Center on Okaloosa Island. **Rick Ricketts and Amanda Wikerson addressed the Board due to Larry Anchors being absent. Discussion followed with motion made to have a Public Hearing w/ Parks Committee involvement. Approved 5 yeas.**

Consent Agenda: Items 1-3 and 7 – 17 were approved with 5 years. Items 4, 5, and 6 pulled for discussion.

Item 4: Commissioner Jannazo provided Resolution background: **Approved 5 years.**

Item 5: Commissioner Amunds stressed the importance of our Tourism economic dollars and how important this Resolution is to the County. **Approved 5 years.**

Item 6: Commissioner Amunds requested additional economic funding data and this item was tabled until next BCC meeting. **Approved 5 years.**

1. September 8, 2009 Tentative Budget Hearing minutes.
2. September 15, 2009 Final Budget Hearing minutes.
3. September 15, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes.
4. Request approval of a Resolution in support of a repeal of the cap on the Housing Trust Fund and the adoption of statutory changes during the 2010 Legislative Session to repeal the cap, and in support of full appropriation of housing trust fund monies for housing in the FY 2010-2011 budget.
5. Request approval of a Resolution opposing offshore mineral exploration in the Gulf of Mexico east of the Military Mission Line.
6. Request approval of a Proclamation in support of a funding mechanism to provide adequate coverage for routine leave for judicial assistants working and serving in Okaloosa County's First Judicial Circuit.
7. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations for communications service tax in the amount of \$1,500,000.
8. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations for transfer-in from Fine & Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.
9. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund, to reflect appropriations for transfer-in from Fine & Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$500,000.
10. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from various sources for Okaloosa County Sheriff Office in the amount of \$27,881.
11. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Community Affairs for updating hazards analysis data grant in the amount of \$12,547.
12. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Law Enforcement for American Recovery Reinvestment Act domestic violence prosecutor grant in the amount of \$68,111.
13. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Law Enforcement for American Recovery Reinvestment Act supervised visitation center grant in the amount of \$60,000.
14. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Law Enforcement for American Recovery Reinvestment Act law enforcement camera technology grant in the amount of \$150,879.
15. Request approval of final payment in the amount of \$3,897.00 to Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Tri-County Joint Land Use Study.
16. Request approval to award the bid for liquid chlorine to Harcros Chemicals, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$80,000.
17. Request approval to award the bid for Hollywood Blvd. Drainage Project to Crestview Site &

Underground, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$1,151,466.15

Department Business

Kay Godwin/Human Resources

1. Request consideration of a change to military leave entitlement calculation from calendar year to fiscal year. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**

Danielle Slaterpryce/Public Works

1. Request approval to accept two traffic speed monitoring devices offered by the Florida Department of Transportation. District: 3 and 4. **Approved 5 yeas.**

Elliot Kampert/Growth Management

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute annual reports and regulatory certification to the state for the SHIP Local Housing annual reports. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**
2. Request discussion/staff direction concerning a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to evaluate planning issues and initiatives. District: All. **Discussion followed with direction provide to staff.**

Jeff Littrell/Water & Sewer

1. Request approval to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for November 17, 2009 concerning proposed adjustments in Water & Sewer rates and ancillary charges. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**
2. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute an Acceptance of a Grant of Easement given by Eglin Air Force Base for the construction and maintenance of sewer infrastructure to serve the 7th Special Forces Group Complex and future facilities. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**
3. Request approval of Change Order No. 1 for additional time for the repair and painting of the Paschal Water Tank. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**

New Business

1. Discussion concerning key projects the Board would like worked on during the pre-budget cycle timeframe of October through February. District: All. Discussion followed with Board providing direction to Jim Curry, County Administrator. Items discussed: Planning Commission to evaluate planning issues and initiatives; Scrub Group; Roads; Claypits and Garbage Disposal.
2. Request approval of FY 2009/2010 2nd Quarter BCC calendars. District: All. **Approved 5 yeas.**

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