

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

Commissioner James Campbell was absent for meeting.

Public Information Update, by Kathy Newby

- **Brief history of the County Logo.**

- Sustainability Tip: Okaloosa County Recycling Dept. purchased earth machines with grant funds, which are now being distributed to interested schools participating in a composting program for student education. Your local Extension Office is visiting participating schools to teach them about composting at the school – what a sustainable idea! What is compost? Among the compostable organic materials close to home are leaves, grass clippings, twigs, pine straw and vegetable/fruit peelings and coffee grounds from the kitchen. Alternate using brown (leaves, straw) and green materials (grass clippings, vegetables) in your compost bin to provide adequate carbon and nitrogen. Table scraps (other than vegetables mentioned) are not recommended because they can draw rodents and cause an odor. In general, use only kitchen scraps that are either plants or paper. Each week, a ritual called “taking out the garbage” is repeated in nearly every household. Once deposited, the garbage is hauled to a landfill and forgotten by those who generated it. Floridians throw away about eight pounds of garbage per person each day, double the national average.

Calendar Items:

- America Recycles Day Nov. 15 - Okaloosa County
I CAN, U CAN, WE CAN Event

- Water & Sewer Dept. Reminder

Ribbon Cutting was held on November 4, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and there was a workshop for the new park at Garniers on November 5, at 6:00 p.m.

- 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. 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 from Okaloosa County 911 Emergency Operations Center.

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

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida has begun to capture history through the eyes of our local veterans. Niceville residents and University of West Florida students Sara Richardson and Michael Weech recently had the opportunity to interview Larry Holmes a World War II veteran from Pace and Jack Burnham a Vietnam Veteran from Fort Walton Beach. These interviews will be transcribed by students and maintained in the museum’s archives as historical record. The Museum will also be coordinating vet visits to area schools as part of their education initiatives. The interviews and school visits will be taped by Cox Communications for televised segments to promote our military heritage and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall coming in June 2010.

- Due to the celebration of Eglin's 75th Anniversary and the arrival of the Wall. Between now and June, I'd like to share war history events leading up to the Vietnam War. For now, I'll just share some info about Eglin. Established in 1935, Eglin is a massive testing and research facility covering 728 square miles in Walton, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties. It includes 3 active major airfields at Eglin Main, Hurlburt & Duke. It is expected to continue to play an important part in the entire economic structure of Okaloosa County.

County Administrator's Update

- 1. At the last meeting, staff was directed to draft a plan for consideration of charter government in the County. Information is currently being drafted and will be available for Board consideration at the next meeting on November 17, 2009.**
- 2. FDOT recently announced Thomas Barfield as the new District 3 Secretary in Northwest Florida. Staff is interested in sending him a congratulatory letter and invitation to visit Okaloosa County.**

Scheduled Items

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| Public Hearing | Request public comment and consideration of a request submitted by David Reddick as Agent for himself, Reedus & Linda Haraway and Joseph & Barbara Wallman for a vacation of a portion of John Melvin Road in Holt. District: 3. Staff requests that this item be tabled to the December 8, 2009 BCC Meeting. Motion was made to table this item until December 8, 2009. Approved, 4 yeas. |
| Public Hearing | Request public comment and consideration of a request for rezoning submitted by Scott Spies as agent for JRW Investments, LLC for property located at 164 John King Road in Crestview, containing 1.34 acres more or less. The request for rezoning is from BG to RMHP. District: 1. The Applicant has requested that the Board withdraw this item from consideration. Item withdrawn; no additional action taken. |
| Visitor | Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections , to address the Board concerning a proposed Resolution related to a 2012 statutory deadline for special voting equipment. Motion was made to support Resolution pushing back statutory deadline from 2012 to 2016. Approved, 4 yeas. |

***Consent Agenda* - Items 1, 5, and 6 – 8 were approved, 4 yeas. Item 2 was pulled by Commissioner Amunds for discussion and items 3 and 4 were pulled by Commissioner Jannazo for discussion; approved, 4 yeas (see below).**

1. October 6, 2009 Regular BCC Meeting minutes.
2. Request approval of a Proclamation in support of a fair and equitable distribution of Judicial Circuit funds to allow a funding mechanism that provides adequate coverage for all judicial services within Okaloosa County's First Judicial Circuit. **Motion was made to provide a copy of the Proclamation along with a copy of the letter from the Chairman to the Court Administrative office in Tallahassee. Approved, 4 yeas.**

3. Request approval of a Proclamation in support of “America Recycles Day” on November 15, 2009. **Laudatory remarks provided in support of program. Approved, 4 yeas.**
4. Request approval of a Resolution in opposition of the recent NOAA Fisheries Service Amberjack fishing lockdown. **Motion made to send a copy of the Resolution to the appropriate agency. Approved, 4 yeas.**
5. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, County Health Department Fund, to reflect appropriations for equipment transfers from the State of Florida in the amount of \$45,818.
6. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations from Florida Department of Community Affairs for emergency management preparedness and assistance (E.M.P.A.) base grant and carryforward federal E.M.P.A. in the amount of \$153,283.
7. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, General Fund, to reflect appropriations for deferred revenue from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for state aid mosquito control grant in the amount of \$18,968.
8. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, to reflect appropriations for cash carryforward from Clerk of the Circuit Court for intergovernmental radio communication program pursuant to Section 318.21(9), F.S. which refers to Board restricted revenues in the amount of \$376,045.

Department Business

Jeff Littrell/Water & Sewer

1. Request discussion and staff direction concerning parking at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds site for out of town emergency utility vehicles following hurricanes or other natural disasters. District: All. **Informational only.**

Don Vanderhoek/Information Systems

1. Request approval of Change Order No. 3 with World Fiber Technologies for an extension of time for completion of Phase V of the Fiber Optic Project. District: All. **Approved, 4 yeas.**

Richard Brannon/Purchasing

1. Request discussion and staff direction concerning a request by Pensacola Care for a new lease agreement directly with Okaloosa County for the Fort Walton Beach Developmental Center. District: All. **Discussion followed. Staff was directed to meet with Mr. Ratcliff. An update will be provided at the first meeting in January 2010.**
2. Request approval of proposed committees who will select, as required by statute, a Threshold Inspector and Project Manager for the Courthouse Annex Extension construction project based on responses to RFPs. District: All. **Motion made to approve RFP process with names listed under Threshold Inspector and Project Manager and accept recommendation that no commissioner is needed. Motion failed: 2 yeas; Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Jannazo. 2 yeas; Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Amunds.**

Danielle Slaterpryce/Public Works

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation concerning the Fairchild Road Drainage Improvement Project and a Resolution in support of the project. District: 1. **Approved, 4 yeas.**
2. Request approval of a list of roads recommended by staff for re-stripping. District: All. **Approved, 4 yeas.**

3. Request contract for ARA Project on Hollywood Boulevard be awarded to PBS&J and Mr. Curry be allowed to sign-off on item. Motion was made to award contract to PBS&J and authorize Mr. Curry to sign off on contract. Approved, 4 yeas.

New Business

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute letters requesting the inclusion of Police Officer Kenneth Baldwin's name on law enforcement memorials in Tallahassee and Washington DC. Also request approval to designate Commissioner Amunds as the point of contact for processing of this request. **Motion made for Chairman to sign letter and all future letters regarding this matter and to designate Commissioner Amunds as point of contact for processing requests. Approved, 4 yeas.**

Unscheduled Visitor

1. **Don Howard, Clerk of Court, briefed on the remittance of excess fees from his office back to the Board.**

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