

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 8, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Bill Proctor presiding. Present were Vice-Chairman Nick Maddox and Commissioners Brian Welch, Kristin Dozier, Carolyn Cummings, Rick Minor, and Jimbo Jackson. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Alphonso B. Whitaker of Peacemakers, Inc., and the Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Commissioner Minor.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- **REMOVED - Proclamation Recognizing the Leon County Chapter of the Charmettes Inc. for 50 years of Debutant Presentations and Scholarships, and its Support of the Howard University Cancer Center**
- **ADDED - Presentation of the Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI) 2022 Catalyst Class Project**
  - Betsy Couch, KCCI Executive Director, gave an update. She discussed the planning for KCCI Placemaking Week. She stated the focus included painting at the Downtown Library, planting 200 trees for Tallahassee's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and fundraising activities.
  - Commissioner Minor thanked Ms. Couch and KCCI. He stated that he serves on the KCCI Board and thanked them for their hard work.
  - Commissioner Dozier thanked them for their hard work.
- **Legislative Update**
  - Andrew Johnson, Assistant to the County Administrator, gave a legislative status update. He noted this was the last week of session. He noted several bills of importance and shared that after session ends they will present a final report.
  - Commissioner Cummings thanked Mr. Johnson for the summary. She asked about the legislation that would allow businesses to challenge local ordinances, and the potential budget cuts to school districts that implemented mask mandates.
  - Commissioner Jackson inquired regarding legislation to provide \$10,000 down-payment assistance for essential workers.
  - Commissioner Dozier thanked the legislative team for their great work.
  - Chairman Proctor commented on the school board fines.
    - County Attorney O'Steen noted that this is a budgetary issue in response to previous mask related policies.

**CONSENT**

Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 17. The motion carried 7-0.

**1. Minutes: January 4, 2022 Special Meeting, and January 24, 2022 Board Retreat**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of January 4, 2022, Special Meeting and January 24, 2022, Board Retreat.*

**2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for March 8, 2022 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of March 9, 2022 through April 11, 2022.*

**3. Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners**

*The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 01-05, "Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners."*

**4. Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, the Land Development Code, to Address the Sign Regulations for May 10, 2022, and June 14, 2022**

*The Board approved Option 1: Schedule two Public Hearings to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, the Land Development Code, to address the sign regulations, for May 10, 2022, and June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.*

**5. PULLED - Ratification of Actions Taken at the February 22, 2022, Joint Affordable Housing Workshop and Update on the ERA Temporary Relocation Assistance Program**

**6. PULLED - Resolutions Authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to Issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds**

**7. Analysis of Historic Population Projections and Land Use Needs Compared to the 2020 U.S. Census and Actual Development Activity**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the analysis of historic population projections and land use needs compared to the 2020 U.S. Census and actual development activity.*

**8. Cooperative Forest Road Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service National Forests in Florida**

*The Board approved Option 1: Approve the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Cooperative Agreement on National Forest Service Roads, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**9. Third Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Fletcher Oaks Subdivision Phase I**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the Third Performance Agreement and Surety Device for Fletcher Oaks Subdivision Phase I and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and any future extensions thereto.*

**10. PULLED - Approval of Rivers Landing Phase IIA Replat**

**11. PULLED - Approval of the FY2022 – FY2026 Division of Tourism Strategic Plan**

*Procurements: (These items are included under Consent).*

**12. PULLED - Bid Award for Construction of the Crowder Road Boat Landing Improvements**

*Status Reports: (These items are included under Consent)*

**13. Annual 2021 Concurrency Report**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the 2021 Concurrency Annual Report.*

**14. Annual Fiscal Year 2021 Leon County Contractors Licensing Board Report**

*The Board approved Options 1-2:*

*Option 1: Accept the Annual FY 2021 Contractors Licensing Board Report; and  
Option 2: Direct staff to draft changes to amend the Code of Laws Chapter 5, Building Code and Chapter 10, Land Development Code, to sunset the Leon County Contractors Licensing Board, and schedule for Board consideration for approval via the public hearing process.*

**15. PULLED - Annual 2021 Supervised Pretrial Release Program Report**

**16. PULLED - Status Report on Water Quality Regulatory Standards in Florida and Georgia**

**17. PULLED - Status Report on the Killlearn Chain of Lakes**

**26. ADD-ON - Knight Creative Communities Institute 2022 Catalyst Class Project**

*The Board approved Option 1: Accept the status report on the Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI) 2022 Catalyst Class Report.*

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**5. Ratification of Actions Taken at the February 22, 2022, Joint Affordable Housing Workshop and Update on the ERA Temporary Relocation Assistance Program**

This item was pulled by Chairman Proctor.

- Kirsten Mood, via Zoom, thanked the County and City Commissions for their continued work on affordable housing.
- Chairman Proctor discussed his concerns. He asked how the individual need would be prioritized and reflected on the needs of the homeless population. He inquired about the partnership with the Urban League.
  - Shington Lamy, Director, Human Services and Community Partnerships, stated that priority will be given to those individuals whose household income is at 50% or below AMI. He provided an overview of the funding that is currently being used for homeless services. He explained that the Urban League will assist with intake for the Temporary Relocation Assistance Program. Mr. Lamy discussed that \$6.3 million dollars have been allocated for CARES.
- Vice-Chair Maddox reflected on the Heirs' Property Program in Gainesville. He inquired if staff could look into the program to see if it would be appropriate for Leon County.
  - Shington Lamy replied that Legal Services of North Florida offered a similar program that aided with heirs' property issues.
- Chairman Proctor shared that Clerk Marshall's Office does periodic workshops on heirs' property issues.
- Commissioner Cummings reflected on the recurring issue of senior citizens who have complained about not being able to receive home repair assistance because they cannot show that they own the property. Shington Lamy confirmed that ownership must be confirmed in order to qualify for the home rehabilitation program as it is funded through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program.
- Commissioner Dozier stated her support of the motion. She reflected on the need for referrals to the available services once an issue has been identified.
  - Shington Lamy stated that referrals are made when citizens apply for home rehabilitation assistance and proactively at the annual Home Expo.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve as amended:*

*Option 1: Ratify the preliminary actions taken at the February 22, 2022, Joint Affordable Housing Workshop, including:*

- *Accepted the joint report on affordable housing in Tallahassee-Leon County;*
- *As recommended by the County and City Affordable Housing Advisory Committees, directed County and City staff to partner with the Florida Housing Coalition to draft updated Inclusionary Housing Ordinances for the County and City that are identical and mandatory within the Urban Services Area to be considered by the County Commission and City Commission, respectively;*
- *Directed Planning staff to initiate a Comprehensive Plan amendment concurrent with the development of a uniform and mandatory Inclusionary Housing Ordinances in the County and City;*
- *Directed County and City staff to draft an Interlocal Agreement for the collaboration on the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program within the City limits for consideration by the County Commission and City Commission respectively;*

- *Directed County and City staff to pursue a partnership with Promised Land Community Development Corporation (CDC) as well as other local partners for the development of affordable housing for homeownership; and*

*Option #2: Accept the status report on the ERA Temporary Relocation Assistance Program and authorize the County Administrator to contract with the Tallahassee Urban League, and other providers as necessary, to assist in administering the program, and directed staff to provide additional information on the heirs' property program and resources available for senior citizens seeking assistance with the rehabilitation of property in the absence of clear title.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

**6. Resolutions Authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Proctor. He expressed concern about the \$55,000,000 bond for the Ridge Road development due to the lack of public input. He stated that he could not support Option 1 and asked that the item be pulled until substantial public engagement has occurred, and the developer has provided a presentation. He expressed concern about the lack of infrastructure to support the Ridge Road development.
- Vice-Chair Maddox stated that additional public engagement is needed. He confirmed with the County Administrator that Board approval is necessary to proceed. He reflected on the need for the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) to update the Board by providing a presentation.
  - County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County's role in conduit funding.
- Vice-Chair Maddox motioned to postpone action on Option 1, approve Option 2, and direct staff to work with the HFA to improve the citizen engagement process.
- Commissioner Cummings confirmed with Shington Lamy that Option #2 will provide for the conversion of three student housing complexes into mixed-income housing that will include affordable housing units as proposed by a nonprofit developer out of Jacksonville. She stated her support of Option 2.
- Chairman Proctor expressed concern about the proposed developments and confirmed with Shington Lamy that the developers are committed to what they included in the HFA application for the bonds.
- Vice-Chair Maddox expressed concern that the HFA does not require MWSBE participations. He reflected on the need for a possible HFA workshop or update from the HFA.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the HFA public engagement process. She agreed that an agenda item or workshop on the HFA project process may be necessary to promote future projects.
  - County Administrator Long stated that an agenda item could be brought back on conduit financing.
- Vice-Chair Maddox agreed that an agenda item is necessary, to include the HFA public engagement process and the possibility of including a MWSBE component.
- Commissioner Minor commended Option 2 and stated his support of the motion.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve, as amended, the postponement of action on Option #1:*

*Approving the Resolution authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue \$55,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Ridge Road Development; and*

*Approve Option #2: Approve the Resolution authorizing the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County to issue \$75,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Tallahassee Affordable Housing Portfolio; and*

*Request an agenda item providing an overview of the HFA and the County's roles in conduit financing, including a review of the HFA public engagement process, and a review of the HFA's ability to require developers to utilize MWSBES.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

#### **10. Approval of Rivers Landing Phase IIA Replat**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Minor. He recused himself from the vote based upon the appearance of a conflict due to his wife's employment.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve Option # 1:*

*Approve the Rivers Landing Phase IIA Replat for recording in the Public Record.*

*The motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Minor recused and Vice-Chair Maddox out of Chambers.*

#### **11. Approval of FY2022-FY2026 Tourism Strategic Plan**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Proctor. He commended Tourism's 5-year Strategic Plan.
  - Kerri Post, Director of the Division of Tourism, outlined the strategic plan. She stated they have partnered with Dr. Elaine Bryant of EW Bryant Associates, LLC. She discussed their smart goals and how they are promoting Tallahassee/Leon County. She noted that they are marketing the community by increasing engagement with visitors. She also discussed the upcoming bicentennial celebration.
- Commissioner Dozier noted that the North Monroe Street area may be an option for a future visitor center. She reflected on the need for an app to promote visitor information and include a Trailahassee map integrated with GIS.
  - Kerri Post confirmed that the County has the Visit Tallahassee destination app. She stated that past research indicated that there were other popular apps available and concluded that a Trailahassee app may not be necessary. She would follow-up with users to see if there is a current need for a Trailahassee app or partnership with an existing app.
- Commissioner Cummings thanked Ms. Post for her hard work at promoting Tallahassee.
- Chairman Proctor recalled citizen input he received regarding the need for a cultural festival similar to the one held in Panama City. He also expressed that the upcoming bicentennial celebration should focus on historic families in the community.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve Option # 1:*

*Approve the FY2022 – FY2026 Division of Tourism Strategic Plan.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

## **12. Bid Award for the Crowder Road Boat Landing Improvements**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Proctor. He reflected on the need for a report, including a schedule and timeline of needed improvements for all the County's boat landings, and confirmed with County Administrator Long that an agenda item is forthcoming.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve Option # 1: Approve the bid award for the construction of the Crowder Road Boat Landing improvements to Allen's Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$578,762, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement subject to legal review by the County Attorney. The motion carried 7-0.*

## **15. Annual 2021 Supervised Pretrial Release Program Report**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Proctor. He reflected on the need to reduce the jail population and the impact of the pretrial release program.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option # 1:*

*Accept the 2021 Supervised Pretrial Release Program Annual Report and authorize staff to submit to the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller for Leon County.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

## **16. Status Report on Water Quality Regulatory Standards in Florida and Georgia**

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Proctor. He reflected on the ongoing dispute with Georgia regarding water quality standards of water flowing into Florida from Georgia.
  - County Attorney O'Steen reported that the County has a history of monitoring the flow of water coming from Georgia. The County has worked tirelessly with different entities to ensure the water flow does not adversely impact water locally.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option # 1:*

*Accept the status report on Water Quality Regulatory Standards in Florida and Georgia.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

## **17. Status Report on the Killearn Chain of Lakes**

- This item was pulled by Commissioner Welch.

- The following citizen provided in-person public comment:
  - Danielle Irwin, 3185 Ferns Glen Drive, Board member of the Killearn Homes Association (KHA) and Chair of its Lakes Restoration Committee, spoke regarding the stormwater management problem and asked for the Board to consider Option #3 Board direction, to explore options for a collaborative approach to address the issue of the impairment of the waterbodies in the Killearn Chain of Lakes, including:
    - (1) County/City should update and broaden its interlocal agreement to include all aspects of sediment management including street sweeping, road pavement and sediment outfall excavation of the mounds that accumulate;
    - (2) County should ensure street sweeping programs include prioritized streets in the County drainage area to reduce rainfall driven sediment loading to the lakes;
    - (3) County/City/KHA should develop a program for more routine sediment excavation; and
    - (4) KHA requests that the County be a participating stakeholder in updating the 4E restoration plan that the FDEP created with the City and KHA in 2016.
- Commissioner Welch reflected on the need for the County to ensure collaboration with the City and KHA.
- Chairman Proctor confirmed with Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, that the lakes are stormwater facilities and are classified as impaired Class III water bodies.
- Commissioner Dozier expressed how complicated this item was. She shared her support of the motion.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve, as amended, Option #1:*

*Accept the status report on the Killearn Chain of Lakes; and direct staff to prepare an agenda item evaluating the issues brought forward by the Killearn Homes Association regarding the impairment of the waterbodies in the Killearn Chain of Lakes.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

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

- Kelly Otte, 1075 Alameda Drive, Oasis Center for Women & Girls, acknowledged that March 8th was International Women's Day and February was Women's History Month, and thanked the County. She highlighted Commissioner Dozier's pioneering work for Women's History Month at the age of 16, and how she had been a trailblazer ever since, which was over 30 years ago.
- Commissioner Cummings commented on the Oasis Center and noted it was a great celebration. She thanked both women for their pioneering work and acknowledged Commissioner Dozier for being honored.
- Commissioner Welch acknowledged International Women's History Day and thanked female public servants and especially Commissioner Dozier.



- Commissioner Minor acknowledged the contribution of female leaders and congratulated Commissioner Dozier.

*The Board recessed at 5:27 p.m.*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Chairman Proctor requested that Item #19 be moved before Item #18.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve moving Agenda Item #19 before Agenda Item #18.*

*The motion passed 7-0.*

### **18. Board Consideration for Funding to Support the Council on the Status of Men and Boys**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated that, as directed by the Board during the February 8, 2022, meeting, this item seeks Board consideration of a budget amendment allocating \$70,000 to support the Tallahassee-Leon County Council on the Status of Men and Boys (CSMB). In addition, the item recommends the Board authorize the Leon County Sheriff to utilize \$70,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to support the CSMB. He noted the City has reserved its funds, and the School Board is supposed to follow suit as well.

#### Public Comment:

- K. Lennorris Barber, 527 W. Brevard Street, stated that initially he was excited, but now has reservations. He stated this is shaping up to be political and asked that they take a look at ensuring that the process of hiring an Executive Director is a fair process.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, shared his support. He asked that they move in a methodical way. He stated the community trusts Sheriff McNeil.
- Kelly Otte, 1075 Alameda Drive, waived her time.
- Vice-Chair Maddox expressed concern with the composition of the CSMB and stated that he could support Options #1 and #2 with the understanding that the composition of the Council come back to the Board for review.
- Commissioner Minor stated his support of Options #1 and #2 and offered two friendly amendments to include representation from the Oasis Center, Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (CSWG), or Refuge House on the Council. He reflected on the differences between the CSWG and the CSMB and expressed the need to rename the CSMB to avoid future confusion.
- Vice-Chair Maddox accepted the amendment to include representation from the Oasis Center, CSWG, or Refuge House.
- Commissioner Dozier agreed that representation from one of the women's organizations should be included and offered a friendly amendment to include the Sheriff's final Council proposal in the agenda item.
- Vice-Chair Maddox accepted the amendment.

- Commissioner Welch expressed concern about the appointment of the Council's executive director and the composition of the Council. He stated his support of the motion as long as the Board has some input as to the structure of the Council.
- Commissioner Cummings reflected on the need to get the initiative off the ground, and the first step is the funding.
- Vice-Chair Maddox confirmed with the County Administrator that a budget discussion item will be provided for future funding.
- Chairman Proctor confirmed with the County Administrator that the City Manager would serve on the Council and not the mayor.
- Deputy Sheriff Cave appeared before the Board and commented on the beginning stages of the Council on Status of Men and Boys. He noted they are committed to making this work.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, for approval, as amended, of Options 1-2:*

*Option 1: Approve the Budget Amendment Request for the Council on the Status of Men and Boys in the amount of \$70,000; and*

*Option 2: Approve the transfer of \$70,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Office General Operating budget for the Council on the Status of Men and Boys, and direct staff to bring back an agenda item to review the final composition of the Council.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

**19. Status Report on the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Broadband Technology Planning Efforts, Rural Broadband, and Federal and State Legislative Update on Broadband Resources**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. As requested by the Board, this item provides a status report on the efforts to develop a comprehensive Local Broadband Plan for Tallahassee-Leon County that will enable the community to take advantage of federal, state, and other grant opportunities. The item includes an update on broadband access in rural communities, current state and federal legislation, and information on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Public Comment:

- The Reverend David Hall, 12700 Miccosukee Road, and the Reverend Carolyn Simmons, discussed complications with broadband in the Miccosukee Road area. He challenged the Board to visit the area and see how this problem affects residents.
- Cristina Paredes, Office of Economic Vitality Director, commented that she was pleased to share updates on broadband access and affordability. She noted disparities with rural communities. She also noted they have access to 3 providers which is an increase. New services will launch in mid-2022.

Commissioner Welch thanked staff for a thorough report. He noted they are doing everything possible to take advantage of the federal dollars to assist and to leverage more opportunities.

Commissioner Cummings confirmed with Ms. Paredes that OEV is working with local partners and that her office will follow-up with Reverend Hall.

- Vice-Chair Maddox thanked staff for the great job. He reflected on the need in the Miccosukee area. He commented on the service providers and that it was time for them to step up and do their part.
- Commissioner Dozier acknowledged Ms. Paredes. She commented on the painful struggle with broadband and that the community needs useable broadband. Ms. Paredes stated that a press release went out today that encourages residents to participate in the State's internet speed test to help determine the needs and opportunities for broadband in the community.
- Chairman Proctor reflected on the need in the Woodville and Highway 20 areas.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1:*

*Accept the Status Report on the Tallahassee-Leon County Local Broadband Technology Planning Efforts, Rural Broadband, and Federal and State Legislative Update on Broadband Resources.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

**20. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Update Including a Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance for May 10, 2022**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. As requested by the Board, this item provides an overview of the regulatory framework and opportunities to expand the community's charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. Further, this item seeks Board approval to schedule the first and only public hearing to consider a proposed electric vehicle readiness Ordinance. The intent of the proposed Ordinance is to facilitate the use of electric vehicles and to further the establishment of a convenient, cost-effective electric vehicle infrastructure that will also accommodate future technology advancement.

- Commissioner Welch confirmed with Barry Wilcox, Director of Development Support & Environmental Management, that a redevelopment component is included in the Ordinance.
- Commissioner Minor commented on the thresholds and that they may have to be upped in a couple of years.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on conversations with the City about setting up a framework.
- Commissioner Cummings commended staff for their foresight to put the County in a good position for the future.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, approval of Options 1-2:*

*Option 1: Schedule the first and only Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Section 10-1.101 of the Leon County Land Development Code, entitled "Definitions" and creating a new Section 10-7.545.1 entitled "Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure and Electric Vehicle Parking Requirements", for May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; and*

*Option 2: Accept the staff report to engage members of the Capital Area Sustainability Compact in developing a plan to guide grant applications expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

**21. Authorization of a Sponsorship Agreement for Tallahassee Community College's Inaugural "Rock the Roost" Concert**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks Board authorization to enter into a sponsorship agreement in the amount of \$50,000 to support Tallahassee Community College's (TCC) inaugural "Rock the Roost" concert on July 23, 2022, and approval of the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

Commissioner Dozier confirmed with the County Administrator that the staff recommendation is for what TCC would have been eligible for should they have gone through the County's normal grant cycle application process.

Commissioner Welch stated his support of Option #1 and reflected on future events.

Commissioner Minor confirmed with Kerri Post, Director of the Division of Tourism, that the estimated number of room nights is on par with other events receiving the recommended funding.

Commissioner Cummings confirmed with Kerri Post that the grant applications are normally accepted in the summer, the events are categorized by the number of room nights generated, and the grant cycle dates are publicly noticed.

- Commissioner Dozier confirmed with Kerri Post that past out-of-cycle requests for first-year events which were created after the grant cycle closed were considered for funding by the TDC.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve, as amended, Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to execute a sponsorship agreement with Tallahassee Community College for the inaugural "Rock the Roost" concert, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request using \$50,000 of Tourism Development fund balance; and directed staff to provide an agenda item regarding out-of-cycle grant funding requests.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

Vice-Chair Maddox requested moving Item #27 before Item #22.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Proctor, to approve moving agenda item #27 before agenda item #22.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

**22. Setting of the FY 2023 Maximum Discretionary Funding Levels for Outside Agencies Including the Community Human Services Partnership**

This item was introduced by County Administrator Long. Pursuant to the County's Discretionary Funding Ordinance and Policy No. 93-44 "Fiscal Planning", this item seeks Board consideration to approve the FY 2023 maximum discretionary funding levels for outside agencies including the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) and special events.

#### Public Comment

- Kelly Otte, 1075 Alameda Drive, commented on the different funding amounts for the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and the Council on the Status of Men and Boys. She stated they would be back in April for a funding increase for an Executive Director. She commented on CHSP funding and asked that they take a deeper look.
- Commissioner Dozier reflected on Kelly Otte's role in the creation of the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (CSWG) and expressed that she is open to taking a new look at the CSWG structure. She made a motion for Options #1-#5, as amended to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to explore the CSWG structure and funding.

Chairman Proctor passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maddox.

- Commissioner Cummings noted that the two groups, CSWG and CSMB, should not be pitted against each other, as they are addressing different issues. She welcomed more analysis and information.
- Commissioner Minor stated the name change would help and supported the motion. He commented on the effects of COVID on women.
- Chairman Proctor reflected on the need for additional funding for the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. He expressed concern with the Disc Village report regarding racial disparities in the civil citation program. He reflected on the equity for the funding of the Oasis Center and commended the Sheriff's data in the proposal for the CSMB. He noted that he would like to increase the Special Event funding to fund Soul Santa at \$10,000 total and the MLK day celebration at \$6,000 total (an addition of \$7,500 in Special Event funding). He offered a friendly amendment.
- Commissioner Dozier stated that the partner organizations typically ask when more funding is needed. She stated that she could not support increasing the Special Event funding without hearing from the organizations. She stated no agency funding requests have been made, and she did not accept the friendly amendment.
- Vice-Chair Maddox reflected on setting the maximum discretionary funding level for FY 2023 and confirmed with the County Administrator that the Board could set a higher amount. He suggested setting the maximum at \$1.8 million (currently at \$1.66 million), to allow flexibility.
  - County Administrator Long confirmed that the maximum levels for each category must be set by the Board by March 31st per the Ordinance.
- Chairman Proctor offered a substitute motion to set the maximum discretionary funding level at \$1.8 million for FY 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cummings.

- County Administrator Long clarified that outside agency funding is for agencies that do not provide direct services and therefore are not eligible for the CHSP funding.

Commissioner Dozier discussed the process and noted that everyone that gets funding knows the process as well.

Chairman Proctor asked for a friendly amendment to the original motion to include the \$7,500 in additional Special Event funding.

Commissioner Dozier did not accept the amendment.

Chairman Proctor made a substitute motion to include \$6,000 total special event funding for MLK Day and \$10,000 total special event funding for Soul Santa (an additional \$7,500 for special event funding).

Vice-Chair Maddox asked where the funding is going.

Commissioner Minor confirmed with the County Attorney that he should recuse himself from the vote since the MLK Day and Soul Santa events are run by a person who works on his campaign.

Commissioner Cummings reflected on other agencies that may need additional funding.

- Commissioner Dozier reflected on the current streamlined process. She suggested that, should the substitute motion fail or is withdrawn, she would accept an amendment to bring back an agenda item on increased funding for the MLK celebration and Soul Santa.
- Chairman Proctor withdrew his motion and offered an amendment to the original motion for the agenda item to also include consideration for additional funding for the MLK celebration and Soul Santa.
- Commissioner Dozier accepted the friendly amendment.
  - County Administrator Long clarified that the agenda item is for FY 2022 funding.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve as amended:*

*Option #1: Approve the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) funding level for FY 2023 at \$1,445,000;*

*Option #2: Approve the non-departmental maximum discretionary funding level for FY 2023 at \$37,000 for special events funding;*

*Option #3: Maintain the Commissioner Office Budgets at \$12,500;*

*Option #4: Maintain the Kearney Center Capital Funding at \$100,000;*

*Option #5: Establish the FY 2023 Outside Agency Contracts as follows:*

- *Apalachee Regional Planning Council: \$8,800*
- *DISC Village: \$222,759*
- *Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: \$25,000*
- *Legal Services of North Florida: \$125,000*
- *Oasis Center: \$20,000*
- *St. Francis Wildlife Association: \$71,250*
- *Tallahassee Senior Citizens Foundation: \$179,000*

- Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation: \$63,175
- United Partners for Human Services: \$23,750
- Whole Child Leon: \$38,000;

*And direct staff to provide an agenda item to consider an increase in funding for the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls from the current fiscal year budget, and an agenda item to consider the additional \$1,500 in funding for the MLK celebration and additional \$6,000 funding for Soul Santa, from the current fiscal year budget.*

*The motion carried 5-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers and Commissioner Minor recusing).*

**27. ADD-ON - Status Report on the Redevelopment of the Orange Avenue Apartments and Board Consideration of the Tallahassee Housing Authority Funding Request**

County Administrator Long introduced this item.

- Commissioner Dozier disclosed that Mad Dog Construction is owned by her father and his wife. She would need to recuse herself from the discussion and vote since they have been chosen on this project.
  - Ms. Brenda Williams, Tallahassee Housing Authority, thanked the Commission for their support. They are looking to have groundbreaking in May.
- Commissioner Cummings commended Ms. Williams and the staff recommendation, and stated her support for the motion.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Approve the use of \$1,002,853 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the request of the Tallahassee Housing Authority for the redevelopment of the Orange Avenue Apartments, and authorize the County Administrator to execute a letter of commitment.*

*The motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Dozier recused, and Commissioners Jackson and Welch out of Chambers).*

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

**23. First and Only Public Hearing on Adoption of the Annual Update to the Tallahassee Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item provides for the annual update to the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements pursuant to Florida Statutes, and requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to adopt an Ordinance updating the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Capital Improvement Schedule.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Option 1:*

*Conduct first and only public hearing and adopt the Ordinance updating the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.).*

**24. First and Only Public Hearing for the Camellia Oaks Phase 3 Type “C” Site and Development Plan Application**

County Administrator Long announced the Public Hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and seeks conditional Board approval of the Camellia Oaks Phase 3 Type “C” site and development plan application for a residential development on a 33.10-acre parcel, located on Mahan Dr., west of Charlais Street. The project site is located within the Residential Preservation (RP) Zoning District which allows the proposed single-family detached residential development as a permissible use and requires review and approval by the Board at a public hearing.

County Attorney O’Steen explained the procedure for disclosing ex parte communications regarding the quasi-judicial proceeding.

- Chairman Proctor inquired about the number of properties.
  - Scott Brockmeier, Development Support and Environmental Management shared there were 119 units in Phase 3.

*Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, for approval of Option 1:*

*Conduct the first and only Public Hearing for the Camellia Oaks Phase 3 Type “C” site and development plan application and approve the application with conditions, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law included herein and those established within the Development Review Committee’s record, as well as any evidence received at the Public Hearing.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers.).*

**25. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 97-18, as Amended, to Contract the Boundaries of the Fallschase Community Development District**

County Attorney O’Steen announced the Public Hearing. She stated, as directed by the Board at the February 8, 2022, meeting, this item requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed Ordinance amending Leon County Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended by Ordinance No. 2007-12, to contract the boundaries of the existing Fallschase Community Development District.

- Chairman Proctor inquired about the motivation for contracting the size of Fallschase.
  - County Attorney O’Steen stated that she could only speak to the determination that the contraction of the boundaries to remove the



boundaries to remove the roads maintained by the County and the two stormwater ponds that serve and are maintained by the Fallschase Commercial Subdivision would not adversely impact the District.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, for approval of Option 1:*

*Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt proposed Ordinance amending Leon County Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended, to contract the boundaries of the existing Fallschase Community Development District.*

*The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

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

- Dr. Gerri Seay, 2014 Chuli Nene, spoke on the Lake Hall School. She provided a presentation on the Lake Hall School Park. She asked when this item will be placed back on the agenda and discussed the boundary settlements.
  - County Administrator Long confirmed the item is tabled and will come back to the Board upon the Board's request.
- Commissioner Welch reiterated his desire to preserve the Lake Hall School House. He made a motion for an agenda item to come back to the Board on April 12th with an update including an option for eminent domain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cummings.
- Chairman Proctor reflected on the costs to acquire and maintain the Lake Hall School House and requested that this information be included in the agenda item.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Cumming, to direct staff to provide an agenda item with an update on the previous analysis done for the Lake Hall School House, to include an option for the Board's consideration to acquire the school house via eminent domain.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Donna Cotterell, Bond Neighborhood, spoke in support of the Lake Hall School. She spoke of the importance of the project and asked the County to move forward to make the history come alive.

Vice-Chair Maddox returned the gavel to Chairman Proctor.

### **COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **County Attorney O'Steen:**

No comments

**County Administrator Long:**

No comments

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Dozier:**

- Confirmed with the County Administrator that information on mobile applications that highlight local trails will be provided to the Board.
- Chairman Proctor passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maddox.

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing March 6-12 as Women in Construction Week.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

*Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Commended staff for the 717 consecutive days activated at EOC and the last regularly scheduled operational COVID update (number 341).

**Commissioner Minor:**

- Requested a proclamation recognizing April 28th as a day of remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, in honor of the survivors and the rescuers.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing April 28th as a day of remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

**Commissioner Welch:**

- Commended the Public Works staff for all their hard work on day-to-day projects and special assignments.

**Commissioner Cummings:**

- Shared that she was honored to present the proclamation on Women's History Month, and commended Commissioner Dozier for being named as Trailblazer of the Year at the 2022 Trailblazer Luncheon celebrating Women's History Month.

**Commissioner Jackson:**

- Not present

**Vice-Chairman Maddox:**

- Requested a proclamation to recognize Florida High for winning the State 3A Basketball Championship and Coach Charlie Ward’s contribution to the community.

*Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing Florida High winning the State 3A Basketball Championship and Coach Charlie Ward.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Shared that he recently attended the first Tallahassee Black Business Expo and requested a proclamation recognizing Vaughn Wilson, President of Mega Ace Media, for his efforts on the first annual Tallahassee Black Business Expo.

*Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve a proclamation recognizing Vaughn Wilson, President of Mega Ace Media, for his efforts on the first annual Tallahassee Black Business Expo.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Commended the Board’s and staff’s understanding of their respective roles.

**Chairman Proctor:**

- Discussed policy and commented on how they become better is by challenging staff to bring excellence to the community.
- Requested an agenda item for consideration of a resolution in support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to direct staff to provide an agenda item for consideration of a resolution in support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.*

*The motion passed 5-0 (Commissioners Jackson and Dozier out of Chambers).*

- Requested a proclamation recognizing May as bike month.

*Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing May as bike month.*

*The motion passed 5-0 (Commissioners Jackson and Dozier out of Chambers).*

- Requested that the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) Conference, April 20-24, 2022, be add to the Board’s Travel Schedule for 2022 and in the future.

*Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve adding the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) Conference, April 20-24, 2022, to the Board Travel Schedule for 2022 and in the future.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Requested a presentation from Big Bend Hospice and a proclamation recognizing their work in the community.

*Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a presentation from the Big Bend Hospice and a proclamation recognizing their work in the community.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jackson out of Chambers).*

- Requested a presentation from Elder Care Services, Inc. on their outreach efforts for the Board's April 12th meeting.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- None.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Proctor".

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Proctor, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners