

AGENDA
Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners
February 2, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.
Crestview Courthouse

Don Howard, Clerk of Court, to present the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Employee Awards

5 Year Award

Peggy A. Tarver, Correctional Officer I, Corrections, 02-07-05

Randall G. Ward, Utilities Construction Inspector, Water & Sewer, 02-14-05

10 Year Award

Lynette Bonta, 911 Addressing Coordinator, 911 Communications, 02-07-00

20 Year Award

Thomas Gerald Ward, Senior Jail Maintenance Technician, Facility Maintenance, 02-26-90

Retirement Award

Deborah H. Denny, Auto CAD Technician, Engineering, 06-21-79 to 02-25-10

Clyde E. Denny, Jr., Operations Manager, Road Department, 08-04-75 to 02-26-10

Public Information Update

- Sustainability Tip: Remember Smokey the Bear & Woodsy the Owl? They are national symbols – we all remember – do your kids, grandkids remember them? If not, introduce them – *that is your tip today*. You can get coloring sheets online. They worked! Branding before it was even a word –When the campaign was created, Walt Disney loaned Bambi for use on a poster for one year. The Bambi poster was a success and proved that using an animal as a fire prevention symbol would work. On August 9, 1944, the first poster of Smokey Bear was prepared, depicting a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire. Followed by Woodsy the Owl – “Give a Hoot, Don’t Pollute. Woodsy was created in 1970 for the first Earth Day event and his current slogan is "Lend a hand — care for the land!"

Today we know it works – but do we use them? They should not be lost and forgotten. Maybe we wouldn’t have Main Drive Clean ups if we used them more often and in our schools ... which brings me to the completion of:

- Main Drive Clean-up Before & After photos shown.
 - A joint partnership has resulted between EWS, Okaloosa County, Waste Management and Private Land Owners to address the illegal dumping issue near Main Drive in Crestview.
 - 256 tons of garbage illegally dumped has been removed.
 - Gates are up; Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Environmental officers will issue tickets for illegal dumping and trespassing in this and all areas in the county if you get caught!
- Public Safety Department’s Emergency Management Division participated in one of the nation’s largest exercise and tested its communications trailer in “Operation Radar.” Emergency responders practiced response to all types of disasters from natural disasters, to terrorism and homeland security initiatives. The Communications unit worked so well, other counties were utilizing its capabilities.

- Okaloosa Saves Kids go “Hog Wild”

Okaloosa Saves is preparing for their 4th Annual Piggy Bank Pageant. This has become a popular event where kids get the chance to decorate, dress-up and create artistic Piggy Banks through their schools, business, local churches and organizations. It’s not too late to have a contest of your own, call 689-5850 or 797-4902 and teach children to save!

- Moment in History...Echoes from the Mall – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Organization.

I will be sharing history notes on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall (VVMW) leading up to the arrival of the Traveling VVMW coming in June 17-20:

From the Teacher’s Guide: Did you know...

Maya Lin, a 21-year-old Chinese-American student at Yale University won a drawing contest for design of the VVMW. Her drawing is one of 1,421 submissions documented in the Library of Congress as part of the papers of the VVMFund.

County Administrator’s Update

- **Strategic Planning issue was discussed. Following discussion, motion was made not to have a Strategic planning workshop prior to initial budget policy workshop. Approved, 5 yeas.**
- **Norriego Pointe discussions are still ongoing.**

Scheduled Items

Public Hearing

Request public comment and consideration of a request submitted by North Okaloosa Medical Center for economic development ad valorem property tax abatement. District: 1. ***This item was tabled at the January 19, 2010 BCC Meeting. Following discussion, motion was made to grant the abatement. Approved, 4 yeas; 1 nay, Commissioner Campbell. A second motion was made to grant NOMC a 5 year abatement, beginning January 1, 2012 with stipulation of absolutely no lower than 25 full time employees, which would provide grounds for revocation of abatement. Approved, 4 yeas; 1 nay, Commissioner Amunds.***

Public Hearing

Request public comment and consideration of a request submitted by Keith Park Developers, LLC and Twin Creeks Cinema, LLC for a proposed vacation/termination of an existing drainage easement in exchange for a new non-exclusive perpetual drainage easement within the Twin Creeks Crossing and Twin Creeks Cinema developments. District: 1. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

Visitor

Dennis Barnes & Glenn Little, Barnes Insurance, to address the Board concerning status of the County’s health insurance program and claims experience. **Informational only.**

Visitor

Harold LaFountain, to address the Board concerning court facilities.

Consent Agenda – Items 1-7 were approved, 5 yeas. Item 8 was tabled, pending receipt of additional documentation.

1. January 5, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes.
2. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, General Fund, which reflected too much appropriations for donations from the State of Florida for non-emergency transportation in the amount of (\$198,916).
3. Request approval to award the bid for painting and repair of the Northgate water tank to American Suncraft, they being the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Bid Amount - \$396,950.
4. Request approval of a Public Event Permit to utilize county beach areas on Okaloosa Island adjacent to The Boardwalk and John Beasley Park to conduct a volleyball tournament. Total time involved including set up and tear down will be April 19 – 26, with volleyball events to be held April 21-25 from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm each day, sponsored by Southern Events Management, Inc.
5. Request approval of a Public Event Permit for an Intersection Charitable Collection Tootsie Roll Drive, to be held on March 5, 6 & 13, 2010 with rain dates of March 19, 20 & 27, 2010, at the following locations: Mary Esther Cutoff at Highway 98, Mary Esther Cutoff at Beal Parkway, Beal Parkway at Racetrack Road, Beal Parkway at Green Acres Road and Racetrack Road at Eglin Parkway, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fort Walton Beach.
6. Request approval of a Public Event Permit to utilize a county beach area on Okaloosa Island near The Boardwalk for a Beach Kite Festival to be held April 3 and 4, 2010 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, sponsored by Kathy Johnson of Kitty Hawk Kites.
7. Request approval of a final pay request in the amount of \$263,604.51 to CW Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the P.J. Adams Parkway and State Road 85 Intersection Improvement project.
8. Request approval of a final pay request in the amount of \$8,227.58 to Greg Williams Electric for completion of the Precision Approach Path Indicator project at Destin Airport.

Department Business

Donna Miller/Administrative Services

1. Request approval to reappoint Dr. Karen Chapman to the Second Congressional District's Healthcare Council as representative for Okaloosa County, and request approval of the proposed healthcare project to be presented to the Council. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

Darrel Jones/Tourist Development Council

1. Request approval of the use of TDC trust funds in support of emergency sand placement on Holiday Isle's critically eroded beaches in Destin. District: 5. **Approved, 5 yeas.**
2. Request approval of the recommended committee for the selection of a consultant to provide coastal and environmental engineering services to the County. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**

Don Vanderhoek/Information Systems

1. Request approval of Task Order No. 100 with Polyengineering, Inc. for design phase services for the County Fiber Optic Project. District: All. **Approved, 5 yeas.**
2. Request approval of the purchase of WebCast Software from IQM2, they being the lowest bidder for the software which will enable live broadcasts and archival of BCC meetings. District: All. **Approved, 3 yeas; 2 nays, Commissioner Amunds and Commissioner Campbell.**

Greg Donovan/Airports

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a Joint Participation Agreement and supporting Resolution for the Florida Department of Transportation for relocation of taxiway lighting at Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a Grant Agreement with the Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development to extend Taxiway “H” at Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview. District: 1. **Approved, 5 years.**

John Hofstad/Public Works

1. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute Task Order 35 with SCS Engineers for Phase I construction support of Vadose Zone Aeration Pilot Project at the Niceville Landfill. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
2. Request acceptance and recording of three easements and three temporary construction easements to facilitate drainage improvements to Highway 2 Environmental Watershed Project located near the intersection of Highway 2 and Old River Road. District: 3. **Approved, 5 years.**
3. Request authorization to negotiate agreements to purchase clay by the yard based on recent bids received. District: All. **Approved, 5 years.**
4. Request approval of and authorize the Chairman to execute a revised Local Agency Program Agreement at the request of the Florida Department of Transportation for the Hollywood Boulevard Resurfacing and Drainage Improvement project. District: 4. **Approved, 5 years.**

Old Business

1. Information on Congressional briefings in Washington DC. District: All. **Informational.**

Unscheduled items

1. Chairman Harris set the meeting protocol for today and future meetings.
2. Chairman Harris reversed his abstention from voting on the request made by David Sanders, CEO, North Okaloosa Medical Center, for an abatement of ad Valorem tax. He provided an explanation for the perceived conflict and explained it no longer exists.

Okaloosa County adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call the County Administrator’s Office at (850) 651-7515 to make a request. For Hearing Impaired, Dial 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), and 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in order for Okaloosa County to provide the requested service.