

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Board Reorganization  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 12, 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, Clerk of the Court Gwen Marshall and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Ceremony of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Clarence Smith, Minister of the Destiny Church. Chairman Jackson then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REORGANIZATION**

The Honorable Gwen Marshall, Leon County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, presided over the Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida. She paused to recognize dignitaries that were present: City Attorney – Cassandra Jackson; Former County Commissioners – Cliff Thaell, Gary Jordan and Rudy Malloy; Judges – Honorable Angela Dempsey (Circuit Judge), Honorable Jonathan Sjostrom (Chief Judge), Honorable Frank Allman (Circuit Judge), Honorable Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. (Leon County Judge).

**REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Clerk Marshall introduced the Commission and went into the presentations:

- Presentation to Outgoing Chairman
  - Vice- Chairman Desloge, on behalf of the Board, presented Chairman Jackson a plaque for his outstanding leadership as Chairman for the 2018-2019 year.
  - Commissioner Lindley acknowledged Chairman Jackson for his leadership.
  - Commissioner Maddox extended congratulatory remarks to Chairman Jackson and thanked his family and school for allowing his leadership.
  - Commissioner Dozier expressed gratitude for his kind leadership style. She thanked him for his service to the community.
  - Commissioner Minor shared his appreciation for his leadership.
  - County Administrator Long captured a few highlights from Chairman Jackson tenure as Chairman and presented him a framed pictorial.
  
- Presentation of Years of Service Pins to County Commissioners
  - Chairman Jackson presented years of service pins to Commissioner Rick Minor as one-year Commissioner for years of service in District 3.
  - Commissioner Minor shared his pleasure of serving on the Commission. He eluded to the diversity of the Board and how sound they all worked together.
- Remarks by Outgoing Chairman Jackson who reflected on his year as Chairman. He expressed gratitude to County Staff and Commissioners. He recognized his aide – Kelly

and District 2 citizens. He highlighted a few projects that he was most fond of: the building process, county attorney, eliminating waste fees, increase water quality with website, and the late County Commissioner Jane Sauls' of District 2, who was a champion for the western district.

- **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Clerk Marshall called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of County Commissioner for 2019-2020.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, the nomination of Commissioner Bryan Desloge as Chairman of the Leon County Commission. The motion carried 7-0.*

Clerk Marshall called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of County Commissioner for 2019/2020.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, the nomination of Commissioner Minor as Vice-Chairman of the Leon County Commission. The motion carried 7-0.*

- **Administration of the Oath of Office to the newly-elected Chairman**

Clerk Marshall administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Chairman Bryan Desloge and he was joined by his daughter.

- **Incoming Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Desloge thanked the Board for the honor to serve as its Chairman and thanked Commissioner Jackson for his leadership.

## **BENEDICTION**

The Benediction was provided by Father Michael Foley, Pastor at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

## **RECESS FOR RECEPTION**

Chairman Desloge announced that a small reception would be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor reception area and invited all to attend. Commissioners were reminded that the Board would reconvene at approximately 3:45 p.m. to conduct its regularly scheduled meeting.

This concluded the Installation Ceremony and Board Reorganization.

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA** – The meeting reconvened at 3:50p.m.

## **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Commissioner Jackson read into the record a Proclamation recognizing the Tallahassee Soccer Club's Inaugural Season.
- Chris Petley, Tallahassee Soccer Club, thanked the Commission for the Proclamation.

He noted the pride and brand they carry and the jersey's state visit Tallahassee.

- Commissioner Desloge read into the record a Proclamation recognizing the Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Award Recipients.
  - Gloria Pugh, AMWAT Moving Warehousing & Storage, thanked the Commission for the Proclamation. She thanked her husband and staff for their support.
- Commissioner Maddox read into the record a Proclamation recognizing the Minority Enterprise Development Week. He recognized George Johnson, Aaron Milner, Primus Mtenga.
  - Aaron Milner, Johnson+Milner, Incorporated, thanked the Board for the recognition and honor.
- Commissioner Jackson read into the record a Proclamation recognizing Minority Enterprise Development Week for Mr. Edward Acoff, FSU Procurement Services. He thanked the Office of Vitality.
  - Mr. Edward Acoff, FSU Procurement Services, acknowledged the Board for the recognition.
- Commissioner Dozier and Commissioner Maddox read into record a Proclamation recognizing John Lawrence and his contributions to the Council on Culture and Arts.
  - Commissioner Maddox expounded on the great leadership of Mr. John Lawrence. He noted the legendary man he was and contributions to a community. He thanked Mrs. Lawrence for allowing her husband to serve.
    - Commissioner Proctor also noted the excellent service he provided while serving on the County's Finance Committee.
    - Mrs. Lawrence remarked on her husband's sacrifice and how he served numerous Boards within Leon County.
- Keri Post, Director, Tourism Division and Doug Shuler, presented the Amtrak Site Exterior Renovations. She noted it would be between Florida State University and Florida A & M University. She discussed the design of the revision of the building. She recognized the architects on the project of Barnet Fronczak Barlowe & Shuler Architects.
  - Doug Shuler of Barnet Fronczak Barlowe & Shuler Architects presented the Amtrak Site Exterior Renovations proposal. The era they used was the 1920-1940 era and the layout.
    - Commissioner Minor confirmed that the proposed renovations consider future possible expansions of Domi Station expanding.
    - Commissioner Dozier expressed that the presentation was great and inquired about the plaza development. She asked would Barnet, Fronczak, Barlowe & Shuler also be the architects on that interior phase of this project. She expressed the need for constant wayfinding signage for bike and pedestrian trails to be a part of the upcoming CRTPA Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
    - Commissioner Proctor confirmed was funding in place to complete the project. County Administrator Long commented yes. Commissioner Proctor inquired that there were no plans to relocate the dental clinic. Mr. Shuler commented the design date would be concluded in May 2020 and completion should follow 10 months after.
    - Commissioner Maddox expressed concern regarding the roundabout and traffic flow through the proposed courtyard space. His suggestion was to close

- the roundabout and make it a community space to enjoy. However, he loved all other aspects of the design.
  - County Administrator Long expounded the day-to-day usage will be to access parking as well as provide a place for tours to pick up and drop off.
- Keri Post, Director, Tourism Division and Curtis Zimmerman, Zimmerman Agency presented the Tourism Marketing Plan.
  - Kerri Post, Tourism Division Director, introduced the highlights from the 2020 Tourism Marketing Plan and introduced Curtis Zimmerman, Zimmerman Agency. She announced that staff will be developing a printed plan that will be distributed in December.
  - Curtis Zimmerman presented the highlights of the 2019-2021 Tourism Strategic Plan Goals; positioned Tallahassee as top destination in the U.S.; Target Audience; Marketing Initiatives and Marketing Tag Line – Visit Tallahassee “Pretty” Unexpected”.
  - Commissioner Proctor inquired about the “Pretty” “Unexpected” and had the tagline been approved by the Tourism Development Council.
  - Commissioner Maddox the presentation was nice. However, he confirmed that FAMU and FSU will be represented in the marketing plan.
    - Mr. Zimmerman responded that they have taken care of that. He noted they have tried to show the diversity.
  - Commissioner Dozier commended Zimmerman Agency and County staff for their work on the Marketing Plan. She inquired that the marketing plan reflect the diversity of the community and confirmed that the proposed app will help engage and educate Leon County residents about local attractions.
  - Commissioner Lindley shared her appreciation for the presentation.
  - Commissioner Minor commented on the versatile views of the presentation and spoke on the diversity aspect.
- Kathleen Spehar, COCA Executive Director, presented the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA).
  - Kathleen Spehar, COCA Executive Director, presented an update on the organization’s activities and grant programs during FY 2019 with her being the new Executive Director. She acknowledged her staff and thanked the Commission. She discussed the current grant programs with 83 projects, 68 grantees totaling \$1,727,812.90.
  - Commissioner Proctor commented on the Hartsfield Elementary Chorus trip to Carnegie Hall. He asked could COCA funding be used to support this venture.
    - Commissioner Maddox shared that COCA is funded by the Tourist Development Taxes which must be used to support events and programs that would attract visitors to Leon County.
    - Ms. Spehar responded that she would have her staff reach out to Hartsfield Elementary to discuss their fundraising plan and offer additional support.
    - Commissioner Dozier welcomed Mrs. Spehar. She discussed her concerns with COCA over the years. She expressed the progress they have already made. She commended efforts in spearheading fundraiser efforts for Hartsfield Elementary.
  - Chairman Desloge commented on COCA having Board on TDC and TDC have a Board Meeting on COCA. Mrs. Spehar noted it is the COCA’s Board decision.

**CONSENT:**

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of item 5. The motion carried 7-0.

**1. Minutes: September 17, 2019 Attorney-Client Meeting and September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Attorney-Client Meeting and the September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting.*

**2. Supervisor of Elections Propose Realignment of Voting Precinct Boundaries**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt, via resolution, the Supervisor of Election's proposed division of Voting Precinct No. 2305 to create additional Voting Precinct No. 2306 with a new polling place.*

**3. Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for November 12, 2019 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of November 13, 2019 through December 9, 2019.*

**4. FY 2019 Carry Forward Appropriations and FY 2019 Year-End Adjustments**

*The Board approved Option 1 and Option 2: Option 1: Authorize the carry forward of DY 2019 appropriations to the FY 2020 budget by adopting the Resolution and Budget Amendment. Option 2: Approve the FY 2019 year-end budget adjustments, and the Resolution and Budget Amendment.*

**5. Payment in Lieu of Taxes Reimbursement to the Tallahassee Housing Authority - PULLED by Commissioner Dozier**

**6. Request to Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Resolution Renouncing and Disclaiming any Right of the County in a Portion of Unimproved Right-of-Way Lying Between Lot 11, Block "A" and Lot 1, Block "B" per the Plat of Velda Oaks Subdivision for December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to consider a proposed Resolution renouncing and disclaiming and right the County in a portion of an unimproved road right-of-way lying between Lot 11, Block "A" and Lot 1, Block "B" per the plat of Velda Oaks Subdivision for December 10, 2019, at 6:00p.m.*

**7. Request to Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Resolution Renouncing and Disclaiming any Right of the County in the Drainage Easement lying between Lots 14 and 15, Block "K" of the recorded plat of Killearn Lakes, Unit 1 for December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule a First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Resolution Renouncing and Disclaiming any Right for the County n the Drainage Easement lying between Lots 14 and 15, Block "K" of the recorded Plat of Killearn Lakes, Unit 1 for December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.*

**8. Proposed revisions to County Policy No.96-1, Purchasing Policy”**

*The Board approved Options 1: Adopt the revised County Policy No. 96-1, “Purchasing Policy”*

**9. FY 2019 State Homeland Security Grant**

*The Board approved Option 1 and Option 2: Option 1: Accept the State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$40,460 and authorize the County Administrator to execute; and, authorize the County Administrator to execute any future modifications, in a form approved by the County Attorney. Option 2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget amendment Request in the amount of \$40,640.*

**10. Final FY 2019 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report**

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

**11. Commissioner Appointment to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**

*The Board approved Option 1: Ratify Commissioner Minor’s appointment of LaShawn Gordon to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2020.*

*(Should the Board choose to appoint Ms. Gordon it would be necessary for the Board to waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote.)*

**12. 2020 U.S. Department of Justice Grants**

*The Board approved Option 1 and Option 2: Option 1: Approve the Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff’s Office for the distribution of \$153,335 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Option 2: Authorize staff to submit an application to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the FY 2020 U.S. Department of Justice grant funds.*

**13. Ratification of the Board Actions Taken at the October 15, 2019 Joint County/City Workshop on the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan and the Alternative Mobility Funding System Study**

*The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board during the October 15, 2019 Joint County/City Workshop on the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan and the Alternative Mobility Funding System Study.*

**14. Agreement with Apalachee Center, Inc. for the Provision of State-Mandated Baker Act and Marchman Act Services**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Agreement with Apalachee Center, Inc. for Baker Act and Marchman Act state-mandated services for FY 2020 and authorize the County Administrator to execute.*

**15. FY 2020 Annual Plan for Library Service**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the FY 2020 Agreements with Bond Community Health Center, Inc., Neighborhood Medical Center, Inc., Capital Medical Society Foundation/We Care Network, and the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy for the County's Health Care Program and authorize the County Administrator to execute.*

**16. Agreement with the Leon County Sheriff for Continuation of the Tactical Medical Program**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Agreement with the Leon County Sheriff for the continuation of the Tactical Medical Program.*

**17. FY 2020 Annual Plan for Library Service**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the proposed FY 2020 Annual Plan for Library Service.*

**18. Plat of the Rivers Landing Phase IIA Subdivision**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Rivers Landing Phase IIA Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon staff's final review and approval and accept the Performance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**19. Proposed Resolution for Acquisition by Eminent Domain of an Additional Utility Easement for Meridian Road Crossdrain Project**

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed Resolution for Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain for the Meridian Road Crossdrain Project.

**20. 2020 Citizen Engagement Series, Club of Honest Citizens, and Village Square Events**

*The Board approved Option 1 and Option 2: Option 1: Approve the continued relationship with the Village Square and Club of Honest Citizens program, and authorize the County Administrator to execute and agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney. Option 2: Approve the tentative schedule of events for the 2020 Citizen Engagement Series, Club of Honest Citizens, and Village Square events.*

**Status Reports (Included under the Consent Agenda).**

**21. Status Report on Collaboration Efforts Between Leon County Tourism and Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on collaboration efforts between Leon County Tourism Division and Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality.*

**22. Status Report on the North Monroe Corridor**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the North Monroe corridor.*

**23. Third Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Third Quarter 2019 Economic Dashboard Report.*

**24. Status Report on the Leon County Water Quality Monitoring Program**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the 2019 Status Report on the Leon County Water Quality Monitoring Program*

**25. Status Report on Street Lighting Program**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2019 Status Report on the Street Lighting Program.*

**CONSTENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION Item #5**

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes Reimbursement to the Tallahassee Housing Authority**

Commissioner Dozier commented on the number of affordable housing organizations currently operating in Leon County. She requested that staff bring back an analysis of possible alternative uses of PILT funds to support affordable housing and review next year. She shared it gives staff the ability to look for other options or leave it the same.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, to approve Option #1 as amended: Approve reimbursement of Payment in Lieu of Taxes to Tallahassee Housing Authority in the amount of \$23,578 and direct staff to prepare an analysis of possible alternative uses of PILT funds to support affordable housing as part of next year's PILT payment. The motion passed 7-0.*

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

- Jeremy Block, 1109-B E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, noted opposition to Florida Senate Bill 168, which requires local law enforcement to enforce ICE detainer requests.
- Bart Bibler, 3673 Mossy Creek Lane, shared an update on the 32304 Summits and announced that their next meeting will be held on December 5, 2019 at the FSU Turnbull Conference Center.
- Dr. Ed Holifield, 4032 Longleaf Court, reflected on the need for diversity on the dais, hiring of the County Attorney, the Needle Exchange Program and Tallahassee Memorial's "D" Rating according to the Leapfrog Group Survey.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**



**26. Consideration to Authorize the Establishment of a Syringe Exchange Program (SEP)**

County Administrator Long announced this item. He shared the agenda item provides a report on the recent legislation permitting counties to establish syringe exchange programs and draft ordinance for the Board's consideration authorizing the establishment of a program. Commissioner Lindley noted her support for the proposed ordinance and requested that the term "intravenous drug use" be replaced with "injection drug use". She commended

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1 as amended: Accept the report on the recent legislation regarding syringe exchange programs and schedule the first and only public hearing to consider an ordinance authorizing the establishment of a sterile needle and syringe exchange program for December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and direct staff to replace the term "intravenous drug use" in the draft ordinance with "injection drug use".*

Commissioner Dozier inquired that staff provide additional information about HIV rates that continue to rise and for needed strategies in the community to address transmission.

Commissioner Minor sought clarification regarding the low number of individuals referred for drug treatment in Miami-Dade on the syringe exchange program. He inquired what the Health Department's role would be in identifying a program operator.

- Heather Peeples, Special Projects Coordinator, shared that participation in all wrap around serviced offered by the SEP, such as drug treatment, are voluntary. She confirmed that staff would bring back additional information how Miami-Dade and other programs are working to increase entry into programs. Ms. Peeples further explained that Florida Statutes requires the local health department be enlisted to provide recommendations for the operation of the program, including identifying an eligible entity with the resources to successfully operate and sustain a program.

Commissioner Proctor thanked Dr. Temple Robinson of Bond Community Health Center Inc., for 35 years of service.

*The motion carried 7-0.*

**27. Report on Local Government Ordinances Prohibiting the Sale of Smoking and Vaping Products to Those Under those Under the Age of 21**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. This agenda item provides a report on local government ordinances prohibiting the sale of smoking and vaping products to those under the age of 21 and seeks direction if the Board wishers to proceed with developing and ordinance for Leon County.

Public Comment:

- David Francis, 715 Miccosukee Rd, American Heart Association, voiced his concerns and encouraged the ordinance raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco and nicotine products from 18 to 21 years of age.

- Dr. Edward Holifield, 4032 Longleaf Court, raised apprehension regarding the CRA funding improvements to businesses that sell tobacco products.

Commissioner Dozier expressed concern regarding enforcement of an ordinance and the issuing of retail licenses. She asserted the intent or goal of the ordinance may be better achieved by state-wide legislation as the State already has an enforcement and licensing mechanism. She noted she could not support the ordinance at this time.

Chairman Desloge noted that the issue is currently being discussed by the Florida Legislature and suggested tabling the item until after the Legislative Session.

*Commissioner Lindley moved to table to after session, duly seconded by the Commissioner Dozier.*

Commissioner Minor commented that he too struggled with this item. He encouraged adopting a resolution to support a state-wide age increase.

Commissioner Proctor sought information on the comparative analysis on health impacts of tobacco and marijuana.

- Mrs. Claudia Blackburn, Leon County Health Department, stated that she would be thrilled to research on inhaling and she would provide information to the Board

*The motion to table carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Dozier requested a resolution for the Board's December 12, 2019 meeting in support of state-wide legislation.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor to direct staff to prepare a resolution requesting that the Legislature to increase the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 and to require State license of vaping establishments.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

County Administrator Long stated it would come back in December.

## **28. Bid Award for the Centerville Trace Pond Dam Replacement Project**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He noted this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the Centerville Trace Dam Replacement to Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,499,826.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award to Anderson Columbia Co., in the amount of \$2,499,826 for the Centerville Trace Pond Outfall Structure Replacement Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute.*

Commissioner Proctor inquired if the vendor had met the County's MWBE aspirational targets.

County Administrator Long explained that the vendor did not meet the aspirational targets for MWBE participation; however, OEV staff certified that the vendor made a good faith effort.

Commissioner Maddox requested that staff provide an overview of OEV programs and services to support MWBE's in Leon County.

Commissioner Jackson shared that only one business responded to bid, which is a sign of a healthy private sector.

Commissioner Lindley reflected on existing County initiatives to support development of MWBE's.

*The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Proctor was out of the Chambers).*

**29. Procurement of a Helicopter for the Leon County Sheriff's Office**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He noted this agenda item seeks Board approval to waive the competitive procurement requirements in the Purchasing Policy to purchase a Bell 505 Ranger Jet X Helicopter and related accessories and services for the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option 1, 2 and 3: Option 1: Waive the solicitation requirements of the County's Purchasing Policy as allowed by section 5.10 for the purchase of a Bell 505 Jet Ranger X in the amount of \$1,527,200 and authorize the County Administrator to execute a Purchase Agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney. Option 2: Authorize staff to use the County's contracted Financial Advisor to solicit bids for equipment lease financing. Option 3: Approve the associated Resolution and Budget Amendment.*

*Board discussion occurred from Commissioner's Maddox, Lindley and Desloge.*

*The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Proctor was out of the Chambers).*

**30. Full Board Appointments to the Council on Culture and Arts and the Early Learning Coalition**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He noted this agenda item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Council on Culture and Arts and the Early Learning Coalition.

*The Board approved Option 1 and 2:  
Council on Culture and Arts:*

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for the Board to appoint Rachelle McClure to the Council on Culture and Arts for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2002.*

*(Should the Board choose to appoint Ms. McClure it would be necessary for the Board to waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote.*

*Early Learning Coalition:*

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, for the Board to appoint Kim Sims to the Early Learning Coalition for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2021.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

### **31. Approval of Employment Agreement for the County Attorney**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He noted this agenda item seeks the Board's consideration of an employment agreement with Chasity O'Steen for the position of County Attorney, negotiated by the Chairman as authorized by the Board at the October 29, 2019 Special Meeting. All of the terms reflected in the proposed employment agreement have been agreed to by Ms. O'Steen, and a copy of the agreement signed by Ms. O'Steen. Commissioner Jackson discussed the salary negotiations.

Commissioner Proctor confirmed the starting salary of the new County Attorney, Ms. Chasity O'Steen.

Commissioner Desloge commended staff for implementing an excellent hiring process.

*Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, approval of Option 1: Approve the employment agreement for the County Attorney and authorize the Chairman to execute. The motion carried 7-0.*

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS** (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

- Chairman Desloge confirmed that there were no speakers on non-agendaed items.

### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

- Announced his desire to join in an amicus brief in the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Appeal in support of overturning adverse court ruling finding the Orange County Human Rights Ordinance unconstitutional.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindley to authorize the County Attorney join in an amicus brief in 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal in support of overturning adverse court ruling finding the Orange County Human Rights Ordinance unconstitutional. The motion carried 7-0.*

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

- Commended former Chairman Jackson.

### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Commissioner Lindley:**

- Acknowledged Assistant County Attorney Jessica Icerman for her years of service to the County.
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!
- **Commissioner Proctor:**
- Invited the Board to attend the 32304 Summit meeting on December 5.
- Reflected on the hiring process for the City of Tallahassee Police Chief.
- Inquired if the Board Retreat could possibly be moved from the Goodwood Museum.
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!
- Announced that the Howard and FAMU football game.

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Shared reflections on the Veterans' Day events.
- Commended Commissioner Maddox and Royle King of the Omega Si Phi, Lamplighters. She shared she attended their brunch on Saturday and commented the youth did a phenomenal job.
- Requested an agenda item regarding indemnification and liability of Tall Timber's proposal to donate their services for a controlled burn of the Lake Lafayette lake bottom.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor to direct staff to prepare and agenda item regarding the indemnification and liability of Tall Timber's proposal to donate their services for a controlled burn of the Lake Lafayette lake bottom for the Board's December 10, 2019 meeting.*
- Requested proposal for the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to present a proposal for the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, which granted women the right to vote. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!

**Commissioner Maddox:**

- Commended Royle King for his outstanding service to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Lamplighters Inc. (OLL) as a founding member of the mentor organization. He acknowledged his as the outgoing president and thanked him for dedicated support. He noted he would bestow the honor of a proclamation later. He also asked that the Lamplighters come for a tour of the Courthouse and Chambers.
- Requested resolution in support of U.S. Senate Bill 2552.
- *Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to direct staff to prepare a resolution in support of U.S. Senate Bill 2552: Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act which amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an option for first responders age 50 to 64 who are separated from service due to retirement or disability to buy into Medicare; and ask our federal lobbying team to update the Board on the status of bill. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Welcomed Attorney Chasity O'Steen and thanked Mr. Thiele for his service to Leon County.
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!

**Commissioner Jackson:**

- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!
- Thanked everyone again for their kind remarks for his leadership service.

- Reflected on the update to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act increasing the amount that can be collected for civil traffic penalties to fund driver education program is in schools.
- *Commissioner Jackson moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item considering updating County Ordinance to increase the amount collected for civil traffic penalties from \$3 to \$5 driver education program is schools. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Commissioner Minor:**

- Thanked Commissioner Jackson for service and for allowing him to reschedule the Invocation planned for the October 29 meeting to this meeting.
- Commended staff for their work on the Status Report on the North Monroe Corridor.
- Welcomed Ms. Osteen to the County.
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!

**Chairman Desloge:**

- Commended Commissioner Jackson for his service.
- Thanked Board for confidence in electing him as Chairman and stated that his is looking forward to the next year.
- Shared Happy Thanksgiving wishes!

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- None

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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