

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 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 along with 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 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner O’Keefe introduced Pastor LaNorris McFadden of Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church. Pastor McFadden provided the Invocation.

Commissioner O’Keefe provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Proclamation Recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week Proclamation.

Chair Maddox presented the National Public Works Week Proclamation. Brent Pell, Public Works Director, accepted the proclamation. He thanked the Board for its recognition and continued support.

- Proclamation Recognizing May as Bike Month.

Chair Maddox presented the Proclamation recognizing May as Bike Month.

Bree Van Oss, Team Director/Head Coach of Tallahassee Thunder, thanked the County Commission and high school students. Mr. Oss stated he was there to accept the proclamation for the youth and the community. He stated that the future for Tallahassee Thunder is bright. He mentioned the statistics of the national mountain bike association in Tallahassee. He stated this because everyone should be able to participate in this sport regardless of background. He is grateful for the support of the Commission and Visit Tallahassee. Visit Tallahassee is one of their biggest supporters. He wanted to thank Parks and Rec of Leon County as well. He stated they depend on their local infrastructure regarding their biking trails, and other counties lack what Leon County has. They are excited to see what the future holds. Oss introduced Chole Willcocks from the School of Arts and Sciences. She marveled at the fact of living in a community where cycling has become such a big part of her life. She recalled how cycling has positively impacted her life and gave thanks to her team. She stated that cycling was a huge aspect of her family, and it continues to be now that she is grown up. She shared her excitement for more women to get more involved in cycling.

- Proclamation Recognizing Wanda Hunter, Assistant County Administrator, for being named as One of the Tallahassee Democrat’s 25 Women You Need to Know.

Vice Chair Cummings presented the proclamation regarding Wanda Hunter. She shared that Ms. Hunter demonstrates positive leadership. Vice Chair Cummings stated she is honored to recognize Ms. Hunter.

Ms. Hunter stated she was very honored and appreciated this recognition as she has stood behind many powerful women. County Administrator Long stated that the Board is very proud of Ms. Hunter and hopes to have her for many more years.

Commissioner Proctor stated that Ms. Hunter had demonstrated great leadership and is a symbol of excellence. Chair Maddox stated that she exemplifies what Leon County stands for.

- Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.

Vice Chair Cummings stated she was honored to be presenting this proclamation.

Sue Dick, President/CEO of Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, stated it's been an honor to serve as CEO for the last 23 years. She thanked the Board for this opportunity.

Terry Ard, Chair of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Commission for the collaboration and partnership.

County Administrator Long thanked the Chamber for being a great partner for the County.

- Overview of the Upcoming 2023 Hurricane Season.

Kevin Peters presented the overview for the 2023 Hurricane Season, which is anticipated to be a less active season due to El Nino. He encouraged citizens to stay informed and visit [LeonReady.com](http://LeonReady.com) and download the Leon County Citizens Connect app.

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

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

*The following speakers provided in-person comments:*

- Will Fulkerson, 762 Eagle Views Dr., spoke regarding problems with his homestead exemption for his recently purchased home.
  - Chair Maddox stated that County staff would follow up with him regarding his issue.
- Nia Olgletree, 8146 Chris Lane, of the GenCLEO Youth Advocacy Movement, a climate advocacy and education organization, spoke in support of the County adopting a climate emergency resolution.
- Marquelle Olgletree, 8146 Chris Lane, spoke in support of a climate change resolution.
- Samantha Caddis, 700 N. Woodward Ave., said she is speaking in favor of passing the GenCLEO climate emergency resolution. She cared about this issue because it scares her. She said she had fallen in love with Leon County. She feared that one day she wouldn't be able to live in this County because of climate change.

Commissioner Proctor stated he would be pushing to make it an agenda item for the next

meeting.

**CONSENT**

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items #8 and #13 that were pulled from Consent for discussion. The motion carried 7-0.*

**1. Minutes: February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and March 7, 2023, Joint Comprehensive Plan Workshop**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and March 7, 2023, Joint Comprehensive Plan Workshop.*

**2. Payment of Bills**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for May 9, 2023, and preapproval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of May 10, 2023, through June 12, 2023.*

**3. Proposed Revisions to Policy No. 11-5, Litigation Hold Policy**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 11-5, Litigation Hold Policy (Attachment #1).*

**4. Commissioner Appointment to the Water Resource Committee**

*The Board approved Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Minor's appointment of a citizen, Sophie Wacongne-Speer, 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.*

**5. Acceptance of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant and of a Florida Off Road Foundation Donation for the Leon County Sheriff's Department**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the State of Florida, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Pass-through Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide in the amount of \$33,338; and authorize the Chair to execute the Grant Agreement, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and authorize the Leon County Sheriff to recognize and spend the funds within the requirements of the Grant Agreement.*

*Option #2: Accept the Florida Off Road Foundation Donation in the amount of \$40,517, and authorize the Leon County Sheriff to recognize and spend the funds towards the purchase of a jeep.*

*Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request to realize the grant funds and donation into the Sheriff's FY 2023 budget.*

**6. Proposed Revisions to Policy No. 00-07, "Purchasing Card Policy"**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 00-07, "Purchasing Card Policy."*

**7. Proposed Revisions to the Leon County Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 7.24 – Sick Leave Pool**

*The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the proposed revised Leon County Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 7.24 – Sick Leave Pool.*

**8. PULLED - Officer-In-Resident Program Proposal from the Mount Olive Affordable Housing and Community Development Corporation, Inc.**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the staff report on the Officer-In-Resident Program Proposal from the Mount Olive Affordable Housing and Community Development Corporation, Inc.*

**9. 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service for 2023**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service for 2023.*

**10. Child Protection Examinations Agreement with The University of Florida Board of Trustees**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Agreement between Leon County and the University of Florida Board of Trustees for the provision of state-mandated child protection examinations and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**11. Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest of the Big Bend for Congregate Meal Programming**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest of the Big Bend for congregate meal programming and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**12. Interlocal Agreement for the Maintenance of Landscaping on Portions of Capital Circle Southwest and Capital Circle Southeast**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for the maintenance of landscaping on portions of Capital Circle Southwest and Capital Circle Southeast, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**PROCUREMENTS**

**13. PULLED - Approval of Contract for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services**

*The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Attorney to contract with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., for Bond Counsel services.*

*Option 2: Authorize the County Attorney to contract with George A. Smith, PLLC, for Disclosure Counsel services.*

**14. Approval of the Agreement for the Loans at Work Program**

*The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Agreement with BMG Money, Inc., for the County's Loans at Work Program, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

**15. Authorization to Negotiate an Agreement for Aerial Mapping Services**

*The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator or designee(s) to negotiate and execute an Agreement for aerial mapping services (Attachment #1) with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., subject to legal review by the County Attorney. If negotiations with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., are unsuccessful, authorize the County Administrator or designee(s) to negotiate with the second-ranked firm (Sanborn Map Company), and likewise proceed to the third-ranked firm (GPI Geospatial) if necessary.*

**Status Reports:**

**16. Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.*

**17. Status Report on Leon County's Towing Ordinance**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County's Towing Ordinance.*

**18. Midyear FY 2023 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report**

*The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Midyear FY 2023 Commissioner Discussion Items Status Report.*

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Item 8. Officer-In-Resident Program Proposal from the Mount Olive Affordable Housing and Community Development Corporation, Inc.**

Vice Chair Cummings pulled this item.

Public Comment:

- Melinda Goldsmith, 644 W. Blvd St., stated she was there to share her experiences about the residential police officer program, and why she supported the homeownership program for officers to reside in high crime areas. She mentioned her experience collaborating with the Virginia Police Department. She recalled her assignments around affordable housing areas. She believed this type of program would bridge the gap between minorities and law enforcement agencies. She reminisced about her time on foot patrol and interacting with the community. She acknowledged that when neighborhoods look better, it calls for less crime.

- K. Lennorris Barber, 527 W. Brevard St., referenced incentivizing participation from officers within the Mount Olive Affordable Housing Program. He suggested two additional options for the Commission to consider and presented two other actions for the Board's consideration:
  - 1) To modify the income requirements for sworn officers, first responders, teachers, and nurses for the County's Homeownership Development Program, and
  - 2) Match the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) allocation of \$60,000 for an Officer in Residence Program in Frenchtown through the Neighborhood First Program with a \$40,000 County allocation.
- Stanley R. Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, spoke in support of the initiative and shared he was a client of Ms. Hunter. He commented that Wanda Hunter held him accountable, and she always went to work to solve the problem. He stated she did not look at his record but treated him as a human. He wanted to add Mental Health Workers to Mr. Barber's list.

Vice Chair Cummings pulled this item from Consent. She supported the staff recommendation but said she liked the Officer-in-Residence concept for high crime areas. She disclosed that other counties have already adopted this concept, but she would like to flesh this out fully. She suggested that staff bring back more information regarding this item.

Chair Maddox recalled the two options Mr. Barber suggested. He stated that this issue would be open to everybody. He believed it was impressive that Mr. Barber was speaking for the community and not focusing on his personal goals. He wondered if the Board would be willing to allocate that match within the option or to bring an agenda item to adopt something similar that other counties are allowing. He asked if the Commission had any opinions.

Commissioner Minor said he was supportive of bringing an agenda item back.

Chair Maddox suggested bringing this back as an agenda item that reflected the options brought to them.

Vice Chair Cummings approved bringing the item back as an agenda item that addressed the City's program and explored what the County could do on its level.

Commissioner O'Keefe asked if they would wait to contact the City after the agenda item comes back or does staff contact the City ahead of an agenda item.

Chair Maddox preferred that staff contact the City before discussing said agenda item.

Chair Maddox suggested an agenda item to consider further the \$40,000 allocation for the Officer-in-Residence Program in Frenchtown, or to explore a County Officer-in-Residence Program further.

Shington Lamy, Director of Human Services and Community Partnerships, confirmed that the County will be evaluating applications for the Homeownership Development Program on May 11th, for approval on Friday, May 12th.

*Vice Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve Option #1 as amended: Accept the staff report on the Officer-In-Resident Program Proposal from the Mount Olive Affordable Housing and Community Development Corporation, Inc.; and direct staff to bring back an agenda item to consider a County Officer-in-Residence Program or to consider a County \$40,000 allocation for an Officer-in-Residence Program in Frenchtown through the Neighborhood First Program.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

### **Item 13. Approval of Contract for Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services**

- The following speakers provided in-person comments:
  - Mark Mustian, President of Nabors, Giblin, & Nickerson, P.A., provided an overview of the firm. He explained that he has been in this industry for 40 years, and his firm represented more counties as Bond Counsel than any firm in the state. He stated they're excited about the possibility of working with the County.
  - Jolinda Herring, representing Bryant, Miller, Olive P.A., the County's current Bond Counsel, thanked the Board for its continued business and the opportunity to provide services to the County for 10+ years. She noted that they have had many accomplishments with the County over the years. She mentioned that Bryant Miller Olive had been a part of this community since 1970 and intends to be an influential pillar within the community for the next 50 years. She encouraged the Commission to ask any questions they may have.

This item was pulled from Consent by Vice Chair Cummings. She expressed that she needed additional information regarding the rankings, which staff provided via email to the Board.

Commissioner Proctor spoke in support of Bryant, Miller, Olive P.A., and their experience as the County's Bond Counsel. He stated that the agenda item did not have enough information for him to make an informed decision. *He made a motion for staff to bring back the agenda item, providing more information. Seconded by Vice Chair Cummings.*

County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that the Board provided previous direction that these legal services be competitively solicited, and the County's Purchasing Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). She provided the names of the staff members on the evaluation committees, and an overview of the scoring process. She confirmed that no bid protests were received.

Chair Maddox stated that he could not support the motion.

Commissioner Caban disclosed that one of the law firms is a tenant of his business partner, and he recused himself from the vote.



Commissioner O’Keefe confirmed with the County Attorney that there were no Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) aspirational goals for this solicitation. He asked if the agenda item could be delayed until after the 6 p.m. public hearing to allow the Board to review the additional information emailed from the County’s Purchasing Office at 3:15 p.m. on May 9th.

Commissioner Proctor expressed reservations about the evaluation committee’s rankings.

- Commissioner Minor stated his support of Option #1. *He made a substitute motion to delay action on the agenda item until after the public hearings, agenda #25, at 6 p.m. Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve delaying action on this agenda item until after the 6 p.m. public hearings. The motion passed 6-0. (Commissioner Caban abstaining).*

Chair Maddox confirmed that the Board had the opportunity to review the additional information provided by County Attorney O’Steen.

Commissioner Proctor thanked the County Attorney for the additional data and the briefing and encouraged the County Attorney to utilize black attorneys.

Vice Chair Cummings thanked Jolinda Herring, and Bryant, Miller, Olive P.A., for providing Bond Counsel services to the County throughout the years.

*Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, to approve Option # 1: Authorize the County Attorney to contract with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., for Bond Counsel services; and*

*Option #2: Authorize the County Attorney to contract with George A. Smith, PLLC, for Disclosure Counsel services.*

*The motion carried 6-0. (Commissioner Caban abstained).*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **19. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the April 25, 2023, Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Workshop**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He shared that it seeks the Board’s ratification of actions taken on April 25, 2023, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop concerning developing the FY 2024 Tentative Budget.



Commissioner Proctor stated his support of Option #4. He confirmed the definition of “any alternative fire suppression methods” in Option #8 with County Administrator Long. He confirmed with County Administrator Long that the Crawfordville Road streetlight is an FDOT project.

*Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve the following:*

*Option #1: Ratify the direction provided by the Board during the April 25, 2023, FY 2024 Budget Workshop.*

*Option #2: Approve increasing the Primary Health Care Provider patient visit reimbursement rate from \$125 to \$175 in FY 2024 and to \$225 in FY 2025.*

*Option #3: Approve the \$500,021 Federal Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funding to be considered as part of the May 23, 2023, Homelessness Workshop.*

*Option #4: Direct the County Administrator to provide an option for 5% raises for County and Constitutional Officer employees for Board consideration at the June 20, 2023, Budget Workshop.*

*Option #5: Direct staff to prepare an updated Rate Resolution to adopt the Fire Rescue Assessments and Fire rescue services fees at the July 11, 2023, meeting.*

*Option #6: As required by Section 197.3632(4)(a) and (b), Florida Statutes, authorize mailing of first-class notices to property owners regarding proposed changes to the fire rescue assessments, and authorize scheduling a Public Hearing on July 11, 2023, to impose the updated assessments and to place the assessments on the tax bill if applicable.*

*Option #7: Direct staff to amend the Fire Rescue Services Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee based on the terms discussed in this item and authorize the Chair to execute the updated agreement subject to legal review by the County Attorney.*

*Option #8: Direct staff to bring back a status report on fire hydrant placements in the unincorporated area of the County and any alternative fire suppression methods.*

*Option #9: Establish the maximum Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for FY 2024 at 0.75 mills.*

*Option #10: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article XIII of the Leon County Code of Laws regarding the Emergency Medical Service Taxing Unit, for July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Option #11: Adopt the proposed revised Policy No. 17-2, “Street Lighting Eligibility Criteria and Implementation” to Provide Street Lights at School Bus Stop Locations.*

*Option #12: Direct staff to draft amendments to the Land Development Code to require new residential subdivisions to provide streetlights for school bus stops.*

*Option #13: Direct staff to:*

a. Prepare an Ordinance and schedule a public hearing for July 11, 2023, that requires Leon County to host a publicly accessible website for the digital publication of certain advertisements and legal notices as allowed by Florida Statutes.

b. Authorize the County Administrator to prepare a cost-sharing agreement with the City of Tallahassee for Board approval.

c. Make paper copies of all legal notices accessible at the Leon County Courthouse and each Leon County Library location.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor stated he is pleased to see Option #4, and he is relieved that the 5% raise was included and that it has greater room for it to grow. He asked for clarification of Option #8.

County Administrator Long shared that they are looking at other options for fire suppression.

Commissioner Proctor asked regarding Option #11. He stated he did not see Crawfordville Road and asked if they were included.

County Administrator Long stated they reported at that time that FDOT had a lighting project during this time.

**20. Approval of the Funding Recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes Allocated Through the Community Redevelopment Agency Indaba, Inc.**

Chair Maddox introduced this item. It seeks Board approval of funding recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes allocated through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for culture, visual arts, and heritage programs to Indaba, Inc. The CRA Board is recommending, subject to Board approval, funding the consortium of Indaba, Inc., in the amount of \$570,550 to include programming expenses and capital improvement costs. He shared that he had spoke to Ms. Donna Cotterell and she is pleased and thanked the Board.

Commissioner Proctor announced the upcoming grand opening of the new Tourist Development Center, expressing his enthusiasm for the event. County Administrator Long then deferred the opportunity for Ms. Post to speak about the center to a later time during his allotted speaking time.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, approval of Option #1: Approve the funding recommendations for the Tourist Development Taxes allocated through the Community Redevelopment Agency to Indaba, Inc.*

Vice Chair Cummings commented on the CRA and thanked them for reviewing Indaba, Inc. She shared she appreciated the CRA revisiting and allowing them to have the administrative and production funds.

Commissioner Proctor expressed his concern regarding the allocation of funds from the county to the Tourist Development Council (TDC). He highlighted that currently, there are two city commissioners and only one county commissioner serving on the TDC Board.

Commissioner Proctor believed that this imbalance should be rectified to ensure fair representation. He requested a recommendation on how the TDC can include another county commissioner to provide an additional voice on the board.

The motion carried 7-0.

**21. Status Update Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc.**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks Board acceptance of the status update regarding the curbside collection service Waste Pro, Inc., provided.

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, approval of Option #1: Accept the status update regarding the curbside collection service provided by Waste Pro, Inc.*

*Option #2: Direct staff to provide semiannual performance reports to the Board upon the commencement of the new Franchise Agreement.*

The motion carried 7-0.

**22. Nominations to the Governor for Appointments to the Children's Services Council of Leon County**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it seeks the Board's nomination of three applicants to the Governor for appointment to the Children's Services Council of Leon County due to a recent resignation.

*Vice Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, for approval of Zandra Glenn.*

The motion carried 7-0.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, for approval of Patty Thomas Ball.*

The motion carried 7-0

*Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, for approval of John Sheetz.*

The motion carried 7-0.

**23. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Value Adjustment Board**

County Administrator introduced this item. He stated it seeks the full Board's consideration of appointing citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, the Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Value Adjustment Board.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, approval of Option #1: Reappoint three citizens, Jackie Wilson, Sean Friend, and Jeff Blair, to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for three-year terms ending May 31, 2026.

The motion carried 7-0.

Option #2: Appoint two citizens to the Resident seats on the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for a three-year term ending May 31, 2026. The eligible applicants were: Lateefah Muhammad, Patrick O'Bryant, Jerry Hosey, James McAllister, and Gregory Turner.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, for the approval of Patrick O'Bryant.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, for approval of Lateefah Muhammad.

The motion carried 7-0.

Option #3: Appoint two citizens to the Tallahassee-Leon County Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Citizen Advisory Committee for two-year terms ending April 30, 2025. The eligible applicants are Lanisha Thornton, Danielle Andrews, Jean Raymond Calixte, and Eddie Gonzalez Loumiet.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, for the approval of Lanisha Thornton and Eddie Gonzalez Loumiet.

The motion carried 7-0.

Option #4: Appoint one citizen to the Value Adjustment Board for a two-year term ending April 30, 2025. The eligible applicants are Gregory Cowan and Parker DeWitt.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, for the approval of Gregory Cowan.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

Chair Maddox called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 P.M

#### **24. First and Only Public Hearing to First Consider a Proposed Resolution Adopting an Inventory List of County-Owned Properties Appropriate for Affordable Housing**

County Administrator Long introduced the item. He stated that as required by Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing considers a proposed resolution adopting an inventory list of County-owned properties deemed appropriate for affordable housing.

Commissioner Rick Minor abstained from the vote for the perception of a conflict due to his wife in her capacity as a realtor and collaborating with a client who purchased County

property for the purposes of developing affordable housing. He noted that the client-county transaction was completed some time ago.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, approval of Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the Resolution adopting the inventory list of County-owned property appropriate for affordable housing.*

*The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Minor recused).*

*\*To avoid the perception of a conflict, Commissioner Minor recused himself because his spouse was an independent contractor with Superior Reality LLC.*

**25. Transmittal Public Hearing on the 2023 Cycle, Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment**

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it provides for the Board's Public Hearing on the proposed text amendment to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan for the Southside Action Plan. The Public Hearing aimed to transmit the proposed text amendment to the State Land Planning Agency and other reviewing agencies for the 2023 amendment cycle. The adoption Public Hearing for the text amendment is scheduled for June 13, 2023.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, approval of Option #1: Conduct the transmittal public hearing on the 2023 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment TTA 2023 009 (Southside Action Plan) and transmit the proposed text amendment to the State Land Planning Agency and review agencies.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

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

- None

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Items from the County Attorney:**

- Provided a brief update to the Board's request for County rental data and demographic information, and additional Board request for a draft ordinance regarding rent notification requirements. She stated that HB 1417 preempts the County from regulating the landlord/tenant relationship, including notice requirements, and that the Legislature approved the bill and is awaiting the Governor's action.

**Items from the County Administrator:**

- He reminded the Board that May 10th at 3:30 p.m. at 918 Railroad Avenue is the grand opening of the new Leon County Visitor Information Center. He stated that it is an exciting project and will be an amazing center for our community.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner O’Keefe:**

- He thanked the County Administrator for offering our employees an alternative to payday loans.
- Announced the Library’s Congregate Meal Programming with Second Harvest of the Big Bend for addressing the food insecurity issue with youth.
- Requested a proclamation for Victory House Community Resource Center at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church to be presented at the June 13th Board meeting.

*Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, to approve a proclamation recognizing the Victory House Community Resource Center at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church for its community outreach programs.*

The motion moved 7-0.

- Commended the representatives from GenCLEO Youth Advocacy Movement.

**Commissioner Proctor:**

- Requested an agenda item to consider the resolution proposed by the GenCLEO Youth Advocacy Movement.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to direct staff to provide an agenda item to consider a resolution endorsing the declaration of a climate emergency in Leon County.*

The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested two proclamations for May 20th Emancipation Day programs.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, to approve two proclamations recognizing May 20th Emancipation Day programs.*

The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Race Amity Day.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing June 11, 2023, as Race Amity Day.*

The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Coach Rob Jones from Rickards High School.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Coach Rob Jones from Rickards High School for his years of service.*

The motion carried 7-0.

Reflected on the rising rents of \$300 monthly at a community trailer park. He wondered if there was anything the County can do for rental control.

- County Attorney O’Steen stated that the Board would be completely preempted from doing anything regarding rental control.
- Commended the County’s recent Spring Home Expo.
- Commended the recent Summer Youth Expo in collaboration with the Children’s Services Council.

- Reflected on a Leon County credit card.
- Highlighted the need for a County 4-day work week for nonessential workers.
  - County Administrator Long clarified that the County has a broad application of a 4-day work week in areas that will not affect citizen services, and the manpower supports it.

**Commissioner Welch:**

- Commended the 2023 Honor Flight, and County staff's support of the event.
- Thanked NOAA for attending the Hurricane Preparedness Week event.
- Requested an agenda item to rename the Northeast Branch Library.

*Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice Chair Cummings, to direct staff to provide an agenda item to consider renaming the Northeast Library Branch to honor former Commissioner Bruce Host. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Acknowledged and congratulated all graduates and asked everyone to pray for them and their safety.

**Commissioner Caban:**

- Commended the recent grand opening of the Fort Braden Playground at the Community Center.
- Acknowledged the recent Lake Munson clean-up.

**Vice Chair Cummings:**

- Acknowledged the recent Lake Henrietta clean-up and recommended installing permanent outdoor trash cans at the site.
  - County Administrator Long stated that Lake Henrietta is designed to capture the trash from the stormwater run-off, and agreed to look into the trash can issue.
- Requested a Proclamation recognizing May as Lupus Awareness Month

*Vice Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing May as Lupus Awareness Month. The motion carried 7-0.*

- She wished all mother's a very Happy Mother's Day.

**Commissioner Minor:**

- Recalled HB1417, where he reflected on the State taking away the County's ability to respond to community needs with HB1417 preempting regulation of residential tenancies.
- Requested a Proclamation for May 22-28 Period Poverty Awareness Week.



*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing May 22-28 as Period Poverty Awareness Week. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Recognized May 20th as Florida Emancipation Day, and commended the County as being the first county in Florida to recognize Florida Emancipation Day as a county holiday.

**Chair Maddox:**

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Princess Ousley and Elite Business Strategies, LLC.

*Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Princess Ousley and Elite Business Strategies, LLC, for being named as one of the Southeast region's fastest-growing companies by Inc. Magazine.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, as requested by the Early Learning Coalition. He requested that Commissioner O'Keefe present the proclamation.

*Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve a proclamation recognizing May 12th as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

- Requested authorization for the Commissioners to use their Commissioner Travel Budget to attend the Florida Sports Foundation Summit in Palm Beach, Florida.

*Vice Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve the authorization for the Commissioners to use their Commissioner Travel Budgets to attend the Florida Sports Foundation Summit May 22-24, 2023.*

*The motion carried 7-0.*

- Commended the recent Leon Works event and thanked County and OEV staff.

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- Children's Services Council of Leon County Quarterly Financial Report, FY 2023 Second Quarter
- Leon County Educational Facilities Authority Financial Statements for Years Ending September 30, 2022, and 2021 with Report of Independent Auditors


**ADJOURN:**


There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 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