

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 28, 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 Vause.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He acknowledged Gwen Marshall, Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Darrick McGhee of Bible Based Church and a member of Faith Group Friday - Village Square's God Squad. Commissioner Dozier then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Commissioner Dozier read into record Proclamations recognizing Rabbi Jack Romberg and Audrey Romberg from Temple Israel for their work in the Leon County Area. She shared that Rabbi Romberg has continuously given back to this community through his service to countless boards and organizations.
  - Rabbi Jack Romberg humbly accepted the proclamation from the Commission. He thanked the Leon County Commission for this honor. Rabbi Romberg also thanked his wife, Audrey Romberg for supporting him in becoming a Rabbi.
  - Audrey Romberg was awarded a proclamation for her extraordinary work in the education field along with her efforts given to numerous organizations alongside her husband Rabbi Jack Romberg.
  - Chairman Jackson commended the Romberg's for their excellent work in the community. He shared he would miss Rabbi Romberg and expressed appreciation to Ms. Romberg for her efforts with the students at Ft. Braden Elementary School, especially with reading programs.
  - Commissioner Desloge thanked them both for their many contributions to the community.
- Chairman Jackson read into the record a Proclamation expressing support of Sheriff Walt McNeil's "All In Initiative".
  - Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil thanked the Board for their continued support. He noted that the problems in Leon County regarding crime requires engagement by all citizens. Sheriff McNeil encouraged everyone to take ownership of this issue and work together to deal with the problem of crime. Sheriff McNeil cautioned there would be an increase in arrests and we will see more law enforcement throughout the community. He acknowledged the business community and asked for their support with Crime Stoppers so that tips would continue to flow in for solving open cases. Sheriff McNeil recognized the faith-based community for working with young people to become engaged in positive activities. Sheriff McNeil stated he would update the board as the initiative progresses. He then recognized "Peace Makers" in the audience, a grassroots network of ex-offenders and formerly incarcerated persons whose goal is to eliminate violence through economic opportunity and outreach.

- Christic Henry, Peace Makers member, provided a brief overview of the organization and its focus on de-escalation and remediation of crime. Ms. Henry described the impact of prevention throughout the community. She stated their 3 - point plan is advocacy, de-escalation, and prevention. She shared that this model is being adopted by other communities to help in the prevention of crime.
  - Commissioner Maddox expressed his appreciation for the Sheriff's effort to reduce crime through this initiative. He highlighted the holistic view of addressing crime in the community is what it takes to help alleviate the crime problem. Commissioner Maddox expressed his appreciation to the Peace Makers.
  - Commissioner Dozier commended the Sheriff's efforts. She thought the holistic approach was unique. She added the Peace Makers program is outstanding and thanked them for their efforts.
  - Commissioner Proctor acknowledged Sheriff McNeal for his holistic approach to fight crime. He commended the Sheriff's Office for their support for the 32304 Summit. He shared that the "All In Initiative" is significant and he is appreciative for the attention given to the 32304 - zip code. He encouraged the Board's support of the Crime Stoppers Program.
- Chairman Jackson read into the record a Proclamation recognizing four Leon County Students Representing Talquin Electric Cooperative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour June 15 – 20 in Washington D.C.
    - Tracy Beasley, General Manager of Talquin Electric expounded on the wonderful opportunity given to the students chosen. He stated the Youth Tour had been going on since 1957. He introduced each of them Ariana White – St. John Paul II - Catholic High School, Jacqueline Cruz – Leon High School, Alana Kornegay, and Sriya Patel - Lawton Chiles High School.
    - Ariana White thanked the Board for the Proclamation. She announced how excited and honored they were to have this opportunity to go to Washington D.C.
    - Commissioner Dozier congratulated the students and noted on the honor to be student representatives.
    - Commissioner Desloge acknowledged Mr. Beasley for his leadership. He also commended Talquin Electric Cooperative for being a great partner in post-disaster efforts.

**CONSENT:**

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.*

**1. Minutes: March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting; April 23, 2019 FY2020 Budget Workshop; April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting, and June 19, 2018 FY 2019 Budget Workshop**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting; April 23, 2019 FY 2020 Budget Workshop; April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting, and June 19, 2018 FY 2019 Budget Workshop.*

**2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for May 28, 2019, and pre-approval of payment of bills and vouchers for the Period of May 29, 2019 through June 17, 2019.*

**3. National Endowment of the Arts Big Read Grant for LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read grant in the amount of \$13, 243 and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the grant project (Attachment #1). Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associate Budget Amendment Request (Attachment #2).*

**4. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid**

*The Board approved Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the Detailed Work Plan Budget for Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid and authorize the Chairman to execute, and 2) Authorize the County Administrator to execute the associated Mosquito Control State Aid Agreement, when received from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**5. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant for Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Analysis**

*The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3: 1) Accept the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant for Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Analysis in the amount of \$500,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant document in a form approved by the County Attorney; 2) Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing the \$500,000 into the FY 2019 budget, and 3: Authorize staff to negotiate with Jim Stidham & Associated to complete the additional scope of work required by the grant.*

**6. Plat of the Villas at Killlearn Lakes**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Villas of Killlearn Lakes for recording in the Public Record contingent upon staff's final review and approval.*

**7. 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service for FY 2019**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service for FY 2019.*

**8. Extension of the Mowing and Landscape Services Contract for Parks and Recreation**

*The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to execute a four -month contract extension for Mowing and Landscape Services with Val's Lawncare Inc., through the end of November 2019 in a form approved by the County Attorney (Attachment # 1.*

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

- Dr. Edward Holifield, 4032 Longleaf Court, acknowledged Rabbi Jack Romberg for offering Temple Israel as a hosting place with the 411 Teen program, which is hosted by his wife Dr. Liz Holifield. Dr. Holifield then spoke of concerns including that the Tallahassee Democrat has failed to report the Leapfrog findings of a consecutive "D" rating received by Tallahassee Memorial Hospital regarding patient safety. He noted areas of dire concern included asthma among African-Americans and infant mortality.

- Commissioner Proctor asked Dr. Holifield if he would be willing to prepare a white paper regarding these health issues and for recommendations as to how the board might address them.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9. Implementation of Hurricane Michael After-Action Report and Preparation for the 2019 Hurricane Season**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated this agenda item provides a status update regarding the County's implementation of all 68 recommendations contained in the Hurricane Michael After-Action Report and provides an overview of preparations for the 2019 Hurricane Season. County Administrator Long reported all 68 actions from the After-Action Report have been completed resulting in 213 After Actions put in place after three consecutive hurricanes of the last three years.

Mathieu Cavell, Assistant to the County Administrator, provided an overview. He noted the County's continued efforts to build community disaster resilience through its designation as the nation's first #HurricaneStrong Community. Mr. Cavell shared some of the major recommendations from the Hurricane Michael After - Action Report included enhancing emergency and special needs shelters in partnership with Leon County Schools and the American Red Cross; improving the coordination of regional volunteers and securing state-owned generators for traffic signals to ensure rapid deployment following a widespread power outage. Mr. Cavell concluded that the County is better prepared now with enhanced coordination and communication capabilities.

Kevin Peters, Director of Emergency Management, provided the Board with an update on the upcoming forecasted storms and outlook for the upcoming Hurricane season. He expressed the need to be prepared for the unknown by summarizing the many ways in which the County is working to ensure citizens are prepared.

Commissioner Minor commended Mr. Cavell and Mr. Peters for their efforts. He shared the citizen engagement effort is exceptional. Commissioner Minor gave his support with the State of Florida generators being housed in Leon County. He spoke of his other organization, Second Harvest where they try to strategically place food and water items for emergencies.

Commissioner Minor moved option 1 and 2.

*Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Options 1 and 2: 1) Accept the status report on the implementation of the Hurricane Michael After-Action Report recommendations and the preparation for the 2019 hurricane season, and 2) Authorize the County Administrator to execute the memorandum of agreement with the State of Florida regarding state-owned generators.*

Commissioner Dozier thanked the staff for the detailed update. She acknowledged staff for their willingness to do an extensive review of the process. She thanked them for providing a multitude of avenues for citizens to be safe. She inquired about regional and state-wide coordination to assist surrounding counties impacted by Hurricane Michael while preparing for the upcoming hurricane season.

Mr. Peters responded that there are still vulnerabilities due to the impact of the hurricanes. He explained all counties are working closely with state agencies and within

the region. He stated there are plans to have personnel available to go into counties affected.

Commissioner Dozier commented on the reports about taking a different approach to annual disasters. She noted how they are now focused on hurricanes but inquired about any movement in emergency response to natural disasters, either statewide or locally. She thought they should continue to stay on the forefront to ensure that we and our neighbors remain diligent.

Commissioner Proctor complimented staff on the excellent report. He highlighted the need for a Southside facility to be open to accommodate persons whose homes may not be storm ready. He stated that Rickards High School has been available; however, not utilized. He asserted there was a deficit of sites on the southside and was hopeful staff can reestablish Rickards as a shelter site. He also recommended improvements be made to the fairgrounds, so it may be used as a shelter.

Commissioner Desloge commended staff and noted the financial impact of storms and how they deal with them. He requested an update on the County's FEMA reimbursements.

Commissioner Minor asked that the status report also include a survey of what other Counties have done. He said he would like to see the comparison.

County Administrator Long shared that staff would provide the comparative analysis and status report at the Board's upcoming Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Dozier commented on partnering with the State for reimbursement.

*The motion carried 7-0.*

**10. Proposed Revised Policy Addressing Naming of County-Owned Structures, Buildings, Streets, Geographical Areas or Other Property**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda item provides an overview of the County's naming policy for buildings, facilities, and other property and provides the Board with additional guidance in naming considerations for public facilities and places. He noted this comes at the request of the April 23, 2019 meeting. The Board directed staff to prepare an agenda item after reviewing the County's Policy No. 97-3.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 97-3 "Naming of County -Owned Facilities, Structures, Buildings, Geographical Areas or Other Property and Sponsorship of Part Furnishing and Trees at a County-Owned Park and Recreation Facility".*

Commissioner Desloge recalled how he appreciated how the policy provided the appropriate guidelines. He conveyed how the recent work on the item gives the Board a framework and guidance on this process.

Commissioner Dozier highlighted the criteria/guidelines for naming property in honor of people.

Commissioner Lindley expressed how a lot of the ideas were good and changes could be made as necessary depending upon the magnitude of an individual's contributions to the community. She appreciated the solid guidelines.

The motion carried 7-0.

**11. Resolution Authorizing the House Finance Authority of Leon County to Issue A Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated that this agenda item, as requested by the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County, and pursuant to County and Federal requirements, seeks Board approval for the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue a \$13 million bond to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Magnolia Terrace Apartments, a 108-unit affordable housing complex. The issuance of the bonds has no liability on the County. Additionally, it would not affect the County's bond rating. He noted it would allow the developer to access favorable bond financing and federal low-income tax credits to increase the availability of affordable housing in Leon County.

Commissioner Maddox expressed how enthused he was about this venture. He recalled the vision he shared for this area. He inquired of Mr. Long questions about tax credits for Orange Avenue Apartments and was advised it was a different program. He asked that Orange Avenue be next for a long-overdue facelift. He inquired about tenant relocation plans and was there a plan to relocate the tenants in other parts of the facility or vouchers to move into other parts of the county.

Shington Lamy, Director of the Office of Human Services and Community Partnership, explained that the facility would not be demolished. He shared as residents vacate units, that is when renovations would occur.

Commissioner Maddox requested pictures of renovated units. He noted he would like to see this done throughout the community in similar affordable housing complexes. He asked that priority be placed on renovating other housing developments.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1: Approve the Resolution authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue a \$13,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds Series 2019 for the Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Magnolia Terrace Apartments.*

Commissioner Proctor reflected on the need for affordable housing moving forward as both single and multi-housing units. He voiced the need to pick up the pace on the conversation. He encouraged the discussion of affordable housing at the next Mayor-Chair meeting.

Commissioner Lindley asked if the project would lead tenants to experience increases to the rent after rehabilitation. She asked if there is any requirement for minority and small business inclusiveness in the rehabilitation project and the hiring of local workers.

Mr. Lamy explained there would be an increase, but it would occur on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) side, not the tenant. He explained the difference is in what HUD pays. He stated with the renovation, HUD would allow for an increase in what they pay. He pointed out that Minority and Women-Owned Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) aspirational targets are being included in the negotiations with the developer and added that staff is working with CareerSource to utilize their funding to support the training and hiring of County Residents for this project. He shared that the project is in the beginning stages, but hopefully, the development would begin in December 2019/early 2020.

Commissioner Dozier expressed how excited she was about the project and looked forward to hearing about the project in the upcoming months and years. She asked County Administrator Long would the upcoming County/City Planning Workshop on the Comprehensive Plan workshop support the development of affordable housing.

County Administrator Long responded that that would make sure it is included.

Commissioner Proctor expounded on the 32304 Area Code Summit that housing has emerged as one of the key points of need. He voiced taking older abandoned homes and creating an initiative that would help to restore/rehab/new in order to transfer ownership to homeless people to provide a sense of ownership would be a move in the right direction. He stated there was an opportunity in the 32304-zip code for matching dollars. He shared the 32304 area is the most impoverished zip code in Florida. He asserted that Leon County could do a similar bond.

*The motion carried 7-0.*

**12. Bid Award to OliverSperry Renovation & Construction, Inc. for Renovations to Restrooms in the Leon County Courthouse**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He shared this item seeks Board approval to award the bid to OliverSperry Renovation & Construction, Inc. for \$272,919 for the renovation of public restrooms in the Leon County Courthouse. He explained renovation of the third-floor restrooms are part of an ongoing effort to modernize and update accessibility provision of the Courthouse restrooms. He stated the item has been budgeted and it was a competitively bid. He mentioned that none of the bidders met Minority and Women-Owned Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) requirements but the winner, OliverSperry intends to use a minority-owned painting firm as a subcontractor.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award to OliverSperry Renovation & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$272,919 for the renovation of third floor public restrooms within the Leon County Courthouse and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney. The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lindley out of Chambers).*

**13. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this agenda item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointments of citizens to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth as reflected in Options 1 – 3.

Commissioner Dozier asked for other suggestions for Option 3. She spoke to Option 2. She referenced Option 2c and her nominee was Julie Duggins.

*Commissioner Dozier, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Option 1a-e:*

Commissioner Proctor asked about the absence of Capital City Chamber. Mr. Long responded that they do have an appointee on this Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Lindley nominated Jo Laurie Penrose for Option 2 b.

Commissioner Dozier nominated Rachelle McClure for Option 3 a.

*Option #1: The full Board to consider the reappointment of five citizens appointed to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth for three-year terms ending May 31, 2022, as follows:*

- a. Seat #2 - Big Bend Contractors Association nominee. The Board appointed: Elva Peppers*
- b. Seat #4 - Associated Builders and Contractors nominee. The Board appointed: Jay Bostwick*
- c. Seat #6 - Council of Neighborhood Associations nominee. The Board appointed: Jack Davis*
- d. Seat #12 - Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce nominee. The Board appointed: Mat Tharpe and waived the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote.*
- e. Seat #14 - Network of Entrepreneurs & Business Advocates nominee. The Board appointed: Will Croley*

*Option #2: The full Board to consider the appointment of three citizens to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth for three-year terms ending May 31, 2022, as follows:*

- a. Seat #8 - A person employed by, or represents, a community-based, environment-related organization. The Board appointed: Michael Dobson.*
- b. Seat #10 - A resident of Leon County. The Board appointed: Jo Laurie Penrose.*
- c. Seat #16 - An Archaeologist: The Board appointed: Julie Duggins.*

*Option #3: The full Board to consider the appointment of one citizen to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2020.*

- a. Seat #11 - a resident of Leon County. The Board appointed: Rachelle McClure.*

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of the Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth with the following options: Option 1a-e: 1a - ElvaPeppers; 1b - Jay Bostwick; 1c - Jack Davis; 1d - Mat Tharpe 1e - Will Croley; Option 2a-c: 2a- Michael Dobson; 2b - Jo Laurie Penrose; 2c – Julie Duggins; and Option 3a: – Rachelle McClure. The motion carried 7-0.*

#### **14. Consideration of Selection Process Options for New County Attorney**

County Attorney Thiele introduced this item. He stated that this item is before the Board for consideration of a selection process for retaining a new County Attorney, no later than April 1, 2020. The agenda item outlines options for the Board's consideration on the hiring of the new County Attorney. He noted the options: one is to promote from within (Deputy Attorney, LaShawn Riggins), the second option do its own advertising and recruiting, third, hire an executive search firm; fourth, utilize the Florida Association of Counties recruitment services program. Attorney Thiele suggested an overlap period if hiring from the outside.

Chair Jackson called for public comment.



Speakers:

- Dianne Williams Cox, 2312 Mavis Circle, encouraged the Board to approve Option 1. She commented it had been the precedent to hire from within and noted it had been the common practice. She voiced how they should have had a process in place before now. She felt Attorney Riggins should have the opportunity to serve as County Attorney. She asked that they save taxpayer dollars and move Option 1.
- Attorney Mutaqee Akbar, 2633 Neuchatel Drive, waived in support of Option 1.
- Attorney Matthew Williams, 1963 Gina Drive, waived in support of Option 1.
- Gwen Marshall, Clerk of Court and Comptroller, waived in support of Option 1.

Commissioner Lindley expressed appreciation to County Attorney Thiele for his legal guidance. She discussed the transparency and professionalism needed to solicit outside applications. She too voiced concerns and cautioned the importance of the decision. She noted it would be good to talk about what the County needs. She reflected on narrowing the search down to 3-5 candidates for the Board to consider would be a move in the right direction.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, for approval of Option 2) Direct County Administration, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office, to draft an advertisement for publication locally and in professional legal publications with a deadline to be determined for submission of applications for the position of County Attorney. If this option is chosen, the Board would be required to decide between reviewing the applications themselves or creating a selection committee to narrow the applications to a shortlist of applicants for interview by the Board.*

Commissioner Desloge acknowledged Attorney Thiele for his sound leadership throughout the years. He stated this would be one of the biggest decisions to come before the Board. He expressed the need to look hard and take the long, methodical approach concerning this hire. He confirmed how he would gladly support if the national search chose the in-house applicant.

Commissioner Dozier noted they should have discussed this policy before now. She reflected upon the hiring of the County Administrator and shared the Board had only made three hires since then. She voiced hiring by an elected body should always allow for a process that allows for public input.

Commissioner Dozier offered a friendly amendment: To develop a policy for future hires by the Board. It was accepted by Commissioner Lindley.

Commissioner Dozier expressed her concerns about previous hires by local governments and hoped what they are suggesting would increase diversity going forward.

Commissioner Proctor recalled that the Board did not do a national search with the hiring of the present County Administrator. He further reflected on the need for diversity in leadership positions and the County's practice of hiring from within. He expressed his support for the hiring of Deputy County Attorney LaShawn Riggins. He shared how he supported the continuity she would provide. He advocated for Option 1.

Commissioner Minor acknowledged everyone who had provided comments on this issue. He noted that during his six months in office, he had not yet had an opportunity to interact with or work with the Deputy County Attorney. He stated that Option 2 would therefore be most helpful to him in deciding whether the Deputy County Attorney would be the best choice.

Commissioner Dozier asserted there is a clear distinction between County personnel hiring and the two positions hired by the Board.

Commissioner Lindley expressed how she wanted this to be a professional, not a political, hire. Her stance was the Board would have several diverse candidates of which to consider and encouraged Deputy County Attorney Riggans to apply.

Commissioner Maddox shared he was confident that Deputy County Attorney Riggans would be a great candidate and do a great job for the County. He expressed his support for Option 1.

Chairman Jackson stated that he did not have reservations about Deputy County Attorney Riggans qualifications for the job but supported transparency in the hiring decision for the Board.

The motion was amended to include: *Direct Staff to develop a policy requiring a public search for any direct hires by the Board. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioners Proctor and Maddox in opposition).*

Mr. Long noted that an agenda item will come back to the Board with a complete process, timeline, criteria, etc. in the June/July timeframe. Chairman Jackson asked for the fiscal impact to be included.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS**

- Alexandra Boswell, University of Florida (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), expressed her concern regarding the renovations at the Extension Center and the impact to the number of meeting spaces for 4H programs. She asserted it would adversely affect the children they served. She shared the renovations at the Extension Center would have impact on meeting space available to clubs. She expressed how having one room to share with 14 other clubs would be unacceptable. She asked for the Board's assistance. She stated the other identified spaces didn't meet the criteria for the program and asked for the allocation of more than two meeting spaces at the Extension Center. She asked that it be agendaed.
  - Mr. Long responded that the County supports 4H. He explained the building belongs to the County and that staff would continue to work with them to address any concerns.
  - Commissioner Proctor recalled the positive impacts of 4H programs and encouraged all to work together.
  - Commissioner Dozier commented that she had received some communications regarding concerns over the proposed move. She suggested an update on the project be prepared for the Board and include the benefits of collocating as well as any perceived concerns.
  - Mr. Long stated that an update would be provided. He emphasized adding the major improvements to the building that IFAS and others would need to be beneficial. He asserted the renovations would be able to accommodate everyone's needs.
  - Commissioner Proctor suggested there was an opportunity for renovations at the building at the fairgrounds. He noted that too many staff may be relocated at the Extension Center and the fairgrounds might be an appropriate location.

#### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**County Attorney Thiele:**

- Referenced a memorandum dealing with a lawsuit from O'Brien Response Management. He noted they have sued the County alleging over \$200,000 in unpaid fees, attorney fees, etc. He asserted that a negotiated, reduced settlement amount has been reached of \$75,000 and asked the Board for approval. He concluded the recommended settlement amount would close out the Hurricane Hermine debris issue.
- *Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval of a \$75,000, reduced settlement to O'Brien Response Management for Hurricane Hermine Debris Issue. The motion carried 7 – 0.*

**County Administrator Long:**

- NO ITEMS.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Commended staff and all involved for the engagement of the community ensuring the success of the Chaires Community Center Meeting.

**Commissioner Minor:**

- Recalled his recent tour of Lively Technical College and the tremendous asset it is in the community. He mentioned the economic development strategy with Lively, and that it plays a huge role in helping provide to those in need with training for better wages.
- Reflected on the many Memorial Day events and expressed great pleasure for Leon County's commitment to supporting veterans and their families. He mentioned his participation in the Honor Flight on May 18 and the effect it has had on the veterans who participated.

**Commissioner Proctor:**

- Expressed how appreciative he was of the opportunity to represent District 1 as its Commissioner and to serve with fellow Commissioners.
- Requested a Proclamation acknowledging the life of Dr. LaSalle Leffall, Jr., a renowned medical provider with ties to the community.
- *Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for a Proclamation honoring the life of Dr. LaSalle Leffall, Jr. The motion carried 7 – 0.*

**Commissioner Lindley:**

- Commended staff on the success with the County's partnership in hosting family-friendly concerts at the Cascade Amphitheater. She reflected on how she and others thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Highlighted the recent ribbon cutting for the Jake Gaither House, legendary former football coach of FAMU.

**Chairman Jackson:**

- No Items.

**Vice-Chairman Desloge:**

- Announced the Press the Chest, June 8, 2019, and invited all to attend.

**Chairman Maddox:**

- Also reflected on the importance of the preservation of Coach Jake Gaither's home.

- Discussed the tax credits, for affordable housing. He reflected on the need for more affordable single-family homes. County Administrator Long concurred and stated they are always open for opportunities.
- Congratulated all the 2019 Leon County High School graduates and wished them all success in future endeavors.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019


**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



BY:   
Jimbo Jackson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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