

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 28, 2020**

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

Chairman Desloge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Quincy Griffin from the Family Worship and Praise Center, which included the “Worship with Me” Program youth participants, Rosheeka Bryant, and Janecia Williams. Commissioner Dozier then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Proclamation Recognizing the Florida Commission on the Status of Women’s Spirit of the Community Award Recipient, Paloma Rambana
- Lady Dhyana Ziegler, Commissioner, and Kelly Sciba, Executive Director, the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, presented the Women’s Spirit of the Community Award to Paloma Rambana, who started a campaign called “Fund the Gap” to ask the Florida Legislature to fund the Division of Blind Services Children’s Program to help blind and visually impaired children ages 6 through 13 and successfully secured \$1,250,000 in funding.
- Paloma Rambana thanked the Board and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for the recognition. She accepted the honor for the women that came before her and those that would come after her.
  
- Presentation from the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority
  - Ramsay Sims, Educational Facilities Authority Chairman, provided an update and background on the activities of the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority.
  - Commissioner Desloge explained that the Educational Facilities Authority is slowly working their way out of the real estate business.
  - Commissioner Maddox commended the Chairman of the Educational Facilities Authority Chairman, for leadership on that Board and that they are moving in the right direction.
  - Commissioner Minor thanked Mr. Sims for his leadership.
  
- Proclamation Recognizing the Accomplishments and Contributions of Dr. Pamela Hall
- Commissioner Minor read into the record a Proclamation recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Dr. Pamela Hall at 6:00 p.m. before the Public Hearings were conducted.
- Dr. Pamela Hall thanked the Board for the Proclamation. She acknowledged staff and citizens that have worked with her over the years on various issues.

- Chair Desloge shared that Leon County is in a better place due to Dr. Hall's advocacy.
- Commissioner Minor expressed his appreciation for Dr. Hall.
- Commissioner Maddox commended Dr. Hall and shared his appreciation for her teaching him about various land use issues.
- Commissioner Jackson commented on Dr. Hall's passion for ecology and her ability to educate and communicate in an effortless way.
- Commissioner Dozier also commended Dr. Hall for all her work and thanked her family for sharing Dr. Hall with the community.
- Commissioner Lindley commended Dr. Hall for her great work.
- Commissioner Proctor thanked Dr. Hall for her willingness to listen and how he respected her patience and the trust she had built within the community.
- County Administrator Long acknowledged Dr. Hall on behalf of the staff. He shared how her efforts always made the County better.

**CONSENT:**

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

**1. Minutes: October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting.*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for January 28, 2020 and preapprove the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of January 29, 2020, through February 10, 2020.*

**3. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar.*

**4. Commissioner Appoints to the Library Advisory Board**

*The Board approved Option 1: Ratify individual Commissioner appointments of citizens to the Library Advisor Board:*

- Commissioner Jackson appoints Mallary Rawls for a two-year term ending December 31, 2021.*
- Commissioner Minor appoints Doris Laing for a two-year term ending December 31, 2021.*
- Commissioner Desloge appoints Shameeka King for a two-year ending December 31, 2021.*

**5. National Endowment for the Arts "The Big Read" Grant Proposal**

*The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the submission of the National Endowment of the Arts "The Big Read" grant proposal.*

**6. Amended Community Development Block Grant Housing Assistance Plan**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the revised Community Development Block Grant Housing Assistance Plan and adopt the associated Resolution.*

**7. Proposed Leon County Page Program**

*The Board approved Options 1: Approve the proposed new Leon County Page Program Policy.*

**8. Authorization to Negotiate an Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program Projects**

*The Board approved Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with AE Engineering, Inc., and the next three ranked firms if necessary, for the Construction Engineering and Inspection services for Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program Projects in Leon County in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**9. Approval of the Plat of Avery Park Subdivision**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the plat of Avery Park Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon final review and approval by the County Engineer and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device in a form approved by the County Attorney.*

**10. Request to Schedule First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Sixth Amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Integrated Development Order for March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider a sixth amendment to the Southwood Development of Regional Impact Integrated Development Order for March 10., 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

**11. Updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Management Functions**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Authorize the Chairman to execute.*

**Status Reports:**

**12. Status Update on Legacy Event Grant Program Events and Approval to Award FY 2020 Legacy Grant Funding**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the implementation of the Legacy Event Grant Program; and*

*Option 2: Approve the Tourism grant funding for FY 2020 events at the levels recommended by the Tourist Development Council:*

- a. \$46,000 for Market Days.
- b. \$75,000 for the Red Hills International Horse Trials.
- c. \$62,600 for the Springtime Tallahassee Festival.
- d. \$52,295 for LeMoyne's Chain of Parks Art Festival.

**13. Tallahassee-Leon County Board of Adjustment and Appeals 2019 Annual Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Tallahassee-Leon County Board of Adjustment and Appeals 2019 Annual Report.*

**14. Housing Finance Authority of Leon County FY 2019 Annual Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the FY 2019 Annual Report from the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County.*

**15. Domi Education Entrepreneurial Community Impact Report for FY 2019**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Domi Education Entrepreneurial Community Impact Report for FY 2019.*

**16. Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Performance and Financial Report**

*The Board Option 1: Accept the FY 2019 Annual Performance and Financial Report.*

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER; THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION)**

Chairman Desloge confirmed the list speakers for non-agenda items.

- Martha Roberts, 5268 Quail Valley Road, spoke in opposition of putting the Children's Service Council on the ballot in November until the proper information is submitted.
- Sharon Mears, 4556 Hedgewood Drive, spoke in opposition of added the Children's Service Council item to the November ballot. She shared the tax was not needed in Leon County.
- Brent Pichard, 2211 Ellicott Drive, spoke in opposition to the Children's Service Council referendum. He gave a brief background on the referendum that would appear on the 2020 ballot. He shared his opinion of it being a burden on the taxpayers. He asked was there another way. He suggested a further study be done on the effects on the additional tax and that they reverse the June 18, 2019 vote.
- Michael Andrews, 2397 Home Court, spoke in opposition to the Children's Service Council being on the November ballot and asked for more coordination on this item.

- Merton E. Munson, 532 Maclay Road, spoke in opposition to putting the Children's Service Council on the November ballot.
- Edward Eppinger, 3851 Moriarity Court, spoke in opposition of the Children's Service Council Tax on the ballot.
- Michael Rosenthal, 4045 Kilmartin Drive, spoke in opposition to the Children's Services Tax being placed on the ballot.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, spoke in support of additional black businesses in the downtown area and spoke of the recent addition of the shoeshine business that is now available outside Andrew's Restaurant. He thanked the Downtown Improvement Authority for their efforts.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- *Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, for approval to make agenda modifications to move items #20, #22, #23, and #24 before Item #17. The motion carried 7-0.*

#### **17. Bid Award for the Exclusive Franchise to Provide Waste Collection Services in Unincorporated Leon County**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He shared that this item seeks Board direction regarding awarding a bid for unincorporated area curbside waste collection services or negotiating a renewal of the current Agreement with Waste Pro, Inc.

Chair Desloge then called for public comment.

- Loyd Childree, 8457 Congressional Drive, a lobbyist for Waste Pro, gave an overview of the company. He encouraged the Board to renew the current Agreement with Waste Pro and committed to maintaining the residential subscription rate consistent with the current agreement.
- Inigo Sanz, 9172 Ley Road, Houston, Texas, FCC Environmental Services, gave an overview of the company and encouraged the Board to award the bid to FCC.
- Charles Merkley, 6760 Muskogee Street, Orlando, Florida, FCC Environmental Services, provided additional information on the company. He asked that the Board award bid to FCC.
- Jessica Icerman, 401 East Jackson Street #2100, Tampa, Florida, attorney with Stearns, Weaver, Miller, and lobbyist representing FCC Environmental Services requested 6 minutes from the Board and it was granted. She presented the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation. She encouraged the County to issue a Notice of Intent to award the bid to FCC.
- Commissioner Maddox inquired about the number of customer complaints received for WastePro's service and they anticipate an increased level of customer service in the future.
  - Maggie Theriot, Director of the Office of Resource Stewardship, reported that the number of legitimate complaints has increased in the last three years resulting in the overall liquidated damages increasing each year, but noted that since September 2019, there has been a significant decline in liquidated damages.

- Commissioner Maddox requested that if the County extends the current agreement that the contract would have recourse for future complaints and if service levels decline include the ability to terminate the contract. He also requested that the County would not incur a financial penalty for terminating the contract.
- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Attorney that by extending the current contract would not allow for modification of the level of service terms; however, he recommended that the contract include a termination provision. She reflected on the number of complaints, environmental issues and fines imposed on Waste Pro and the amount of staff time used to address customer complaints. She stated that while an agreement with FCC would involve a rate increase it would also provide an increased level of service.
- Commissioner Proctor asked County Administrator Long what the difference was in the bids.
  - County Administrator Long indicated the low bid was from FCC and was for \$18.19/month and the second-lowest bid coming from Waste Pro was for \$18.97/month. He shared that this was a hard-bid situation that has been through the solicitation process.
- Commissioner Proctor confirmed with the County Administrator that a Waste Pro renewal would maintain the current \$14.15/month rate with no additional services included. He reflected on the financial burden of a \$4/month increase to the citizens. He expressed an interest in learning more about the bidder's local hiring practices and minority subcontracting.
- Commissioner Minor thanked the bidders and reflected on the financial burden of a \$4 per month increase to the citizens. He supported the renegotiation of the current contract with a termination clause.
- Commissioner Lindley reflected on the poor customer service currently provided by Waste Pro and the need for the County to hire an employee to handle the citizen complaints. She confirmed with the County Attorney that issuing Notice of Intent would lift the cone of silence. She shared her support of awarding the bid to FCC and indicated that the rate increase is justified for an increase in customer service.
- *Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 2. Approve the bid award to FCC for the exclusive franchise to provide waste collection services in unincorporated Leon County and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the Agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney.*
- Commissioner Jackson expressed concern with the impact of increased rates and confirmed that the current agreement has customer service clauses. He stated his support for the renegotiation of the current contract with Waste Pro and confirmed that the bid would come back for Board approval at the February meeting.
- Commissioner Maddox shared that Waste Pro would want to meet the County's expectation of a higher level of service. He reflected on the poor customer service received in the past and the need for the County to hire an employee to handle the citizen complaints.
- Chairman Desloge shared his support for Option 1, to renew the current agreement with Waste Pro and bring it back for Board consideration.
- *Commissioner Maddox moved a substitute motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to approve Option 1 as amended: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a renewal of current Agreement with Waste Pro, Inc. including a termination provision*

*based upon performance and customer service complaints and bring back for Board consideration. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioners Dozier and Lindley in opposition).*

**18. Consideration of Immediate and Long-Term Strategies Related to the County's Recycling Program**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared as requested by Marpan Recycling, this item recommends negotiating an interim agreement increasing the County's contractual payments to Marpan considering a continued decline in the global recyclables market. Additionally, this item recommends the Board authorize the County Administrator to engage a consultant in partnership with the City of Tallahassee to identify alternative long-term strategies for the future of the County's recycling program.

Commissioner Dozier thanked staff and Marpan for their work on this item. She confirmed with the County Administrator that an agenda item would be brought back to hire a consultant to evaluate long-term options for the County's recycling program and asked that staff explore commercial recycling opportunities. She indicated that she would like to discuss this issue at the next Apalachee Regional Planning Council meeting.

Commissioner Proctor reflected on the challenges in the recycling business. He commended Marpan's willingness to enter into an interim agreement, while the Board decides the future of the County's recycling program.

Commissioner Minor confirmed that the County could not compel Marpan to continue to provide services at a loss and thanked Marpan for their willingness to enter into an interim agreement.

Commissioner Desloge reflected that it is a difficult situation and thanked Marpan.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, approval of Option 1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate an interim agreement with Marpan Recycling in order to ensure the continuation of the County's single-stream recycling program in the immediate term and to bring a draft agreement back to the Board for approval in February; and*

*Option 2: Authorize the County Administrator to engage a consultant in partnership with the City of Tallahassee to evaluate long-term options for the future of the County's recycling program, and to bring a final report and analysis to the Board for consideration at the FY 2020 Budget Workshop; and*

*Option 3: Direct staff to prepare a budget discussion item during the FY 2022 budget cycle to evaluate increasing the solid waste non-ad valorem assessment to support the anticipated increase in recycling cost.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

**19. Community Human Services Partnership Needs Assessment**

Commissioner Maddox recused himself due to the appearance of a conflict due to his current employment with the Boys & Girls Club.



County Administrator Long introduced the item. He noted this agenda item presents the Center for Health Equity's Human Services Needs Assessment Final Report. The report, and the broader analysis provided herein, offer the various option for Board consideration in our continuous efforts to improve the Community Human Service Partnership (CHSP) process and to optimize our limited human services funding to address the greatest human services needs of our community.

He stated options 1 and 2 would allow them to do what is needed.

Chairman Desloge called for public comment.

Public Speakers:

- Amber Tynan, 2477 Tim Gamble Place, Suite 200, 32308, United Partners for Human Services, commended the County's support of the CHSP process. She encouraged the Board to reject the Needs Assessment and approve Option 5, to maintain the current funding categories and allocations for the next two-year CHSP funding cycle.
- Tim Center, 1218, Camellia Drive, 32301, CEO of Capital Area Community Action Agency, commended the Board for the CHSP process and spoke in support of Option #4, to support a workgroup of community stakeholders with assistance from FSU.
- Commissioner Dozier stated support for Options 3 and 4. She reflected that Option 1 had an unclear process for support of a specific census tract; however, Option 4 would include a further evaluation and possible future recommendation to expand the Promise Zone. She confirmed with the County Administrator that Option 2 would not be necessary if Option 4 is adopted.
  - County Administrator Long confirmed that Option 3 provided for new needs assessment in FY27. He also indicated that the 5 options provided are not mutually exclusive with exception of 5 and stated that if Options 1 and 2 are approved by the Board and would be making incremental process for FY21 and FY22.
- Commissioner Dozier indicated that in 2016 the Board approved the data collection from the CHSP providers but questioned if the system to aggregate this data was in place.
  - Shington Lamy, Director, Office of Human Services and Community Partnership, indicated that the data is being collected online for the current two-year funding process and was not available during the need's assessment period.
  - County Administrator Long indicated that the data would be provided to the workgroup if formed, in Option 4.
- Commissioner Minor confirmed that if Option 1 is approved, staff would bring back additional details on how staff would implement the Promised Zone. He expressed support for certain census tracts but also didn't want to tie the hands of the workgroup.
  - *Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor for Options 2-4.*



- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Administrator that Option 2 would not be necessary if Option 4 were adopted.
- *Commissioner Dozier moved a revised motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor for Option 3: Update the needs assessment report for the funding cycle beginning in FY27 to ensure the County's limited human services funding continues to address the greatest human services needs of our community; and Option 4: Direct staff to prepare an agenda item for the Board to consider engaging the FSU Askew School of Public Policy to provide technical assistance and support to a workgroup of community stakeholders in order to develop additional analysis and recommendations regarding the needs assessment for the funding cycle beginning in FY23.*
- Commissioner Proctor spoke in support of Option 1 to create a Promised Zone to address income inequality in certain areas of Leon County.
- Commissioner Jackson shared his support for Options 1 and 2.
- Commissioner Desloge expressed support of Options 1 and 2.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge to approve Options 1: Create a new CHSP Promise Zone category funded by both the County and City by expanding the Promise Zone area to include additional high poverty census tracts (generally found in the 32304 area), and direct staff to provide options for the level of County funding for CHSP and the Promise Zone to be considered as part of the upcoming budget process; and Option 2: Refine the outcome measures presented in the need's assessment with human service stakeholders to be implemented in the second year of the upcoming cycle. The motion carried 4-2 (Commissioners Minor and Dozier opposing and Commissioner Maddox recusing himself).*

## **20. Six-Year Helicopter Equipment Lease**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared this agenda seeks Board approval of a six-year equipment lease to finance the acquisition of a Bell 505 Ranger Helicopter for the Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, approval of Option 1: Approve the Loan Agreement with Regions Bank for the equipment financing of the 505 Bell Helicopter and adopt the associated Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute; and*

*Option 2: Approve the Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and authorize the Chairman to execute.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Dozier commended staff for their work with this project.

## **21. Bid Award for Raymond Tucker Road Drainage Improvement Project**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared this agenda item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the Raymond Tucker Road Drainage Improvement Project to Hale Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,422,413.

- Keith Hetrick, 6306 Weeping Willow Way, shared his stance in support of the project.
- Commissioner Dozier commended staff for working with citizens to address their concerns.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, for approval of Options 1 & 2: Option 1: Approve the bid award for the Raymond Tucker Road Drainage Improvement Project to Hale Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,422,413 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement; and Option 2: Approve the Budget Resolution realizing Transportation Trust fund balance. The motion carried 7-0.*

**22. Bid Award for the Construction of Safety Improvements on Old Bainbridge Road from North Monroe Street to the Gadsden County Line and the Intersection of Knots Lane**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the construction of safety improvements on Old Bainbridge Road from North Monroe Street to the Gadsden County Line and the Intersection of Knots Lane to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$552,578.

*Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$552,578 for construction of safety improvements on Old Bainbridge Road from North Monroe Street to the Gadsden County Line and the Intersection of Knots Lane and authorize the County Administrator to execute. The motion carried 7-0.*

**23. Bid Award for the Construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Cross Country Facility Improvements**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared this item seeks Board approval to award the bid for the construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Cross Country Facility improvements to Mejia International Group Corporation in the amount of \$2, 698,479.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lindley, approval of Option 1: Approve the bid award to Mejia International Group Corporation in the amount of \$2,698,479 for the construction of the Apalachee Regional Park Cross Country Facility improvements and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement. The motion carried 7-0.*

**24. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and the Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup.**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He shared this agenda item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and the Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup.

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Appoint one eligible applicant to the Resident Seat on the Advisory Committee on Quality Growth for a three-year term ending May 31, 2023. The Board appointed: Patrick O'Bryant. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Lindley moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option 2: eligible applicant, John Outland, to the Alternate Seat on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, for the remainder of the three-year term ending June 30, 2022; and Option 3: Appoint eligible applicant, Chris Hudson, to the Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2020. The motion carried 7-0.*

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

**25. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 10-1.101 of the Land Development Code Entitled "Definitions" and Creating a New Section 10-6.820, Entitled "Solar Energy Systems"**

County Administrator Long announced the public hearing. He indicated that the item seeks approval to allow the adoption of an ordinance amending section 10-1.101 of the Land Development Code. He further noted this item provides for the second and final of two required Public Hearings for Board adoption of an Ordinance that will encourage the use of solar energy systems as an alternative and sustainable source of renewable energy by providing a minimal and expedited permitting process with minimal permit costs for prospective applicants.

Chair Desloge called for public comment.

- Elva Peppers, 221-4 Delta Court, Florida Environmental Land Services, representing Summit Partners, LLC, spoke in opposition to the Type D buffer requirement for all land use types and spoke in support in support of a Type A buffer for utility-scale projects in non-residential areas.
- Dr. Pamela Hall, 5051 Quail Valley, spoke in support of staff recommendations and adoption of the Ordinance. She opposed the buffers suggested. She noted two ways of thinking is the cost of the buffers; urban fringe – rural residential areas and that the solar farms don't count as open space.
- Kim Ross, 1203 Buckingham Drive, Director of ReThink Energy Florida, endorsed Dr. Hall's options. She spoke in the support of the motion.
- Mike Rychlik, 9601-68 Miccosukee Road, Keep it Rural, spoke in support of adoption of the Ordinance and commended DSEM staff for their work on this issue.
- Neil Fleckenstein, 13093 Henry Beadel Drive, Tall Timbers, commended staff and spoke in support of adoption of the ordinance as presented.
- Tracy Bensley, 3021 Eagle Point Way, General Manager of Talquin Electric, commended staff for their work and spoke in support of the Ordinance.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Section*

10-1.101 of the Land Development Code, entitled "Definitions" and creating a new Section 10-6.820, entitled "Solar Energy Systems". The motion carried 7-0.

**26. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-25 of the Leon County Code of Laws Entitled, "Additional Civil Traffic Penalty"**

County Administrator Long announced this item. He shared this item requests the Board to conduct the first and only public hearing to consider an Ordinance increasing the Additional Civil Traffic Penalty from \$3 to \$5 which will provide increased funding for Leon County Schools high school driver education programs.

Commissioner Jackson spoke in support of the Ordinance and reflected on the funds being used to support driver's education in Leon County.

*Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson, approval of Option 1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-25 of the Leon County Code of Laws entitled, "Additional Civil Traffic Penalty". The motion carried 7-0.*

**27. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Leon County Code, Regarding Communications Facilities and Utility Poles Within the Public Rights-of-Way**

County Administrator Long announced the item. He noted that pursuant to Board direction at the meeting of December 10, 2019, this item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article V, of the Leon County Code of Laws, regarding the regulation of communications facilities and utility poles with the public rights-of-way.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Conduct first and only public hearing and adopt Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article V, Leon County Code, regarding communications facilities and utility poles within the public rights-of-way. 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. OR list speakers.

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**County Attorney Thiele:**

- No additional comments.

**County Administrator Long:**

- No additional comments.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Highlighted the upcoming Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.
- Discussed the invocation process and stated her plans to explore other broader opportunities for varied speakers.
- Reflected on her time serving on COCA. She confirmed with the County Administrator that the agenda item for the upcoming COCA grants would be expedited and included on the February 11 Board agenda.
- Inquired when the County's Federal and State lobbyist contracts were up for renewal and requested that staff explore the possibility of the State lobbyist engaging local State agencies throughout the year.
  - Andrew Johnson, Assistant to the County Administrator, explained that the County's Federal and State lobbyist contracts included two-year extensions and the current contract is the first one-year extension.
  - County Administrator Long stated that the existing contract has the flexibility to include the lobbying of State agencies and staff will include this request in the agenda item for future contracts.

**Commissioner Proctor:**

- Acknowledged staff for an outstanding retreat and the new direction for the Library.
- Noted that the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulated Coach Leonard Hamilton, FSU Basketball Coach, and his team, on their outstanding season.

**Commissioner Lindley:**

- Requested an agenda item to explore joining the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Affairs, AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in Florida.
  - *Commissioner Lindley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item on joining the Florida Department of Elders Affairs, AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Commissioner Jackson:**

- Commended the Board for being forward-looking in their planning and providing for the next generation.

**Commissioner Maddox:**

- Expressed his appreciation for this year's Board Retreat.
- Wished his wife Happy Birthday.
- Commended staff on addressing the addition of the blinking light near the intersection of Jim Lee Road and Orange Avenue to provide for safe crossing for the students at Rickards High School.

- Noted that the FAC Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 29, at the Capitol, starts at 7:30 A.M. through 7:30 P.M.

**Vice-Chair Minor:**

- Requested a proclamation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary League of Women Voters.
  - *Commissioner Minor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to present a proclamation recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary League of Women Voters at the February 11, 2020 Board meeting. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Requested the County Attorney to provide an agenda item to clarify lobbying in the Ethics Ordinance.
  - *Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge, to direct staff to prepare an agenda item clarifying lobbying in the Ethics Ordinance. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Reflected on the historic significance of Lake Hall School, a one-room schoolhouse, off of Thomasville Road.
  - *Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Desloge to direct staff to prepare an agenda item with options for preserving the Lake Hall Schoolhouse. The motion carried 7-0.*

**Chairman Desloge:**

- Commended staff on this year's Board Retreat.
- Noted that (American Veterans) AMVETS requested that the City and County provide \$7,500 each for the construction of a bell tower at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. He requested an agenda item to consider funding the construction of the AMVETS bell tower.
  - *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to direct staff to provide an agenda item to consider funding the construction of the AMVETS bell tower at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Requested a budget discussion item to consider taking over two passive parks currently owned by the Killearn Acres HOA.
  - Commissioner Dozier would like to include in the analysis, information on the street lighting in neighborhood.
  - *Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to direct staff to provide a budget discussion item to consider taking over two passive parks currently owned by the Killearn Acres HOA and include an analysis on the neighborhood street lighting. The motion carried 7-0.*

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- The Housing Finance Authority of Leon County FY2019 Auditor's Reports & Financial Statements
- The Capital Regional Community Development District Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2019

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



BY:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Desloge", written over a horizontal line.

BY:

Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners