

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 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 Kristin Dozier, Brian Welch, Carolyn Cummings, and Rick Minor. 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 Pastor Tom Holdcraft of St. Stephen Lutheran Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Commissioner Rick Minor.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Commissioner Cummings presented a Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
 - Brandi Knight, Department of Health-Leon Health Administrator, and Monique "Natasha" Coleman, Health and Human Services Program Manager, thanked the Board and accepted the proclamation. They also provided additional information about breast cancer awareness activities throughout the month of October.
- Removed - Proclamation Recognizing Patricia Proctor's Career Contributions and 85th Birthday
- Proclamation Recognizing George "Godfather" Thompson for his 49 years of service with FAMU Rattlers Athletics
 - Chairman Proctor presented a Proclamation Recognizing George "Godfather" Thompson for his 49 years of service with FAMU Rattlers Athletics.
 - George Thompson thanked the Commissioner for the Proclamation. He stated he worked very hard during his tenure at FAMU.
- Removed - Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Isabella Augustine
 - Commissioner Dozier stated the item was removed because Ms. Augustine was unable to attend the meeting.

Citizens to be Heard on CONSENT AND Non-Agendaed Items

3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission.

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in support of saving the Fort Braden Oak Tree and shared his concerns about the tree coming down. He requested an updated review of the County’s tree ordinance.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, Tallahassee, shared his concern about saving the Fort Braden Oak Tree and reflected on the future development on Highway 20. He announced his bid to be the next president of the local branch of the NAACP.
 - Vice-Chair Maddox asked for a review of the Leon County Tree Ordinance to better understand the issue. He stated a status report would work.
 - Commissioner Dozier stated an email about the ordinance will be sufficient, and also look into what the City Commission is doing with the ordinance.
 - Chairman Proctor requested information on trees and bushes affecting site lines at street corners and intersections.

CONSENT

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

1. Minutes: April 18, 2022 Joint County/City Townhall Meeting, and July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Joint County/City Townhall Meeting; and July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

2. Payment of Bills

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for October 11, 2022 and pre-approve the payment of bills and vouchers for the period of October 12, 2022 through November 21, 2022.

3. Annual Performance Review for the County Administrator, in Accordance with Board Policy No. 11-6, "County Administrator Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process"

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify annual performance reviews of the County Administrator and the Chairman’s approval of an additional 5% merit increase for the County Administrator in accordance with Board Policy No. 11-6, “County Administrator Evaluation and Annual Reporting Process.”; and

Option #2: Ratify the Chairman’s approval of an additional 5% merit increase for the County Attorney.

4. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Dissolving the Leon County Energy Improvement District and Repealing Chapter 15, sections 15-1 through 15-15, Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, for December 13, 2022

The Board approved Option #1: Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Dissolving the Leon County Energy Improvement District and Repealing Chapter

15, sections 15-1 through 15-15, Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, for December 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

5. FY 2023 Annual Retreat Overview

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the FY 2023 Annual Retreat Overview.

6. Commissioner Appointment to the Library Advisory Board

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's appointment of a citizen, Erin Ballas, to the Library Advisory Board for the remainder of the unexpired term and a two-year term ending December 31, 2024.

7. Interagency Agreement for the Capital Region Real Time Crime Center

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Interagency Agreement between the County, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the City of Tallahassee, and Florida State University for implementation of the Capital Region Real Time Crime Center project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

8. Voluntary Annexation of the Millennium Parc Condominiums (Formerly Stars Middle School) Properties Located on the West Side of Blountstown Street and South of Highway 90

The Board approved Option #1: Do not object to the proposed voluntary annexation of properties owned by Millennium Parc, LLC, located on the west side of Blountstown Street and south of Highway 90 (formerly the Stars Middle School).

9. Voluntary Annexation of Property Located East of Southwood Plantation Road and North of Old St. Augustine Road

The Board approved Option #1: Do not object to the proposed voluntary annexation of property owned by The St. Joe Company, LLC, located east of Southwood Plantation Road and north of Old St. Augustine Road.

10. Voluntary Annexation of Property Located on the Southeast Corner of Woodville Highway and Capital Circle Southeast

The Board approved Option #1: Do not object to the proposed voluntary annexation of property owned by The St. Joe Company, LLC, located on the southeast corner of Woodville Highway and Capital Circle Southeast.

11. Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for FY 2022-2023

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement in the amount of \$88,646, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

12. Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services County Grant

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Florida Department of Health 2022-2023 County Government Emergency Medical Services Grant in the amount of \$50,784, and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the grant project; and

Option #2: Approve the associated Resolution in support of the grant application, certifying the grant funds will improve and expand the County pre-hospital EMS system and will not be used to supplant current levels of County expenditures.

13. Ratification of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Implementation Grant

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the submission of a Grant Application for a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Implementation Grant.

14. FY 2022 Carry Forward Appropriations

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the carry forward of FY 2022 appropriations to the FY 2023 budget by adopting the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request.

15. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute Leon County Grant Applications and Agreements

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute Leon County grant applications and agreements.

16. State of Florida Department of Health FY 2023 Public Health Agreement

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the FY 2023 Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health for the provision of state-mandated public health services, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

17. Status Report on Leon County’s Efforts to Address Climate Issues and Climate-Related Migration

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County’s efforts to address climate issues and climate-related migration.

18. Request to Schedule a County Workshop on Policies and Process for Land Use Changes and Land Development for October 25, 2022

The Board approved Option #1: Schedule a County workshop on policies and process for land use changes and land development for October 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

19. Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the Construction of Safety Enhancements on CR 260 Silver Lake Road

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Local Agency Program Agreement with FDOT for the construction and Construction Engineering Inspection of safety enhancements on CR 260

Silver Lake Road from NFR-358 to SR 20 Blountstown Highway and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney;

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Program Agreement for the construction and Construction Engineering Inspection of safety enhancements on CR 260 Silver Lake Road from NFR-358 to SR 20 Blountstown Highway; and

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing \$87,855 from the Florida Department of Transportation into the County budget.

20. Pulled - Approval of the Plats for Rivers Landing Phase IIC and IID Subdivisions

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

21. Authorization to Negotiate an Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Northeast Lake Munson Sewer and Woodville Rural Community Sewer Projects

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate the Construction Engineering and Inspection services fee with Atkins North America Inc. for the Northeast Lake Munson Sewer and Woodville Rural Community Sewer projects, if negotiations are unsuccessful, authorize negotiations with the second ranked firm for the project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

22. Approval of the Purchase and Installation of a Generator at the County's Secondary Special Needs Shelter

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the purchase and installation of a generator at the Richardson-Lewis Health Center utilizing Florida Department of Management Services Contract No. 22100000-21-STC and execute a purchase order to Ring Power Corporation in the amount of \$312,940.

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

23. Annual FY 2022 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Annual FY 2022 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report.

24. Annual FY 2022 Tangible Personal Property Status Report

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the FY 2022 Tangible Personal Property Status Report.

25. Project Status Update Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc.

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status update regarding curbside collection service provided by Waste Pro, Inc.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Item 20. Approval of the Plats for Rivers Landing Phase IIC and IID Subdivisions

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 as a realtor, although she is not involved in this transaction.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option #1: Approve the plat for Rivers Landing Phase IIC Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept and execute the Performance Agreement and Surety Device and any future extensions thereto; and

Option #2: Approve the plat for Rivers Landing Phase IID Subdivision for recording in the Public Record, contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept and execute the Performance Agreement and Surety Device and any future extensions thereto.

The motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner Minor recused).

General Business

26. Status Report on Best Management Practices for Lake Munson

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it provides a status update on the natural conditions and past contamination of Lake Munson, the progress made in water quality as a result of cooperative actions, strategic investments and prioritization in capital improvements, present day challenges, and best management practices for the ongoing and planned enhancements to Lake Munson. For the mitigation of recent algal blooms and rapid growth of an invasive aquatic plant (hydrilla), the item seeks Board approval to implement an Action Plan for Lake Munson which includes an immediate and temporary drawdown of the water level to coincide with enhanced water quality monitoring, and an aerial topographic survey of the lake bottom. The Action Plan includes long-term strategies to supplement the State's in-lake restoration activities and provides a higher level of service to County residents including the use of hydrogen peroxide to treat algal blooms, implementing an invasive vegetation management program, ongoing engagement over the next two years to evaluate the Lake's response to the drawdown, and regular status updates to the Board every six months.

Assistant County Administrator, Ken Morris, provided an overview of the status report and proposed Lake Action Plan.

Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, gave an overview of algal blooms and conditions at the Lake. She also provided an overview of the recommendations and next steps including the proposed drawdown of Lake Munson.

Vice-Chair Maddox asked why some stormwater facilities are called lakes and reflected on the public's perception of lakes.

Assistant County Administrator Morris stated that many of the stormwater facilities also function as recreational facilities.

Commissioner Dozier agreed that stormwater facilities that are called lakes function in a dual capacity. She reflected on a prior issue with Pedrick Pond where signs were posted saying not to eat the fish and suggested exploring the function of these water bodies in the future.

Vice-Chair Maddox acknowledged that perception of what these water bodies function as could become an issue.

Commissioner Minor clarified that algal bloom toxicity is not based upon the volume or size of algae but rather the type of algae present in a water body. He also clarified that the eventual die down of hydrilla in the Lake will allow native vegetation to reestablish, but the presence of hydrilla in the meantime can also help breakdown nutrients in the Lake. He stated that the Workgroup is requesting more testing and dredging.

Anna Padilla confirmed that the recommended testing is based on past report recommendations.

Chairman Proctor reflected on the potential negative results of dredging Lake Munson. Chairman Proctor passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maddox.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, inquired about the status report on Best Management Practices for Lake Munson. He spoke in support of sediment removal, fertilizer bans, and fencing around storm water facilities.
 - County Administrator Long shared this item is to clarify the work on Lake Munson, its contamination, intensive investment, and the extensive regulatory policies put in place.
- Sean McGlynn, 568 Beverly Court, President of the N.W. Chapter of the Florida Lake Management Society, and member of the Florida Springs Institute and Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council, reflected on the past City practice to dump sewage into Lake Munson and the sediment that is still on the bottom of the Lake. He spoke in support of sediment removal.
- Linda Rivers, 5312 Trinidad Drive, shared her support of the drawdown and of dredging and sediment removal.
- Letha Kilgore, 54206 Trinidad Drive, reflected on the value of the Lake and the need to preserve it.
- Terry Ryan, 2538 Stonegate Drive, Tallahassee Sewage & Wakulla Basin Advocacy Group, spoke in support of the drawdown, additional sediment removal research, and upstream water testing.
- Dr. William Landing, 304 Timberlane Road, Chair of Leon County Science Advisory Committee, spoke in support of the County's recommendations.

Chairman Proctor made a motion for Options #1 and #2, seconded by Commissioner Cummings.

Commissioner Cummings acknowledged the citizens and the Science Advisory Committee for its input, and County staff for the comprehensive report. She reflected on the potential liability of dredging. She stated her support for the recommendation. Commissioner Dozier expressed gratitude to County staff for the thorough and extensive report. She reflected on the start of a new phase of ongoing discussion, and the new information regarding the sediment that may become available after the drawdown. She requested staff provide, in the future updates, information on the State's study of health-related issues related to algal blooms, and offered a friendly amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Chairman Proctor.

- County Administrator Long confirmed that the studies would be provided to the Board in future updates or before if available.

Commissioner Dozier discussed funding available for the Northwest Florida Water Management District, compared to the other water management districts in the State, and that it could be an issue to discuss at the upcoming Legislative Priorities Workshop. She noted the need for a City/County Workshop to cover the urban stormwater/basin issues.

Commissioner Minor requested that the next status report include possible health impacts from the removal of sediments containing legacy contaminants, based on how other communities have dealt with similar issues and any related studies.

- County Administrator Long confirmed that information would be provided to the Board in the next Lake Munson update.

Vice-Chair Maddox acknowledged staff for their efforts to work with the community and expressed that the recommendations are a positive start for further conversations.

Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve Option #1: Accept the Status Report on Best Management Practices for Lake Munson; and requested staff provide an update to the Board on the State's study of health-related issues related to algal blooms; and Option #2: Approve the Lake Munson Action Plan, presented herein, including the immediate drawdown plan.

The motion carried 6-0.

Break 5:09 returned at 6:00 pm

27. Approval of Two-Year Funding Agreement with the Council on Culture and Arts to Administer the Remaining Funds of the Cultural Facilities Matching Grant Program

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks Board approval of a two-year funding Agreement with the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA) to administer the remaining ¼ cent of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) dedicated to the Cultural Facilities Matching Grant Program.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Minor, the Board approved Option #1: Approve the two-year funding Agreement with the Council on Culture and Arts to administer the remaining funds of the ¼ cent of Tourist Development Tax for the Cultural Facilities Matching Grant Program, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Dozier acknowledged all that played a part in this agreement. She applauded the two projects that would be moving forwarded.

The motion carried 6-0.

28. Overview of Local Ordinances that Require Rent Increase Notification to Certain Residential Tenants, and that Allow Such Tenants to be Released from Their Residential Leases, Without Penalty, in Certain Circumstances

County Attorney O'Steen introduced this item. She stated, as requested at the Board's meeting of June 14, 2022, this item will provide an overview of local ordinances that require landlords to give notice to certain residential tenants when raising rent a specified amount above the current rent amount, as well as allow such tenants to be released from their residential leases, without penalty, when rent is increased by more than an identified threshold amount.

County Attorney O'Steen stated there were no speakers present.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Cummings, the Board approved Option #1: Accept overview of local ordinances that require rent increase notification to certain residential tenants, and that allow such tenants to be released from their residential leases, without penalty, when rent is increased by more than an identified threshold amount; and ask County Attorney to bring back draft Ordinance specifically for Leon County.

Commissioner Minor stated that he asked for this item to be agendaed. He expressed concerns regarding enforcement of an ordinance and recalled the recent 15% increase in local area rentals, based on the recent Florida Tax Watch study. He asked when it returns to the Board that they be provided with more information on demographics.

Vice-Chair Maddox rescinded his motion and yielded to Commissioner Minor to make a motion and moved that he would second the motion.

Commissioner Minor requested an additional analysis on demographics of renters, such as the different types in the County, and recommendations on how an ordinance could be enforced. He moved Options #1 and #3.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the lack of affordable housing and the need to include in the agenda item the average rental costs in the community, and she offered a friendly amendment to include this information. She shared the need to include the City in future discussions, and to explore all the issues since it will require additional tax dollars for regulation and enforcement.

Vice-Chair Maddox expressed the need for the additional information.

Commissioner Cummings commented on the complexity of this issue. She reflected on the balance between landlords and tenants' rights and enforcement. She stated her support of the motion.

Chairman Proctor shared his concerns about the notification to tenant of rent increases and questioned if the motion was addressing the issue. He reflected that renters are an unprotected class, unlike homeowners and reflected on where the rent increases are occurring. He discussed how this should be an issue addressed by the State.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve Option #1 and Option #3:

Option #1: Accept overview of local ordinances that require rent increase notification to certain residential tenants, and that allow such tenants to be released from their residential leases, without penalty, when rent is increased by more than an identified threshold amount; and

Option #3: Requested staff provide an agenda item including local renter demographics, rental data, average rental costs in the community, and additional information on enforcement of a notice of rent increase ordinance.

The motion carried 6-0.

29. Full Board Appointments to the Canopy Roads Citizen Committee, CareerSource Capital Region Board, Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls, and the Tourist Development Council

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Canopy Roads Citizen Committee, CareerSource Capital Region Board, Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls, and the Tourist Development Council.

Commissioner Welch moved, duly seconded by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve Option #1: Appoint two citizens, Mary Ann Koos and Tiffany McCaskill Henderson to the Canopy Roads Citizen Committee for a three-year term ending on October 31, 2025. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #2: Appoint one citizen, Christina Chancey, to the CareerSource Capital Region Board for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2024. The motion carried 6-0.

Vice-Chair Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #3: Ratify the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls' appointment of a citizen, LaQuisha Persak, to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for a two-year term ending September 30, 2024; and waive the conflicting employment relationship disclosed on Form 4A by a two-thirds affirmative vote. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #4: Appoint one citizen, Emily Johnson-Truitt, to the hotelier seat on the Tourist Development

Council for the remainder of the unexpired term ending October 31, 2025. The motion carried 6-0.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

GENERAL BUSINESS

30. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Cawthon Multi-Family Residential Type “C” Site and Development Plan Application

County Administrator Long announced this public hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and conditionally approve the Cawthon Multi-Family Residential Type “C” site and development plan application. The project site is located on Bannerman Road southeast of Glen Oak Trail, within the Lake Protection Node zoning district, which allows the proposed multifamily residential development as a permissible use and requires review and approval by the Board at a Public Hearing. The project also includes a request for a fee-in-lieu of sidewalk construction related to the frontage sidewalk required along Bannerman Road which will be constructed as part of the Bannerman Road widening project.

The following citizen provided virtual public comment:

- Logan Van, 1160 Conservancy Drive W, spoke of concerns regarding the impact to local schools.

The following citizens provided comments in-person:

- Ellen Hicks, 10097 Bull Headly Road, commented on Lake Iamonia Task Force which produced the Lake Iamonia Management Plan in 1991. She noted the disregard to the information forwarded to the County. She spoke against the density of the site and development plan.

Commissioner Welch asked County Administrator Long to respond to Mr. Van’s concerns.

County Administrator Long directed the questions regarding school impact to Barry Wilcox.

Barry Wilcox, Director of Development Support & Environmental Management, responded that the development review included a School Concurrency Report, and it determined that area schools had the capacity to accommodate the development.

Commissioner Welch inquired about the Lake Iamonia Management Plan.

County Administrator Long requested that Anna Padilla address the Lake Iamonia Management Plan.

Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, shared that Public Works would further evaluate the 1991 Lake Iamonia Management Plan and the review the existing presence of apple snails in the Lake.

Commissioner Welch discussed the widening of Bannerman Road, and the mitigation of any negative impacts caused by development. He moved Option #1.

Commissioner Dozier shared concerns on the possible presence of apple snails in Lake Iamonia and requested information on controlling the presence in any of the County lakes. She recalled the density of the development plan and expressed the need for multi-family affordable housing in the County.

Chairman Proctor reflected on the disparate interest of the City's growth in the north vs. the south. He reflected on the need for a revised Lake Iamonia Management Plan and expressed the need to protect the County's water bodies.

Vice-Chair Maddox thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting and speaking. He reflected on the number of water bodies in the County and the need to protect them all.

Commissioner Dozier expressed the desire for a City/County Watershed Plan to protect the County's water bodies and reflected on the County's 25 boat landings.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only Public Hearing for the Cawthon Multi-Family Residential Type "C" site and development plan application, approve the request for a fee-in-lieu of sidewalk construction based on the criteria for approval in Section 10-7.529(e)(3) of the Land Development Code, 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.

31. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Bell's Landscape and Design Type "C" Site and Development Plan Application

County Administrator Long announced this public hearing. He stated this item requests the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and conditionally approve the Bell's Landscape and Design Type "C" site and development plan application. The project site is located at 8622 Mahan Drive within the Urban Fringe (UF) zoning district which allows the proposed rural small-scale nursery as a special exception and requires review and approval by the Board at a public hearing. The project also includes a request for a deviation to the Land Development Code, related to the signage provision in the rural small-scale nursery development standards.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Cummings, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only Public Hearing for the Bell's Landscape and Design Type "C" site and development plan application, approve the request for deviation to the Rural Small-Scale Nursery Code [Section 10-1.106(c) of the LDC] 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.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

(3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

Chairman Proctor called for public comment speakers.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Terrie Mock, 836 Sir Richard Road, spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Fort Braden Community Center without a voice on the sitting Board.
 - County Administrator Long confirmed that the name would be the Jimbo Jackson Fort Braden Community Center in honor of the late Commissioner/School Principal Jimbo Jackson.
- Nicole Baker, 16024 Fletcher Creek Court, spoke in support of saving the Fort Braden Oak Tree, which may be 200 years old, and in opposition to changing the name of the Fort Braden Community Center.
- Brenda Stubbs, 3033 Oscar Harvey Road, spoke about her family's history in the Fort Braden community and spoke in opposition to renaming the Fort Braden Community Center, and in support of renaming something at the Fort Braden School in Commissioner Jackson's honor.
- Gina Ouzts, 15615 Blountstown Highway, spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Fort Braden Community Center, and support of renaming a portion of the school or the entire school in Jimbo Jackson's honor.
- Christopher Harrison, 16024 Fletcher Creek Court, spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Fort Braden Community Center.
- Carma Harvey, 16919 Blountstown Highway, spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Fort Braden Community Center, and in support of an alternative way to memorialize Commissioner Jimbo Jackson.
- Kenneth Harvey, 16919 Blountstown Highway, spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Fort Braden Community Center, and in support of renaming the walking path or gymnasium in honor of Commissioner Jimbo Jackson.

Commissioner Dozier shared how difficult this was. She asked the County Administrator how they could avoid this becoming an issue. She shared it had two parts and can we take a pause on the naming issue and allow the new commissioner to lead the discussion. She stated Commissioner Jackson would not like division over his name. She commented on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and asked that it be paused until the new District 2 Commissioner is elected.

County Administrator Long commented on the County's current renaming policy and conveyed that the renaming is not tied to the MOU with the School Board. He shared that the County is still in the process of acquiring the property, and they would not be ready to move forward with the renaming until after the new District 2 Commissioner is installed.

Commissioner Dozier reiterated the complexity of the issues. She confirmed that this was staff analysis and a Board decision. She did not recommend rescinding the vote.

Vice-Chair Maddox expressed that it may be fair to pause the renaming until the new District 2 Commissioner is sworn-in in November. He shared that the Board's intent was to honor Commissioner Jimbo Jackson's service to the community. He assured the citizens in District 2 that they have representation through the two At-Large Commissioners, Commissioners Cummings and Maddox, who are available to them if needed.

Vice-Chair Maddox recommended someone being in the seat before the sign is changed. He reminded the citizens that there are two at-large Commissioners who are willing to address any issue until you have a sitting Commissioner. We all want to honor him.

County Attorney O'Steen discussed the need for a 2/3 vote if the Board rescinded the motion.

Commissioner Welch agreed with Commissioner Dozier and Vice-Chair Maddox. He stated the only fair thing to do is allow the sitting Commissioner to address this issue and asked that they pause until the December meeting.

Commissioner Cummings thanked the community for coming out. She stated that in honor of Commissioner Jackson, she had no problem waiting on input from the new sitting Commissioner. She voiced her support of pausing the renaming to allow the new District 2 Commissioner to provide input.

It was determined to pause the renaming until the new District 2 Commissioner was sworn in to provide input.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O'Steen:

- No additional comments.

County Administrator Long:

- Provided an update on acquiring the Fort Braden Community Center and stated the County had been actively engaged with Duke Energy regarding not removing the Fort Braden Oak Tree and that Duke Energy was working towards a positive solution.

Chairman Proctor inquired about the easement.

County Attorney O'Steen noted that the easement goes back to the 1920's.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Minor:

- Highlighted Breast Cancer Awareness Month and reminded everyone of other cancers, and the importance of skin cancer screenings.

Commissioner Dozier:

- Requested a proclamation acknowledging October as Careers in Construction Month. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing October as Careers in Construction Month. The motion carried 6-0.*
Chairman Proctor passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maddox.
- Requested a proclamation recognizing October 13, 2022, as Children's Environmental Health Day, to be presented at an outside event. *Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve a proclamation recognizing October 13th as Children's Environmental Health Day. The motion carried 6-0.*
- Acknowledged the recent Leon County Sheriff's Office 3rd Annual Hispanic Resource Festival at Fred George Greenway & Park.
- Commended the recent 24th Annual Fire Truck Round-up at Tom Brown Park.
- Requested a status report on the County's Volunteer Fire Departments.

Commissioner Dozier moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to request staff provide a status report on the County's Volunteer Fire Departments. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Welch:

- Thanked Brent Pell and Public Works for the work on traffic and pedestrian safety in the northeast.
- Acknowledged the Emergency Operations staff for deploying during Hurricane Ian.
- Motioned for a \$10,000 match for the State's \$20,000 grant to the Tallahassee Historical Society to write a book on the 2024 Tallahassee/Leon County Bicentennial. The City has already matched with \$10,000.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to approve an agenda item to consider a \$10,000 match for the State's \$20,000 grant to the Tallahassee Historical Society to write a book about the 2024 Tallahassee/Leon County Bicentennial. The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Cummings:

- Thanked Chairman Proctor for her allowing her to read the proclamation on Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Commended the County Employees who are assisting other communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

Chairman Proctor:

- Motioned for designating a section of Tharpe St. from Raa Middle School to Godby High School as the Georgia "Joy" Bowen Memorial Blvd. to honor the longest serving School Board Member, Georgia Bowen.
Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve designating a portion of Tharpe St. from Raa Middle School to Godby High School as the Georgia "Joy" Bowen Memorial Blvd. The motion carried 6-0.
- Requested and motioned for the Board to submit a letter to the CRTPA requesting the prioritization of completing the widening of Crawfordville Highway in Leon County which serves as an emergency evacuation route.
 - Commissioner Dozier, as Chairman of the CRTPA, spoke about the phases of the CRTPA project, with Wakulla County's segment being developed first, and it is FDOT's choice for prioritization. She stated that she had conversations with Representative Jason Shoaf about prioritizing this project. She committed to bringing this item up at the Oct. 18th CRTPA meeting and reflected on the CRTPA process.
 - Vice-Chair Maddox concurred that the County Commissioners serving on the CRTPA have been working hard to advocate for the prioritization of the widening of Crawfordville Highway. He stated his support of the motion.
 - Commissioner Minor, as a Commissioner representative on the CRTPA, stated his support of the motion.
 - Commissioner Dozier confirmed that this has been a top priority for the Leon County Commissioners on the CRTPA and stated her support of the motion.
Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve a letter from the Board asking the CRTPA to prioritize the widening of Crawfordville Road in Leon County. The motion carried 6-0.
 - Acknowledged Commissioner Dozier as this was her last meeting representing District 5 and Leon County. He thanked her tireless service.

Vice-Chairman Maddox:

- o Acknowledged Commissioner Dozier and her service and commitment to Leon County as she departs after serving 12 years and wished her the very best and congratulated her on her upcoming nuptials.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Canopy Community Development District Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates
- Capital Region Community Development District Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates
- FY 2023 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Budget Resolution 22-R-28 for both the Greater Frenchtown/Southside and the Downtown Community Redevelopment Areas

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



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BY: Nick Maddox, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwen Marshall Knight", is written over a horizontal line.

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