

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 21, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chair Nick Maddox presiding. Present were Vice-Chair Carolyn Cummings and Commissioners David T. O'Keefe, Christian Caban, Brian Welch, Bill Proctor, and Rick Minor. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chair Maddox called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Anton G. Elwood of the New Mt. Zion AME Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Chair Nick Maddox.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Proclamation Recognizing the New Leon County Inductees to the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame
  - Chair Maddox presented a Proclamation recognizing the New Leon County Inductees to the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.
  - Sergeant Gordan Lightfoot thanked the Commission for all the support and stated he was honored to receive the award. He shared that Leon County and the City of Tallahassee have been one of the most veteran friendly places in the state of Florida. He stated both, the Leon County Commission and City of Tallahassee, have contributed significantly on getting the bell tower built at the National Cemetery.
  - Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Glenn Sutphin thanked the Commission for the proclamation and the support. He shared that the first Veteran's Court took place in Texas, and now Florida has established the second Veteran's Court in Leon County. He stated this is important because a number of veterans who have problems, like mental health and drugs issues, have now been able to return to society, where they are no longer homeless and are able to participate and take care of their families.
  - Vice-Chair Cummings commended the honorees for being tremendous veterans and citizens of the United States. She thanked them for coming to Tallahassee to contribute with the community and for their service to the country, Leon County, and Tallahassee.
- Proclamation Recognizing March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
  - Chair Maddox presented a Proclamation recognizing March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.
  - Ashley Peterman thanked the commission for the Proclamation. She briefly discussed that Multiple Sclerosis is like an invisible disease and how it can affect

the body in different ways. She invited the Board to attend the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness annual walk on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

- Commissioner Caban thanked Chair Maddox for making this a proclamation and bringing recognition to Multiple Sclerosis Month. He spoke about how his mom still struggles with Multiple Sclerosis.
- Chair Maddox recalled how his own family deals with the disease as well.
- Proclamation Recognizing Sandy Beck, the Education Director for St. Francis Wildlife Association, for her Years of Service.
  - Commissioner Minor presented a Proclamation recognizing Sandy Beck, the Education Director for St. Francis Wildlife Association, for her years of service.
  - Sandy Beck stated it is a privilege and joy to serve St. Francis Wildlife Association for the last 34 years caring for raptors and other handicapped wild animals and create a generation of wildlife champions. She recalled how she has nurtured a connection with all the wildlife she's encountered. She thanked the Commission for the proclamation.
- Proclamation Recognizing Gary and Kim Anton, the owners Bradfordville Blues Club.
  - Commissioner Welch presented a Proclamation recognizing Gary and Kim Anton, the owners of Bradfordville Blues Club.
  - Gary Anton thanked the Board for the proclamation. He stated they will be turning the club over to dedicated club regulars and hope the new owners can continue with the tradition. He shared that it took not only them, but the local community, local musicians, and the National Blues Community, to keep the club open and alive for the past 20 years. He recalled how the community donated over \$40,000 when part of the club got damaged by a tree in 2018. He also shared that when the club closed during Covid for a whole year, the community donated again to keep the club alive. He finished by saying the club needs to be kept alive.
  - Commissioner Minor thanked Gary and Kim Anton for their amazing 22 years managing the club. He shared he's a big fan of music and admires their work. He also hopes for the continuation of the Bradfordville Blues Club.
  - Vice-Chair Cummings congratulated Gary and Kim Anton for all the years they contributed to the art of music in the community. She stated that Gary was one of the great employment civil rights attorneys over the years. She recalled how he was the mediator for a couple of her cases.
- Proclamation Recognizing Steve Lousberg, the Manager of the Ace Hardware in Woodville, for the partnership with the Agriculture Program at the Woodville School.
  - Commissioner Caban presented a Proclamation recognizing Steve Lousberg, the Manager of the Ace Hardware in Woodville, for the partnership with the Agriculture Program at the Woodville School.
  - Steve Lousberg thanked the Commission for the proclamation. He briefly described that ACE Store and noted it is a small, independent store and how the community is the lifeblood of their business. He shared that they opened in 1997 and recalls how the people of Woodville and surrounding areas have been

tremendous to them. He stated it's an honor for them to be involved in the community and able to support the educational efforts and educators in the area.

- Superintendent Rocky Hannah stated how blessed he is to attend the Commission Meeting. He thanked the Board for the proclamation. He shared it means a lot to him to see public officials notice and support the kids. He stated how much the Commission could change a kid's life and to keep doing what they're doing.
- Commissioner Welch thanked Mr. Lousberg and his team for what they do for the kids in Leon County.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDAED ITEMS**

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

- None

**CONSENT**

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

**1. Minutes: January 23, 2023, Board Retreat and January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, Board Retreat and January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.*

**2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for March 21, 2023, and preapproval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of March 22, 2023, through April 10, 2023.*

**3. Commissioner Appointments to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls and the Water Resource Committee**

*The Board approved Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Welch's appointment of a citizen, Caroline Pryor, to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2023, followed by a two-year term ending September 30, 2025, and;*

*Option #2: Ratify Commissioner Cumming's appointment of a citizen, Christian Griffith, to the Water Resources Committee, for the remainder of the term ending July 31, 2023, followed by a four-year term ending July 31, 2027.*

**4. Proposed Revisions to Policy No. 00-1, "Finance Advisory Committee"**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 00-1, "Finance Advisory Committee."*

**5. Pulled**

**6. Request to Schedule a Workshop on Addressing Homelessness**

*The Board approved Option #1: Schedule a workshop on addressing homelessness for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.*

**7. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the March 7, 2023, Joint Workshop on the 2023 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Infill Development**

*The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board during the March 7, 2023, Workshop on the 2023 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Infill Development which were to conduct the Joint Workshop on the 2023 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments and to accept the report on infill development and redevelopment.*

**8. Approval of the Plat for Shops at Bannerman Village Subdivision**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the plat for Shops at Bannerman Village Subdivision for recording in the Public Record (Attachment #1), contingent upon staff's final review and approval, and authorize the County Administrator to accept and execute the Infrastructure Completion Agreement (Attachment #2), and any future extensions thereto.*

**9. Springs Restoration Grant Amendment for Construction of the Belair/Annawood Sewer System Project**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant Amendment for the Belair/Annawood Sewer System Project (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant amendment, including any future modifications, subject to final legal review by the County Attorney, and;*

*Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment (Attachment #2).*

**10. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for Street Sweeping Services**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee to provide street sweeping services (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**11. Acceptance of the 2022 Urban and Community Forestry Grant**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2022 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Florida Forest Service in the amount of \$25,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the forthcoming Agreement, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, and;*

*Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request (Attachment #1).*

**12. Pulled - Approval of the Funding Recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes Allocated Through the Community Redevelopment Agency**

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

- None

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

**13. 2022 Annual Tallahassee-Leon County Board of Adjustment and Appeals Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2022 Annual Tallahassee-Leon County Board of Adjustment and Appeals Report (Attachment #1).*

**14. Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Leon County Contractors Licensing Board Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the FY 2022 Annual Contractors Licensing Board Report.*

**15. 2022 Annual Concurrency Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2022 Concurrency Annual Report (Attachment #1).*

**16. 2022 Annual Supervised Pretrial Release Program Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the 2022 Annual Supervised Pretrial Release Program Report (Attachment #1) and authorize staff to submit to the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller for Leon County.*

**17. February 2023 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the February 2023 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report (Attachment #1).*

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Leon County, the City of Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County**

This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Minor.

Ms. Cecka Rose Green, Executive Director of the Children's Services Council of Leon County (CSC), gave recognition to 3 council members, Darryl Jones, Leon County School Board; Rocky Hanna, Superintendent of Schools; and Vice-Chair Carolyn Cummings. She provided a brief update on the funding through the CSC for local programs. She shared that they were able to collect their first ad valorem tax revenue in the Fall of 2021 in the amount of about \$6.9 million dollars, and they have been able to distribute \$1.56 million dollars for Summer Programs. She shared that they provided individual services to 13,000 families in Leon County. The second ad valorem tax collection happened in the Fall of 2022, and it's estimated they will collect about \$6.4 to \$6.9 million dollars. They are currently using an operating budget of \$12.8 million dollars, of this amount \$10.7 million dollars has been earmarked for programming in Leon County. She stated how they have a very busy schedule to get \$10.1 million dollars out and allocated before the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2023). She shared that the Council prioritized eight areas which are: high quality early learning, family support, summer bridge funding, prenatal and post-natal support services, youth homelessness, youth development, mental and behavioral health, and youth gun violence. She stated summer meals are important, children and families struggle to stay fed and have proper nutrition. She stated how with high-quality early learning they can use

their resources to support families for a better education. Of the \$10.1 million they're working with, they are looking at creating programs under the family supports framework that includes family resource centers, one provider to establish up to three by 2025, family strengthening and parent engagement to help stabilize the family, and mentoring. She stated they will be presenting in April to the Program Services Committee additional strategies for high quality early learning.

Vice-Chair Cummings thanked Ms. Green and her staff for the summary of the hard work they have done since the inception of the CSC. She shared her excitement about the programs that have already been provided to children, and moving forward they will have more ongoing programs. She appreciated all the non-profits and the County for being a partner and expressed her support for this item. She stated she was very proud to be chosen as a representative for the CSC.

Commissioner Minor stated when he initially saw the budget at first, he believed it was bit high based on his knowledge. But, after talking with Ms. Green, he realized that it's very reasonable. He thanked her for all her hard work and for the update.

Commissioner Proctor recalled a letter he presented to the Board, City Commission, CSC, Ms. Green, and County Administrator regarding the hiring component. He expressed his concern in regard to the organizational chart and are they on track to securing the needed positions.

Ms. Green stated in the meeting packet that there are scenarios for hiring that include bringing on three positions and two positions. She stated that the Council is very judicious about taxpayer funding, they want to ensure that they are bringing on staff that are congruent with work that they need to be doing and are doing. She believes her proposal will fulfill this and expects to have a good and robust discussion on Thursday to see where they land on the positions. She stated that, whatever the Council settles on, they will do their best to do the work that needs to be done and that they are working with an a very aggressive timeline, and it will be helpful to bring in more positions to do the work.

Commissioner Proctor recalled the Primary Healthcare Committee and how they did an assessment on the needs of children for Leon County. He noted there was an effort in 2006 to bring this forth and this County has seen the needs of children fall through the cracks for a long time. He stated how he thanked God for the community's heart, and he's glad this is finally getting the proper review. He stated how with \$12 million in the bank, they are currently playing catch-up, and the kids need this help. He stated he's voting on this, and he's voting on this with his heart. He thanked Vice-Chair Cummings and Leon County School Board Darryl Jones for all they are doing and asked them to not be dissuaded by naysayers and those who want to spoil the mission of what has been done and documented since 2004.

*Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and the Children Services Council of Leon County to partner on opportunities to collaborate and coordinate on funding, program delivery, program evaluation, and outcome measures for children and family services, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOU, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

## **12. Approval of the Funding Recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes Allocated Through the Community Redevelopment Agency**

This item was pulled from Consent by Vice-Chair Cummings.

The following citizens provided in-person comments:

- Ariel Raff, Executive Director for LeMoyne Arts, spoke in support of the funding recommendations.
- Donna Cotterell, 703 Osceola Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32310, shared her excitement to see the program funding going forward. She stated she's looking for recommendations to move more funding in the Events Program that gear towards the African American Experience, Native American Community, Hispanic Community, and churches.
- Alan Hanstein, 3234 Yeats Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32311, Executive Director of the Challenger Learning Center, thanked Chair Maddox, the rest of the Commission, and County Administrator Long for the support of the funding request. He noted the 50,000 K-12 students they serve every year from all 67 counties across Florida, as well as from Georgia and Alabama. He stated the improvements will make a significant difference in the impact on them and for the students in Tallahassee, especially from those in underserved communities.
- Max Epstein 1001 San Luis Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, expressed his concern about how this process has transpired since 2018. He recalled he was involved in the original round of grants, there was a selection process and then went through political boards, and none of the projects happened. He doesn't believe the CRA has a good process in place and recalled all the barriers of entry put in place to keep it from passing. He stated he was only looking for an amount of \$50,000 to keep community work with a local high school. He would support smaller amounts of money going towards more organizations rather than two organizations. He stressed how the Board should really consider looking more into this.
- Commissioner Caban asked if Indaba, Inc., is subject to get additional funding for programming or does the money have to be allocated through a different source. Also, is the CRA moving in the right direction if they are looking for additional funding for programming.
- County Attorney O'Steen explained that the CRA and local agreement does provide the funds to be utilized for projects, programs and expenses related to culture, visual arts and heritage programs and performing arts program, so they qualify under the mentioned criteria.
- Commissioner Caban offered a motion for staff recommendation, when non-profits or entities are receiving tax dollar for construction projects, he believes they need to go through an invitation to bid, they should also need to work with OEV and the MWSBE Program, he also wanted to see the CRA be the score keeper on the invitations to bid to prevent nepotism and favoritism.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated there's nothing that precludes the County from placing an additional contingency upon the approval of any funding and the approval process. The City would just have to vote to approve.

- Chair Maddox recommended Option #2 or Option #3 and send back to the City for consideration to do an ITN process where they would get quotes from multiple businesses to do the work that will specify what the funding will be used for.
- County Administrator Long stated it was just a matter of approving Option #1. He noted that the construction contracts will follow, and the approval will be contingent on these agencies ultimately going through a competitive bidding process with public dollars on these grants.
- Commissioner Caban stated that when using public tax dollars, it is very easy for nepotism or favoritism to take place and an ethical layer is needed to make sure that public tax dollars are being allocated and spent correctly.
- Chair Maddox clarified that they will be approving the funding, the organizations receiving the funding will have to go through the ITN Process in order to access the money, and it will have to be approved by the City.
- Chair Maddox explained the ITN process to Commissioner Proctor.
- Vice-Chair Cummings thanked the CRA Board for its hard work. She stated that when she looked at the applicable Florida Statutes, it does not exclude the use of the funds for programming. She shared her concern that, after analyzing their application and looking at the award to Indaba, Inc., it specifically excluded programming. She asked why the CRA restricted the use of the funds and restricted programming, she wanted someone to explain that distinction.
- County Administrator Long stated that it was always the intent of the Board that the CRA would develop the program guidelines for the grant.
- Louis Norvell with the City Attorney's Office stated that under this grant, the programming was not excluded, it was eligible for funding when it was reviewed which included the committee, and their recommendation was to limit the funding or the award of the grant to infrastructure. He stated it was not that it wasn't eligible or the CRA said that it will not fund the programming, but it was the recommendations with the limited amount of funds that were available, that for this request it will be limited to the improvements to the amphitheater.
- Vice-Chair Cummings thanked Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell for the explanation and asked if the Adderley Amphitheater was owned by the City.
- Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated that it is a City facility, and the improvements were requested by the non-profits for their use.
- Vice-Chair Cummings asked if the funds that have been allocated to Indaba, Inc., if CRA has the authority to re-allocate those funds and use a portion for programming.
- Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated that the programming is deemed to be eligible; the request is that the Board of County Commissioners approve the award of the grant as well as the City Commission.



- Chair Maddox asked if Vice-Chair Cummings wanted them to consider programming, the CRA would have to go back and reconsider that piece before they are able increase any funding because programming is not included.
- Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated if the Board wanted to approve something different than what was recommended it was a possibility.
- Chair Maddox asked if they approved programming funding if it would have to go back to the CRA and the City to approve.
- Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated any approval of the funding under the Interlocal Agreement must be approved by the City Commission.
- Vice-Chair Cummings provided a substitute motion that the CRA reconsider the allocation to Indaba, Inc., to include programming as well as infrastructure.
- County Administrator Long stated it would require re-calculation of the grants or simply adding a step to the process and request for the CRA to reconsider the proposal and reconsider Indaba, Inc., programming funding.
- Vice-Chair Cumming stated she still wanted to make a substitute motion that the CRA reconsider the allocation to Indaba, Inc., to include programming as well as infrastructure.
- Chair Maddox asked if they could specify to just consider Indaba, Inc., when it comes to programming, or they must extend that option to other applicants as well.
- County Attorney O'Steen stated based on the direction the Board provided, it will only be Indaba, Inc., because there is limited funding if they consider the allocation for programming in addition to infrastructure it could affect the funding for the other two projects.
- Commissioner Minor asked to clarify the substitute motion. He stated this will be a reallocation from the funds. He shared his concern about how that will affect existing applications with the other organizations.
  - Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated the capital improvements is the only recommendation for funding, if they partially fund programming, there will have to be a reduction of the amount for improvement to the amphitheater.
- Commissioner Minor asked if he knows how much of the Indaba, Inc., portion part of the \$570,000 is.
  - Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated the \$570,000 is for the improvements, there is no funding for programming. He stated programming was an additional \$440,000. He mentioned that the CRA staff was present, and they are looking for ways to provide some funding for some of the Indaba, Inc., programming, there is also an additional \$50,000 that could be allocated to programming.

- Commissioner Welch stated he will not be able to support the motion because if they send this back to the CRA or the City Commission, they're going to have to take from the other options to approve this funding. He asked Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell if there is any programming funding in the LeMoyne Arts or the Challenger Learning Center allocation.
  - Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated no, the funding for the LeMoyne project is for improvements to the property and with the Challenger Learning Center, funding is for the planetarium.
- Commissioner Welch stated that he cannot support the motion because LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center will be thrown out just to support programming for Indaba, Inc.
- Commissioner O'Keefe asked for clarification from Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell.
  - City Attorney Norvell states that this is just a recommendation, and nothing is set in stone.
- Commissioner O'Keefe asked if the Board has the authority to award \$50,000 to Indaba, Inc., tonight or is there an extended process.
- Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell asked staff for clarification.
- Ken Morris, Assistant County Administrator, stated the item being discussed is projected at a total of \$2,049,000. Based on the CRA's direction, they fully funded the LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center with the remaining funds going to the Indaba project. He noted the agenda item incorporates the extra \$49,000 to the Indaba project so there isn't extra money to be allocated.
- Commissioner O'Keefe stated since the motion limits the change within that amount to not affect LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center, any reduction will impact them. He asked if any representatives from the Challenger Learning Center or LeMoyne Arts would like to speak.
- Commissioner Welch stated if they send it back, it will impact LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center allocation.
- Chair Maddox stated if everyone understood that the intent is not to increase the funding of Indaba, Inc., but to change allocation for some of the \$570,000 to be included as programming instead of the capital improvement to the Adderley Amphitheater.
- Commissioner Minor clarified that it does affect LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center in terms of the delay. It doesn't affect the funding, it delays the process because the recommendation has to go back to the CRA.
- Vice-Chair Cummings stated that there were many entities that came together to apply, so when she mentioned Indaba, Inc., she meant to include the other entities that applied for the grant as well.

- Chair Maddox clarified that the substitute motion on the floor is to ask that the CRA or City reconsider the funding portion of the \$570,000 to include a piece specifically for programming that will go to Indaba, Inc.
- Commissioner Proctor asked why any of these groups must pay for capital improvements and pay fees. He asked what these fees will do for their efforts to provide cultural performances in our community and what percentage will Indaba, Inc., be held accountable for.
- Chair Maddox asked if it's because the grant application requested those things.
  - Senior Assistant City Attorney Norvell stated yes because the private interest asked for the grant.
- Chair Maddox asked Donna Cotterell if the city made any request to include their facilities.
  - Donna Cotterell stated no, in the grant application you can only request funding for improvements to buildings that are owned by municipalities, so they choose the amphitheater because all of them have used it before and know what improvements need to be done, and the people who use it will benefit from those improvements.
- Commissioner Proctor stated he would withdraw his second.
- Commissioner Caban stated that he has the same aspiration to help Indaba, Inc., but he would like to see an ethical component when they are giving out taxpayer money. He asked Vice-Chair Cummings if she is open to amend this motion so that whoever applies for this money must go through an invitation to bid on any construction, because when using taxpayers' dollars, they need to have a level of protection.
- Vice-Chair Cummings accepted the amendment.
- Commissioner Minor shared he couldn't accept the substitute motion on the floor because these applications have been pooled. It has been passed by the CRA and it's likely to pass by the City Commission tomorrow and added they don't know how this will affect all these organizations that currently apply. He doesn't support the motion because these partners banded together to apply for this money so because of that, they have submitted their applications in good faith and so it won't delay funding to LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center. He agreed with Commissioner Caban that they need to make sure that any money allocated doesn't suffer for nepotism or lack of minority opportunities.
- Chair Maddox asked if Southern Shakespeare Organization had any objections for programming to be added into the contemplation.
- Mark Mustian, President of Word of South, stated he was fine with allocating some of the money for the programming.
- Chair Maddox supported the substitute motion on the floor because it does not affect the funding for LeMoyne Arts and the Challenger Learning Center.

*Vice-Chair Cummings made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Caban to approve Option #3: Board direction: Request the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board reconsider its recommendation for the Indaba, Inc., project to allow a portion of the funds to be utilized for programming; and, require the CRA to ensure and document that the organizations to be awarded funding for capital improvement projects utilize an Invitation to Bid process and MWSBE aspirational goals for the selection of vendors.*

*The motion carried 4-3 (Commissioners Welch, O'Keefe, and Minor in opposition).*

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #1, as amended: Approve the funding recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes allocated through the Community Redevelopment Agency for the LeMoyne Art Foundation and Challenger Learning Center.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **18. Lake Munson Status Report**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item provided a six-month status update on the implementation and ongoing efforts related to the Lake Munson Action Plan, as approved by the Board at the October 11, 2022, meeting, including a recommendation to extend the drawdown through Spring 2024, to further dry out the exposed areas of the lake and promote sediment capping to enhance water quality. He then turned the discussion over to staff.

Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, provided a detailed overview. She shared efforts to improve the water quality of Lake Munson and the implementation of the Lake Munson Action Plan.

Implementation of Action Plan – Launched Public Notification, Pre-Drawdown in-lake water chemistry samples. This was to look at the water chemistry, using samples taken from the lake. They tested for 39 parameters. Point-Source Testing for PCBs and other contaminants were collected in-lake and in Munson Slough. Staff and the workgroup agreed on the testing methods but have not agreed to the one-time sampling event. Only four containments were detected in the water (they were all metals and included iron), all which came back below state standards. The samples in the Slough results have not come back yet.

On Tuesday, November 29th, a survey was conducted. It was determined that 77% of the lake had been exposed during that time. Ms. Padilla stated the drawdown only benefited the lake. She stated that an extended drawdown was talked about at the meeting, and they supported this action.

Ongoing Capital Investments – Over \$290 million investment in Lake Munson Basin Northeast Lake Munson Septic-To- Sewer Project including the following:

- \$15.6 million committed.
- Board awarded a Construction Bid on Dec. 13, 2022.
- Construction commenced early March 21, 2023.

Septic Upgrade Incentive Program:

- \$2.22 Million committed.
- Applications opened Feb 1, 2023 - This project provides direct help to Wakulla Springs.

Staff recommends:

- Extending the drawdown through Spring 2024.
- Continuing quarterly updates with the Science Advisory Committee and Workgroup.
- Updating the Board every six months.
- Lake Clean-up Events.
  - April 8th – Lake Munson
  - April 22nd – Lake Henrietta

**In-person speakers:**

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, provided a presentation and spoke in support of sediment removal opportunities for Lake Munson.
- Anita Davis, 1111 E Paul Russell Road, spoke about the poor water quality of the water draining from the lake, and in support of sediment removal.
- Sean McGlynn, 568 Beverly Court, Florida Lake Management Society Board member, spoke in support of cleaning up the lake.
- Lida Rivers, 5312 Trinidad Drive, spoke in support of cleaning up Lake Munson.
- Wyatt Hendricks, 1357 Tom Still Road, expressed concern about the effect on property values around the Lake and in support of sediment removal.
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- Ms. Padilla noted the dredging, which was done 34 years ago, would cause more harm than good now and that they would not recommend this option. She clarified that there is no proximity issue with the proposed solution, and they have partnered with FDEP to assist with the project. She stated that it is not recommended that the north lobe of the lake be drained and that quarterly aerial surveys would not provide additional information.
- The Board discussed further the recommendation to extend the drawdown, why dredging was not recommended, the Lake Management strategies, the extent that the lake could be restored, the planned clean-up events, the possibility of burning the lake bottom, and the 2021 Terracon Report (a third-party report).
- Commissioner Caban proposed testing the chemicals in water monthly if the drawdown solution is chosen.
- Ms. Padilla explained that more frequent sampling would not provide any additional information.
- Commissioner Proctor expressed disappointment in the management strategies and proposed cleaning Lake Henrietta first and starting upstream.
- Ms. Padilla stated that the scientific evidence they have currently supports the draw-down, and they don't have evidence that dredging is the right solution.
- Vice-Chair Cummings agreed that the current solution is the best option based on scientific evidence.
- Commissioner Minor noted the problems that they are seeing at Lake Munson aren't unique. They are seeing these issues throughout the state.
- Commissioner Proctor requested an independent study be done on the other recommendations.

- Chair Maddox proposed coming back to this agenda item if there is no change by the end of the year with what staff has proposed. He shared his support for the staff recommendation.
- Ms. Padilla stressed that SAC (Stakeholder Advisory Committee), FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission), and industry experts do not recommend lake bottom dredging in low-to moderate-risk areas like Lake Munson, due to dredging can pose risks to ecological and human health. She shared staff would continue to investigate other options for managing the lake to provide the greatest overall benefit to the lake.

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #1: Accept the status report on Lake Munson; and*

*Option #2 as amended: Approve the extension of the Lake Munson drawdown through Spring 2024; and include monthly chemistry testing at northern entry point and southern outflow of the Lake during the drawdown; an emergency plan to close the dam in anticipation of flooding or severe weather events such as a hurricane until the sediment has an opportunity to settle; and quarterly aerial surveys of sediment compression during the drawdown.*

The motion carried 7-0.

**19. Establishing the FY 2024 Maximum Discretionary Funding Levels for Outside Agencies Including the Community Human Services Partnership**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. Pursuant to the County’s Discretionary Funding Ordinance and Policy No. 93-44 “Fiscal Planning” this item seeks Board consideration to approve the FY 2024 maximum discretionary funding levels for outside agencies including the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) and special events.

In-Person Public Comments:

- K. Lennorris Barber, 527 W. Brevard Street, advocated for Frenchtown Rising events. He stated the organization has provided a number of community engagement events with over 123,000 participants.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, supported Mr. Barber in advocating for Frenchtown Rising. He commended him publicly. He stated this will be an economic and environmental driver for the Frenchtown community. He shared that there is unity in the community with these type events.

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion for Options #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #3 amended to \$12,500, the current Commissioner Office Budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Welch.

Commissioner Proctor spoke in support of increasing the Commissioner Office Budgets. He stated that he is not supporting the motion on the floor. He shared his stance on paying out of pocket for something he felt would benefit the County and his work as Commissioner. He made a substitute motion for Options #1 through #6, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings.

The Board discussed the Commissioner Office Budget and what the funds may be used for.

Commissioner O'Keefe stated that he has enjoyed many conferences that he has attended as a commissioner. He's confident these motions will provide great change.

Commissioner Welch noted that he felt similar to Commissioner O'Keefe. He stated he understood where Commissioner Proctor is coming from. He shared he can't in good faith move forward with these obligations; he doesn't agree with only giving office budgets a \$5,000 increase and giving \$25,000 for Frenchtown Rising. He stated he can't support Option #3 and currently can't support the motion on the floor.

Commissioner Caban said he felt frustration when he heard his colleagues speak on affordable housing. He would like to see some of these non-profits reach out to the Children Services Council directly, versus the Board.

Vice-Chair Cummings stated that, in regard to the Children Services Council, they have many proposals in motion at this current time. She stated she supports Commissioner Proctor's motion. Regarding Option #3, she recalls running a business for 30 years and stated it's all about your budget. She recalled viewing the information that staff has provided to them, and it showed none of the Commissioners exhausted their budget. She stated that we should consider it as money being spent. She stated her support for Options #1-#6.

Chair Maddox explained why he would be supporting Commissioner Proctor's motion. He shared how the budget is there for them to cover their expenditures. He stated that he is responsible for his own budget. He stated that the monies not used will go back into general revenue. He stated that the money doesn't roll over. He noted that each Commissioner's budget is up to them, and how they want to spend it is up to them.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Options #1-#6:*

*Option #1: Approve the Community Human Services Partnership (CHSP) funding level for FY 2024 at \$1,445,000.*

*Option #2: Approve the non-departmental maximum discretionary funding level for FY 2024 at \$44,500 for special events funding.*

*Option #3: Establish the Commissioner Office Budgets at \$20,500.*

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

*Option #5: Establish the FY 2024 Outside Agency Contracts as follows:*

- DISC Village: \$222,759*
- Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: \$25,000*
- Legal Services of North Florida: \$125,000*
- Oasis Center: \$68,750*
- St. Francis Wildlife Association: \$71,250*
- Tallahassee Senior Citizens Foundation: \$179,000*
- Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation: \$63,175*
- United Partners for Human Services: \$40,000*

• *Whole Child Leon: \$38,000; and*

*Option #6: Provide \$25,000 in Special Event Funding in support of Frenchtown Rising Events.*

*The motion carried 5-2 (Commissioner O'Keefe and Commissioner Welch in opposition).*

Chair Maddox stated they could revisit the office budget policy in regard to sponsorship and events.

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

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks Board direction in establishing residential and commercial rates in awarding the exclusive franchise to provide waste collection services in unincorporated Leon County to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.

*Commissioner Proctor made a motion for Option A, which was seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe.*

Commissioner Proctor expressed concerns about Options C and D and sought clarification from the County Attorney. He stated that he is comfortable with the cheaper option.

Commissioner Minor discussed the difference in the fees between the current options and suggested that Option B would result in the same amount that customers are currently paying. He requested clarification on fees between the options.

*Commissioner Proctor withdrew his motion.*

*Commissioner Minor made a substitute motion for Option B, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

County Administrator Long reiterated the options and stated that Option B would save customers \$200,000 compared to Option A.

Commissioner Proctor sought clarification on whether money is saved by going with Option B.

Commissioner Welch clarified the information for Commissioner Proctor and expressed support for Option B. He also suggested that Option C could be another option to consider as it saves customers money in the long term. He thanked the County Administrator and County Attorney for their work and emphasized the obligation to go with the best bidder. He stated his support for Commissioner Minor's motion.

Commissioner Proctor commended the staff for their work in gathering information on the item.



Vice-Chair Cummings thanked the County Administrator and staff for keeping the rates in good standing and reducing them. She expressed confidence in Waste Pro as a provider for the community and thanked the regional director.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Award the exclusive franchise to provide waste collection services in unincorporated Leon County to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., based upon one of the following rate options, and authorize the County Administrator execute the Franchise Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

*b. Residential rate of \$23.17, Franchise fee of 3%, and commercial rates as reflected in the item.*

The motion carried 7-0.

## **21. Alternatives to Incarceration for the Possession of Small Amounts of Marijuana**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. As requested by the Board at its February 21, 2023, regular meeting, this item provides an analysis of the alternatives to incarceration for the possession of small amounts of marijuana, including the current alternatives utilized in Leon County.

County Attorney O'Steen noted that there were no current arrests in regard to possession of small amounts of marijuana alone.

During the meeting, there were in-person speakers who expressed support for Option #2, which involved drafting a proposed ordinance to provide law enforcement with the discretion to issue a civil penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana as stated below.

- **In-person speakers:**

- Will Crowley, 2308 Cypress Cove Drive, spoke in support of Option #2: To direct staff to draft a proposed ordinance providing law enforcement the discretion to issue a civil penalty for the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, spoke in support of a civil penalty for the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Commissioner Proctor motioned for support of Option #2, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe. County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that possession of marijuana violates federal and state law.

Commissioner Welch expressed his opposition to Option #2, stating that it would make it more difficult for law enforcement and that the ordinance would be illegal as it goes against state law. He cited data showing a decrease in marijuana possession numbers.

Vice-Chair Cummings thanked Commissioner Proctor for bringing up the issue but expressed concern about adopting an ordinance that goes against state law. She highlighted the State Attorney's diversion program and urged the Commission to press the issue with state legislators.

Commissioner O'Keefe expressed support for the ordinance and stated that he was not aware of any financial penalty if the ordinance was put in place by a lawsuit, noting the difference between civil and criminal lawsuits.

Commissioner Caban expressed support for the ordinance, citing other counties in Florida that have similar ordinances in place with a \$100 fine for possession.

Commissioner Minor conveyed support for the legalization of marijuana but expressed concerns about the County's authority to pass such an ordinance, giving people the wrong impression, and stated he would vote against Option #2.

Commissioner Proctor urged Vice-Chair Cummings to recuse herself from the vote.

Chair Maddox expressed concern about voting in this direction without the support of law enforcement and the State's Attorney Office and suggested pursuing a resolution or going to the state to enact change.

The Board further discussed the responsibility for decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana lying with the State, the State Attorney's diversion program, ordinances in jurisdictions in Florida, the need to make this a state legislative priority, the need for cooperation from the State Attorney and Sheriff to enforce a County ordinance, and their duty to their constituents.

*Commissioner Welch made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1, which involved accepting the report on alternatives to incarceration for possession of small amounts of marijuana and taking no further action.*

*The motion carried 4-3 (Commissioners O'Keefe, Caban, and Proctor in opposition).*

**22. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item sought the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

**In-person speakers:**

- Guy Prentice, 1021 Lothian Drive, conveyed his desire and availability to be appointed to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth.
- Lonnie Mann, 1120 E. Windwood Way, Panhandle Archaeological Society, spoke in support and to the character of the appointment of Mr. Prentice to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Appoint one citizen to Archaeologist Seat on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for the remainder of the unexpired term ending May 31, 2025. The eligible applicants were Barbara Clark, Matthew Marino and Guy Prentice. Guy Prentice was appointed. The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #2: Appoint one citizen, Oral Payne, to Seat Category a. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending January 31, 2026. The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #3: Appoint one citizen, Alexandria Currie, to Seat Category b. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending January 31, 2026. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #4: Appoint one citizen, John Hershey, to Seat Category c. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending January 31, 2026. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve Option #5: Appoint two citizens, Bruce Strouble and Mary Williams, to Seat Category d. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending January 31, 2026. The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #6: Re-appoint two citizens, Trina Searcy and Rachel Stevens, to Seat Category g. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending January 31, 2025. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #7: Re-appoint two citizens, Madelon Horwich and Lawrence Tobe, to Seat Category i. on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending January 31, 2025. The motion carried 7-0.

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

#### **23. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Lake Protection Zoning District**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item requested the Board conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending the Lake Protection Zoning District. The proposed Ordinance would avoid potential litigation over Summerfield Land, LLC's, Notice of Claim under the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Private Property Protection Act (Chapter 70, F.S.) by correcting Lake Protection cluster subdivision requirements that inadvertently impacted development entitlements within the Summerfield Planned Unit Development. It also clarified the process for designating open space and development areas, established tiers of open space, clarified design standards, and ensured consistency with the County's Environmental Management Act.

#### Public Comment:

- Sophie Wacongne-Speer, 704 Duparc Circle, Vice President of Friends of Lake Jackson. She spoke in support of the ordinance and shared they appreciated the private briefing provided by staff.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve Option #1: Conduct the second and final Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending the Lake Protection Zoning District.

The motion carried 7-0.

**24. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Predevelopment Environmental Analysis Reviews Section of the Environmental Management Act**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item requested the Board conduct the first and only Public Hearing and consider adopting an Ordinance amending the Pre-Development Environmental Analysis Reviews Section of the Environmental Management Act. The revision was intended to clarify the process required to identify trees during the Natural Features Inventory (NFI) stage. This would ensure that protected trees (especially patriarch trees) were identified and reflected within the submitted NFI maps. As directed by the Board, this item included an analysis of the existing patriarch tree identification included in the Land Development Code.

Public Comment:

In person speakers:

- Jason Ghazvini, 4708 Capital Circle, stated his opposition to the ordinance. He cited its potential impact on affordable housing. He recommended a density bonus as an alternative solution.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, expressed support of the ordinance. He stated how it would improve the current process of tree preservation.
- Nita Davis, 1111 E. Paul Russell Road, spoke in support of the ordinance. She thanked the Commission and stressed how important this clarification was. She recalled the time when 30 oak trees that were at least 100-150 years old were destroyed.

Commissioner O'Keefe thanked staff for their work on the clarification.

Commissioner Welch clarified that Jason Ghazvini was supportive of the clarification and that it would not affect affordable housing.

*Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only Public Hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending the Pre-Development Environmental Analysis Reviews Section of the Environmental Management Act (Attachment # 1).*

*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.*

- None

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**County Attorney O'Steen:** No additional comments.

**County Administrator Long:**

- Acknowledged his 25th Wedding Anniversary and thanked everyone for the well wishes.
- Commended County staff for their work on the agenda items.

- Thanked the Board for its continued commitment to Lake Munson. He shared that the Lake Munson project is an on-going project.

### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Commissioner Proctor:**

- Commended Vice-Chair Cummings in regard to seeking action to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana.
- Shared an article from the Washington Post reporting that President Biden requested a 5.2% increase in salary for federal employees. He also suggested that the Board consider a 5% increase for County employees during the upcoming budget process, similar to the Governor's proposal for state employees.
- Shared with the Board his thoughts on acquiring part of the Apalachicola National Forest to become part of Leon County.
- Highlighted the community involvement with the Lake Munson clean up.

#### **Commissioner Minor:**

- Motioned to add decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana to the County's State Legislative priorities agenda.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to add decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana (20 grams or less) to the County's State Legislative priorities agenda. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Pastor Clarence Jackson and Destiny Church's 10-year anniversary.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 10-year anniversary for Destiny Church.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

- Acknowledged staff for their work for the agenda items.

#### **Commissioner Welch:**

- Congratulated the County Administrator of his wedding anniversary.
- Congratulated Julie Childers, a teacher at Chiles High School, for the chalk walk project on Wednesday, March 22nd on Adams Street.
- Thanked Blueprint staff for the design plan for the Northeast Park event on March 30th at Montford Middle School.
- Thanked Sheriff McNeil for the recent Hotdogs with Deputies outreach held at Walmart on Thomasville Road.
- Thanked Congressman Neal Dunn for his efforts with the ongoing postal problems in the County.
- Commended Tallahassee Community College for the establishment of the new Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, a charter high school.

#### **Commissioner O'Keefe:**

- Reflected on the October Board request for staff analysis of enforceability of an ordinance to increase the amount of notice that landlords give for rent increases over 5% and of rent market data. He made a motion for an agenda item to include a draft ordinance.

*Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to direct staff to provide an agenda item including a draft ordinance to increase the required notice that landlords give for rent increases over 5%, to 30 days for month-to-month leases, and 60 days for quarterly leases, and include best practices from other Florida jurisdiction ordinances.*

*The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Caban in opposition).*

**Commissioner Caban:**

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Tallahassee Community College and President Jim Murdaugh.

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve a proclamation for Tallahassee Community College (TCC) and President Jim Murdaugh for being named by the National Association of Business Resources as one of the top 101 best and brightest companies to work for in the nation. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Sharon Gray for her efforts with Apalachicola National Forest clean up.

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Sharon Gray for her efforts in organizing the Apalachicola National Forest clean up. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Gayle Grissett for her donation of an antique piano to the Fort Braden Community Center.

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing Gayle Grissett for her donation of an antique piano to the Fort Braden Community Center. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Thanked Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, for all her efforts on the Lake Munson clean up.

**Vice-Chair Cummings:**

- Congratulated County Administrator Long on his wedding anniversary.
- Recognized March as Women’s History Month.
- Commended the Tallahassee Democrat for profiling 25 women to know in Leon County, and acknowledged Carmen Conner, Children’s Services Council Board member, and Wanda Hunter, Assistant County Administrator, and requested a proclamation recognizing Wanda Hunter.

*Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve a proclamation recognizing Wanda Hunter, Assistant County Administrator, for being named as one of the Tallahassee Democrat’s 25 Women You Need to Know. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Commended the Oasis Center’s recent Trailblazer luncheon for Women’s History Month and recognized the presentation by Riley Long, daughter of the County Administrator.
- Thanked staff for the recent Lake Munson site visit.

**Chair Maddox:**

- Requested a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week, May 21-27, 2023. *Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week. The motion carried 7-0.*
- Asked for a proclamation recognizing Representative Al Lawson.
- *Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve a proclamation recognizing Representative Al Lawson for his years of service to the State of Florida and the U.S. Government. The motion carried 7-0.*

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023.

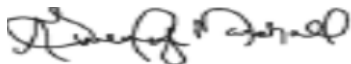
**ADJOURN:**


There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



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

BY:   
 Nick Maddox, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners