

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2019**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Jimbo Jackson presiding. Present were Vice Chairman Bryan Desloge and Commissioners Nick Maddox, Bill Proctor, Kristin Dozier, Mary Ann Lindley, and Rick Minor. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Herb Thiele, and Clerk to the Board Rebecca Lynn.

Vice Chairman Desloge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., in the absence of Chairman Jackson. Chairman Jackson rejoined the commissioners at 3:15 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Rabbi Jack Romberg of Temple Israel. Commissioner Desloge then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Vice-Chairman Desloge read into the record a Proclamation recognizing April as Guardian Ad Litem and National Child Abuse and Prevention Month
  - Deborah Moore, Director of the Second Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program, expressed her appreciation for the proclamation and its impact, namely promoting and providing awareness for the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the circumstances of the children in the program. She highlighted that the Program currently serves 635 children throughout six counties, 70% of whom are in Leon County. Ms. Moore explained that the children are being served by 365 volunteer child advocates in those six counties and praised the Program's ability to provide a child advocate to every child appointed to the Program by the Court. She concluded by expressing further appreciation for the Proclamation, as it keeps the situations of these children in the forethoughts of the community. She presented each Commissioner with a Guardian Ad Litem pin to wear in hopes that they will share with others the good work of the Program.
- Vice-Chairman Desloge read into the record a Proclamation recognizing May as National Bike Month
  - Alex Mosca, Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup, thanked the commissioners for their continued support for cycling in Leon County, efforts which Mosca notes were recognized nationally by the League of American Cyclists designation as a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community. He urged the Board to build on that success by supporting the recommendations of the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency's 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian master plan.
- Commissioner Proctor read into the record a Proclamation recognizing Kelli Walker, the District Volunteer Coordinator for Leon County Schools and the Partners in Excellence Program at Montford Middle School
  - Kelli Walker greeted the Board and voiced her humbled honor in receiving this Proclamation. She asserted that community members all have a common goal in building a "strong, caring, and compassionate community," which she believes begins with volunteerism and service to others. Ms. Walker explained that the school system cannot achieve the goal alone, but also relies on the input of other stakeholders. She

further observed that the presentation of this Proclamation would not have been possible without the support of those stakeholders, along with the faithful and diligent efforts of volunteers, mentors, and business partners.

- Commissioner Maddox commended Ms. Walker for her commitment and dedication and requested she speak to the recent accolades of one of her volunteers.
- Ms. Walker explained that each year, school districts nominate outstanding school volunteers and that Leon County schools received notification that Marie-Claire Leman has been awarded the 2018-2019 Outstanding School Volunteer Award by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).
  - *Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval for a Proclamation recognizing Marie-Claire Leman for receiving FDOE's 2018-2019 Region I Outstanding Adult School Volunteer Award. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Chairman Jackson expressed his appreciation for Ms. Walker's efforts at Fort Braden School.
  
- Commissioner Lindley read into the record a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Alexander D. Brickler's Retirement after 60 years and Delivering 30,000 Babies
  - Dr. Brickler thanked the Board for their recognition.
  - Commissioner Minor reflected on the legacy left by Dr. Brickler through his work at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and thanked him for his contribution to the community.
  - Commissioner Proctor noted that Dr. Brickler had delivered his children, recounted a humorous anecdote regarding Dr. Brickler's reticence, and hailed the doctor's tremendous service and contribution in the community.
  - Commissioner Dozier related her first memory, which was of her little sister being born, delivered by Dr. Brickler, and thanked him for his service to the community.
  - Commissioner Maddox echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and thanked Dr. Brickler for his service in Leon County.
  
- **REMOVED** – Proclamation Recognizing the FAMU Marching 100 Band for Participating in the Rose Bowl Parade

**CONSENT:**

*Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item # 4, which was pulled for further discussion. The motion carried 7-0.*

**1. Minutes: December 10, 2018 FY 2018/2019 Board Retreat, February 26, 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2019 Cycle Joint Workshop and March 29, 2019 Community Legislative Dialogue Meeting Minutes**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 FY 2018/2019 Board Retreat, February 26, 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2019 Cycle Joint Workshop and March 29, 2019 Community Legislative Dialogue Meeting Minutes.*

**2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for April 23, 2019 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of April 24, 2019 through May 13, 2019.*

**3. Resolution of Intent to Lease Space at Leon County Government Annex to Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency and a Lease Agreement between Leon County and Blueprint**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt a Resolution of Intent to Lease Space at Leon County Government Annex to Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency and authorize County Administrator to execute Lease Agreement between Leon County and Blueprint.*

**4. Agreement for Medical Examiner Services and Use of New Medical Examiner Facility**

Commissioner Proctor requested that the item be pulled for further discussion and that staff present a report and update regarding the item.

County Administrator Long introduced the item and further recalled an agenda item in 2015 whereby Tallahassee Memorial Hospital put the County on notice, acknowledging their inability to continue to house the Medical Examiner. The Board, at that time, directed staff to sell a Blairstone property so as to fund the remodeling of an existing space on Municipal Way to serve as the Medical Examiner facility, and this agenda item presents the new agreement regarding the operation of that facility.

Deputy Commissioner Alan Rosenzweig explained that the county is close to finishing the construction of the facility and has been working closely with the Medical Examiner as to the terms and conditions of the use of the facility, outlined in the agenda item.

Commissioner Proctor complimented staff on their outstanding administrative facilitation in brokering this agreement with the Medical Examiner and further noted for the record the great work of staff.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1: Approve the Agreement for Medical Examiner Services and authorize the County Administrator to execute with any non-substantive minor revisions as approved by the County Attorney. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Desloge expressed appreciation for Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for housing the Medical Examiner's office for the last 20-30 years.

**5. Federal Election Activities Grant for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept and authorize the Leon County Supervisor of Elections to recognize and spend its FY 2018-2019 Federal Election Activities Grant award in the amount of \$29,921 plus 15% matching funds within the requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement.*

*Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.*

**6. Request to Schedule a Workshop on Leon County Detention Facility Operations**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a Workshop on the Operations of the Leon County Detention Facility for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

**7. Knight Foundation Grant for the Multi-City/State Tour of Innovative Public Library Systems**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Knight Foundation Grant administered through The Community Foundation of North Florida in the amount of \$15,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any required grant documents in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

*Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.*

**8. Tallahassee Animal Services Shelter Operational Assessment**

*The Board approved Options 1: Accept the report on the Tallahassee Animal Services Shelter Operational Assessment.*

**9. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Fourth Amendment to the Southwood Integrated Development Order for June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider a fourth amendment to the Southwood Integrated Development Order for June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.*

**10. Plat of the Brookside Village Subdivision**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Brookside Village Subdivision for recording in the Public Record contingent upon staff's final review and approval and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Performance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**11. Maintenance Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for the Landscaping of Portions of Capital Circle Northwest and Capital Circle**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Maintenance Agreement with the City of Tallahassee to maintain the landscaping on portions of Capital Circle Northwest and Capital Circle Southeast and authorize the County Administrator to execute*

**12. Status Report on Leon County's Continuing Use and Enhancement of Mobile Applications**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on Leon County's continued use and enhancement of mobile applications.*

**13. Enhancements to the Employee Years of Service Recognition Program and Updates to the Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the updated employee Years of Service Recognition program, and adopt the proposed Section VII, 7.19 of the Leon County Personnel Policies and Procedures.*

*Option 2: Adopt the proposed revised Leon County Personnel Policies and Procedures: Section I, 1.03 Definitions and Section III, Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment.*

**14. FY 2019 Commissioner Discussion Items Semiannual Status Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Semiannual FY 2019 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report.*

**15. Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.*

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS** (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

- Stanley B. Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, expressed his belief that fair wages would bridge the economic gap in our community, especially in the 32304 area code. He submitted that he has been working with Dr. Tom Taylor and Commissioner Dozier and is currently attempting to vet a fair wage co-op. He further noted that he has a proposal, supported by a coalition of sustainable partners, for economic relief in high crime areas in the community. Mr. Sims concluded with a request to meet with staff regarding the proposal and for the Board to consider a budget item to support the proposal for the fair wage co-op.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**16. First Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard and Report on Economic Dashboard and Report on Economic Indicators, Comparative Data and Performances Measures**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated that the item seeks acceptance of the First Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard Report, which quantifies the economic health and growth of Leon County each quarter to evaluate local economic vitality. In addition, as requested by the Board, this item provides a detailed report on the economic indicators, comparative data, performance measures, and benchmarks utilized by the Office of Economic Vitality (OEV) to improve economic and quality of life outcomes in the community.

Cristina Paredes, OEV Director, provided a brief overview of the First Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard and Report on Economic Indicators, Comparative Data, and Performance Measures. She highlighted the County's ranking as 54<sup>th</sup> on livability.com's Top 100 Best Places to Live. Further, as produced by staff's competitiveness annual report, she reported Leon County is ranked #4 in talent index, #1 in entrepreneurial and business environment, and #9 in Civic Quality, which considers cost of living and crime rate. She also noted a low unemployment rate. Ms. Paredes explained that this is the first scorecard of its kind created by the OEV and that it will be updated annually. She informed the Board that the next Economic Indicator Report will be published in June 2019.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1: Accept the First Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard and report on economic indicators, comparative data and performance measures.*

Commissioner Desloge expressed his excitement for the Economic Dashboard and asked if the scorecard would be made available on the County's website. Ms. Paredes offered to work with CMR (Community & Media Relations) to get the information on the website. Additionally, Commissioner Desloge suggested that Tourism include the information on the Visit Tallahassee site. *He also suggested amending the motion to include an agenda item for a status report on current coordination efforts between the Division of Tourism (TDC) and OEV.* Commissioner Maddox accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Dozier thanked staff and, in response to Commissioner Desloge, suggested including in the status report outward facing efforts where TDC and OEV may align. She then addressed the Talent and Workforce areas of the Economic Dashboard. She explained that, though Leon County compares well, she hopes that at the upcoming Blueprint meeting, there can be a discussion on how OEV can pull together community partners working in areas where the Economic Dashboard shows we still have room for improvement and think about better coordination among those partners. Ms. Paredes confirmed that these partners are already working together to decide how best to build the talent pipeline in the County and offered to provide a more thorough update on these efforts at the next IA (Intergovernmental Agency) meeting.

Commissioner Maddox reflected on the number of disconnected youth in Leon County and the challenge to recruit businesses to participate in federally qualified apprenticeship programs. He noted that he has requested the County Administrator to coordinate a meeting between OEV and Career Source Capital Region to better engage and recruit businesses for the apprenticeship programs.

Commissioner Lindley added that the County has requested a legislative appropriation to fund apprenticeship efforts.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on hosting a community-wide job fair, similar to Leon Works. She posited one amalgamated job fair could entice more businesses to participate. She elaborated that the fair would provide opportunities for business training and signing up for the apprenticeship programs Commissioner Maddox mentioned, in addition to connecting people with jobs.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1 as amended: Accept the First Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard and report on economic indicators, comparative data and performance measures and direct staff to prepare an agenda item for a status report on ongoing coordination between the Division of Tourism and the Office of Economic Vitality. The motion carried 7-0.*

#### **17. Contracting for Additional Building Plans Review Services**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated the item seeks to address a nearly 40% increase in permitting activity over the past six months, while facing industry-wide challenges filling vacant positions within the Building Plans Review and Inspection Division due to the strong and competitive construction market. The item seeks Board authorization for the County to contract with private sector firms to perform additional building plans review services on as-needed basis.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to procure additional plans review services with up to two qualified vendors through either cooperative agreement contracts or competitive quotes. The motion carried 7-0.*

**18. Bid Award to OliverSperry Renovation and Construction, Inc. for Renovations to the State Attorney's Office**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated the item seeks Board approval to award the bid to OliverSperry Renovation and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$479,059 for renovations to the State Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Proctor inquired as to Minority, Women, & Small Business Enterprise Program (MWSBE) participation for this project. County Administrator Long explained that the project included aspirational targets, which none of the bidders met, although the low bidder did receive a good faith certification. Darryl Jones, MWSBE Deputy Director, explained further that the bid winner showed a good faith effort by making attempts to identify MWBE contractors for the project. To verify, the OEV confirmed those MWBE contractors were unavailable for the project due to being previously engaged, mostly in projects arising from Hurricane Michael damages. Commissioner Proctor expressed his disappointment and recommended that the Board reject the bid.

Commissioner Desloge reflected on the impact of Hurricane Michael on construction prices for the region, noting that fairness among contractors, as well as judiciousness with funds, drives the bid selection.

Commissioner Minor asked Mr. Jones if it was his opinion that the lack of MWBE talent in this contract was a systemic problem of the Board in assessing bids or a situational problem from the Hurricane Michael influences on the labor pool. Mr. Jones referenced the 3% unemployment rate and a dearth of available specialized laborers in construction trades. He articulated the importance of the talent pipeline to provide skilled labor for our current economy. Commissioner Minor conceded that, given recent labor trends, the lack of MWBE contractors for this project seems understandable.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award including bid alternate four to OliverSperry Renovation and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$479,059 for the renovations of the State Attorney's Office and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor opposed).*

**19. Voluntary Annexation Proposal from Cambridge Parc, LLC, to Annex Properties Located at 4680, 4732, and 4738 Thomasville Road**

County Administrator Long induced the item. He stated the Cambridge Parc, LLC, is requesting voluntary annexation of properties located 4680, 4732, and 4738 Thomas Road. As required by the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan, this voluntary annexation item is being brought to the Board of County Commissioners for review and comment regarding the proposed annexation.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Do not object to the proposed voluntary annexation of properties located at 4680, 4732, and 4738 Thomasville Road. The motion carried 7-0.*

**20. Full Board Appointments to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Career Source Capital Region Board, Educational Facilities Authority, Tallahassee Sports Council, Tallahassee-Leon County Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee and the Value Adjustment Board**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointments of citizens to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, the CareerSource Capital Region, the Educational Facilities Authority, the Tallahassee Sports Council, the Tallahassee-Leon County Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee and the Value Adjustment Board.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option #1: The full Board to consider the appointment of one citizen, Paul Patronis, to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2020. The motion carried 6-0 (Chairman Jackson out of chambers)*

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option #2: The full Board to consider the appointment of one citizen, Thomas Eisel, to the CareerSource Capital Region Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried 6-0 (Chairman Jackson out of chambers).*

Commissioner Proctor recommended Reginald Ellis for the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority.

Commissioner Desloge, as the Board appointee to the EFA, reflected on the complicated financial nature of the EFA and suggested the Board nominate a citizen with relevant experience. He recommended that Todd Sperry be appointed to the EFA.

Commissioner Lindley, noting her acquaintance with Dr. Ellis as well as her own experience serving on the EFA, reinforced Commissioner Desloge's position and posited that property management, real estate, bond financing, etc. possibly be required experience for citizen nominees.

Commissioner Proctor, in light of Commissioner Desloge's and Commissioner Lindley's comments, withdrew his motion.

*Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option #3: The full Board to consider the appointment of one citizen, Todd Sperry, to the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority for a five -year term ending July 31, 2024. The motion carried 7-0.*



*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option #4: The full Board to consider the appointment of two citizens, James Card and Austin Moser, to the Tallahassee Sports Council for three -year terms ending April 30, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option #5 as amended: The full Board to consider the appointment of two citizens, Matt Thursam and Christi Hale, to the Tallahassee- Leon County Minority, Women & Small Business, Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee for two-year terms ending April 30, 2021, and to waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A for Christi Hale. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option #6: The full Board to consider the appointment of one citizen, Gregory Cowan, to the Value Adjustment Board for a two- year term ending April 30, 2021. The motion carried 7-0.*

Chairman Jackson recessed the Board for its dinner break at 5:37 p.m. and announced it would reconvene at 6:00 p.m. to conduct the scheduled public hearings.

#### **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.**

Vice-Chairman Desloge reconvened the Board at 6:02 p.m., as Chairman Jackson was out of chambers. The following public hearings were conducted.

#### **21. First and Only Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Single- and Two- Family Residential (R-3) District to the Light Industrial (M-1) District**

County Administrator Long announced the item. He stated the item requests the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance to change the Official Zoning Map from the Single - and Two – Family Residential (R-3) District to the Light Industrial (M-1) District for a single vacant parcel, approximately seven acres, on the south side of Tower Road. This proposed rezoning implements Comprehensive Plan map amendment LMA201901as adopted on March 12, 2019.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Single- and Two-Family Residential (R-3) District to the Light Industrial (M-1) District. The motion carried 5-0 (Chairman Jackson and Commissioner Maddox out of chambers).*

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS** (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

- Bart Bibler, 3673 Mossy Creek Lane, expressed concerns regarding the Integrated Sustainability Action Plan, namely that “extremely substantive issues” were voted upon at the Budget Workshop without public comment. He submitted that the adoption of a ten-year integrated sustainability action plan and the endorsement of the City’s 100% renewable goal should be agenda items at a regular commission meeting. He commented that the goals of the County’s plan are not ambitious enough, especially compared to the City, and that there was no budget for a consultant to prepare the County’s portion of the Community Clean Energy Plan (CCEP). Mr. Bibler recommended that the Board bring back an agenda item on the Plan and budget \$100,000 for a CCEP consultant study.

- Commissioner Dozier clarified that the CCEP study funded by the City is to assist City Utilities in meeting the proposed goals, not specifically address City operations. The contract that the Board approved during the Budget Workshop will address County operations. Commissioner Dozier added that the County is still early in the process of implementing the Integrated Sustainability Action Plan and that agenda items concerning the Plan will inevitably be prepared for regular Board meetings.
- Commissioner Minor expressed interest in receiving more information on the City's plan to convert their fleet of vehicles to 100% electric by 2035.
- County Administrator Long explained that the City has not yet developed a detailed plan for conversion of their fleet as the technology does not yet exist.
- Commissioner Proctor confirmed with the County Attorney that the County, City, and Leon County Schools can collaborate to jointly purchase electric vehicles, which may lower purchase prices.

### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **County Attorney Thiele:**

- Presented the Board with a memo regarding local government preemption of regulation of electric transmission lines.

#### **County Administrator Long:**

- No Items

### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Commissioner Maddox:**

- Commended staff for their work on the Budget Workshop.
- Reiterated his interest in receiving more information about and having a workshop on federally certified apprenticeship programs.

#### **Commissioner Lindley:**

- Requested a Proclamation recognizing May 13-17 as Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Week to be presented at the May 14 Board meeting.
  - *Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to present a proclamation at the May 14, 2019, meeting recognizing May 13-17 as Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Week. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Thanked staff for their work in preparation of the Budget Workshop.

#### **Commissioner Proctor:**

- Requested that the issue of the annexation or expansion of the Urban Services Area south to Capital Circle be included on the agenda for the next Mayor-Chair meeting.
- Congratulated Commissioner Maddox on his upcoming inauguration as Florida Association of Counties President and encouraged Board members to attend the annual meeting in support.
- Inquired about revisiting County Ordinances regarding set-back requirements for trees and bushes which impede visibility for drivers at intersections.
  - County Attorney Thiele explained that the new code of laws would be on a May or June agenda for adoption and that he could send a memo outlining what is and what is not in the code pertaining to sight distance issues.
- Thanked staff and community partners for their support at the recent 32304 Prosperity for All Summit. He requested an agenda item to discuss additional Summit meetings and the needs of the 32304 area.

- Commissioner Dozier asked for clarification regarding what the agenda item would include and expressed her support for a general agenda item that reflects on the Summit and discusses how the County can best collaborate with the community.
- Commissioner Maddox asked if the agenda item would provide a report on the Summit or if it was a funding request for the Board's consideration.
- Commissioner Proctor withdrew his motion and stated he would request the agenda item at a later date.
- Suggested that the County formally request that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Freshwater Fish Commission restock Lake Jackson with fish, specifically bream and trout.
  - County Administrator Long explained that a letter had been sent previously based on similar requests and that FWC had notified the County of the time of year when restocking occurs.

**Commissioner Minor:**

- Informed the Board that Feeding Florida, the statewide association of foodbanks, would be publishing a report that analyzes poverty, food insecurity, etc. at the census-block level. The report would provide information specific to the 32304 area and analysis of that data. This information will be shared with the Board.
  - Commissioner Maddox added that he looks forward to a report coming back from the Summit, as well as the Feeding Florida report, that presents tangible ways to collaborate with the community to address the challenges in the 32304 area.
  - Commissioner Proctor said he would consider the feedback provided and would come back at a later meeting with a revised agenda item request.
- Requested a Proclamation recognizing Leon County Middle School student Charlotte Stuart-Tilley for work in organizing the School Strike for Climate.
  - *Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to present a proclamation recognizing Charlotte Stuart-Tilley for organizing the School Strike for Climate and raising local awareness on climate change. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Reflected on the recent EMS Safety Fair and his visit to the car seat safety checkpoint. He expressed his shock at learning that one of his car seats had been recalled and encouraged parents to visit the Leon County EMS website to confirm their car seat(s) are not on a recall list.
- Announced his next mobile office hours and invited Commissioners to attend.
- Announced the upcoming Village Square and Leon County joint panel, "How We Grow From Here," on May 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church.
- Congratulated Commissioner Dozier on her engagement.

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Requested a Proclamation recognizing Tallahassee Pridefest 2019.
  - *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to present a proclamation at an offsite meeting recognizing Tallahassee Pridefest 2019. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Requested a Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Rabbi Jack Romberg.
  - *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to present a proclamation at the May 28, 2019, meeting in honor of Rabbi Jack Romberg. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Commended staff and community partners for their work coordinating the Ode to Understanding event.

- Commissioner Maddox reflected on the diversity of the audience and expressed his appreciation for the funding of the event and his hopes to continue to bring in talent and entertainment to spark community conversations on racial issues.
- Reflected on the County Attorney’s memo regarding local government preemption of regulation of electric transmission lines and her efforts to gather information about the project. She highlighted that, due to Florida state law, there is no forum for public engagement at any stage of this project, despite impact to the community and the environment; no one with authority is representing the interests of the constituents of Leon County in this project. She suggested the Board send a letter to NextEra Energy formally requesting information on why the route for the project was selected. She also entertained sending the letter to FDEP, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the City.
  - Commissioner Lindley inquired as to whether the letter should not also include an objection to the route, suggesting the letter be a “clearer and firmer expression of serious concern from the numerous citizens we’ve heard from.”
  - Commissioner Desloge postulated that the lack of information and the dissatisfaction were connected and could be articulated concurrently.
  - Commissioner Maddox asked what options the County has regarding the project.
  - County Attorney Thiel reiterated that the County has limited authority and reasoned that a letter to NextEra Energy demanding details on the project would be an appropriate first action toward mitigating the impacts of the project.
  - Commissioner Minor suggested that, in addition to stating the Board’s displeasure, the letter also asks the corporation to work with the Commission and the community on the route.
  - *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to NextEra Energy, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Board objecting to how the project has been handled to date, providing specific concerns and questions from citizens, demanding information on why the current route was selected, and suggesting that alternative routes be considered. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Vice-chair Desloge:**

- Congratulated EMS Chief Abrams on the recent three-year accreditation on ambulance services.
- Reflected on the recent Tall Timber’s report that found the quail hunting lands of the Red Hills have \$194 million economic impact in the region.
  - *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to present a Proclamation recognizing Tall Timbers for their report, “The Economic Impact of the Red Hills Region’s Quail Hunting Lands of north Florida & Southwest Georgia.” The motion carried 7-0.*
- Reflected on recent request to rename the Northeast Branch Library in honor of former Leon County Commissioner Host. He requested an agenda item on the County’s policy on renaming buildings.
  - *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item on the County’s Policy No. 97-3, Naming of County-Owned Facilities, Structures, Buildings, Geographical Areas or Other Property and Sponsorship of Park Furnishings and Trees at a County-Owned part and Recreation Facility. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Chairman Jackson:**

- Requested a Proclamation recognizing the recipients of Talquin Electric’s 2019 Youth Tour & Scholarship.

- Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to present a Proclamation at the Board's May 28, 2019, meeting recognizing the four Leon County students representing Talquin Electric Cooperative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The motion carried 7-0.
- Requested a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 19-25 as Public Works Week.
  - Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to present a Proclamation at the Board's May 14, 2019, meeting recognizing May 19-25 as Public Works Week. The motion carried 7-0.
- Announced the birth of his second granddaughter.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2018 and January 10, 2019.
- Leon County Research & Development Authority Financial Statement for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY: *Jimbo Jackson*  
 Jimbo Jackson, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

BY: *Gwendolyn Marshall*  
 Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court  
 & Comptroller, Leon County, Florida