

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 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 3:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Bill Proctor introduced Pastor Rudy Ferguson Sr. of New Birth Tabernacle of Praise. Pastor Ferguson provided the Invocation.

Commissioner Bill Proctor provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Recognizing June as Pride Month.
 - Chair Maddox presented the proclamation for June as Pride Month.
 - Stephanie Schwartz of Equality Florida thanked the Board for the proclamation, recalled the June 12th shooting at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Florida, and reminded the Board that love overshadows hate.
- Proclamation Recognizing Tallahassee Community College (TCC) 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.
 - Commissioner Caban presented the proclamation to TCC’s President Jim Murdaugh for Tallahassee Community College 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.
 - Jim Murdaugh, thanked the Board for the recognition. Eugene Lamb, Chair, and Jonathan Kilpatrick, Vice-Chair joined him.
- Proclamation Recognizing Gayle Grisiff for her efforts to secure the donation of an antique piano for the Fort Braden Community Center.
 - Commissioner Caban presented the proclamation recognizing Gayle Grisiff for efforts to secure the donation of an antique piano for the Ft. Braden Community Center.
 - Gayle and Buddy Grisiff thanked the Board for the proclamation. She announced the monthly music jam, as a way to bring the community together and meet new people.
- Proclamation Recognizing the Victory House Community Resource Center at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church for its community outreach programs.

- Commissioner O’Keefe presented the proclamation for Victory House Community Resource Center.
- Pastor LaNorris McFadden thanked the Board for its help throughout the program and thanked the Board for the proclamation.
- Proclamation Recognizing June 11, 2023, as Race Amity Day.
 - Commissioner Proctor presented the proclamation for Race Amity Day.
 - Dr. Kerry McCord thanked the Board for the proclamation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

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

- John Hendrick, First Presbyterian Church, stated his support for the joint County and City of Tallahassee Taskforce addressing homelessness for Item #5. He stated he would like the CSC to be part of the conversation.
- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32317, thanked the Board for the ratification of funds for small businesses. He shared that he is the Executive Director for his non-profit profitnonprofit organization, H.E.L.P. He also spoke in support of Item #18.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to allow Vice-Chair Cummings to join the Board meeting via telephone.

The motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT

Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item #3 that was pulled for discussion and item #11 that was removed from the agenda.

The motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes: March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and April 25, 2023, Budget Workshop

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and April 25, 2023, Budget Workshop.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board Approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for June 13, 2023, and preapproval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of June 14, 2023, through July 10, 2023.

3. PULLED - Acceptance of the County Administrator’s Proposed Reorganization

4. Commissioner Appointments to the Library Advisory Board and the Water Resources Committee

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Welch’s appointment of a citizen, Kristen Kirk, to the Library Advisory Board for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2023, followed by a two-year term ending December 31, 2025, and;

Option #2: Ratify Commissioner O’Keefe’s appointment of a citizen, Shanin Speas-Frost, to the Water Resources Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term ending July 31, 2025.

5. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the May 23, 2023, Workshop Addressing Homelessness

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the preliminary actions taken at the May 23, 2023, Workshop Addressing Homelessness, and;

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request to realize the \$500,221 in Federal Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency funds into the FY 2023 budget.

6. Report on Officer-in-Residence Programs

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the report on the Officer-in-Residence Programs and take no further action.

7. Ratification of the Acceptance of the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the acceptance of a Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant for services to strengthen the County’s cybersecurity practices and resilience and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

8. Acceptance of the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read Grant

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the National Endowment for the Arts NEA Big Read grant in the amount of \$17,880, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement, and all documents related to the grant project, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, and;

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request.

9. Agreement for Dedication of Real Property and Acceptance of the Public Roadways Supporting the Cawthon Development

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Agreement for Dedication of Real Property and Acceptance of the Bull Headley Extension, Bannerman Boulevard, and associated drainage easements required for the Cawthon Development and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, and;

Option #2: Authorize the Chair and/or County Administrator to execute any additional documents associated with the acceptance of the dedication, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

10. Approval of Maintenance Map for Hannon Mill Road for Recording in the Public Records

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Maintenance Map for Hannon Mill Road between Crawfordville Road and St. Marks Trail.

~~**11. REMOVED Second Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Green Acres at Pedrick Subdivision**~~

~~The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Second Maintenance Agreement and Surety Device for Green Acres at Pedrick Subdivision and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement (Attachment #1).~~

Procurements: (These items are included under Consent.)

- None

12. Environmental Systems Research Institute Incorporated Enterprise License Agreement for Geographic Information System Software

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the 5-year Enterprise License Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute Incorporated and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

13. Three-Year Renewal of the NEOGOV Services Agreement

The Board approved Option #1: Approve a three-year renewal of the NEOGOV Services Agreement for licenses for the County's Human Resources recruitment software, for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement for a total amount not to exceed \$496,740, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

14. Authorization to Negotiate an Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the Magnolia Drive Phase 2 Construction Project

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to negotiate and execute an Agreement for Construction Engineering and Inspection services fee for the Magnolia Drive Phase 2 construction project, with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K), subject to legal review by the County Attorney. If negotiations with RK&K are unsuccessful, authorize the County Administrator or designee to negotiate with the second-ranked firm for the project, Keville Enterprises, Inc.

15. Bid Award for the Courthouse Window Repairs Phase I Project

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award for Courthouse Window Repairs Phase I Project to OmniCon Corp. in the amount of \$495,801 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

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

16. May 2023 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the May 2023 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

3. Acceptance of the County Administrator's Proposed Reorganization

Commissioner O'Keefe pulled this item to allow the County Administrator to explain the process.

County Administrator Long explained the process. He noted the continuous reorganization that occurs to make the organization better. With key staff slated to retire, there is a need for a deliberate timeframe in order to manage the transition of talent and keep the talent here for the betterment of our community. He explained that there will be no budget increase.

- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Rd, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, commented on his opposition of Item #3, the proposed reorganization and the hiring of Ben Pingree. He questioned the County's hiring process. He requested the Board to say no until a nationwide search is performed. He also asked about County employees considered for the position and gave them an opportunity to move up.
- Chair Maddox explained that they don't hire and fire County staff. They only manage the County Administrator and County Attorney. He added that the intention of putting this item on the agenda was to inform the audience as a professional courtesy.
- Gerri Seay commented on the ALICE Report from United Way and the 84% poverty level in the 32304 zipcode. She stated that tax money put into BluePrint should have been able to alleviate that over the past year. She expressed her discontent about the organization, allowing other people to control the money and the direction. She finalized by asking the Board to fix the problem.
- Will Croley, 2308 Cypress Cove Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32310, spoke to his opposition to Item #3. He recalled using the COVID pandemic to silence public input during the Welaunee deal. He stated that the community deserves better than backroom deals and the best tax money can buy. He stated that Ben Pingree was not the best candidate.

The following citizens provided virtual comments:

- Stephen Martin spoke in opposition to Item 3. He stated that the Commission should at least deliberate on the item before accepting it. He believed it needed to be vetted by the Commissioners.
- Samantha Katiss, relinquished time.
- Amed Ibrahim, relinquished time.

Commissioner O'Keefe spoke in support of the motion. He stated he pulled this item to allow the County Administrator Long to talk about the process.

County Administrator Long stated he brought this item to the Board to keep them informed and fully apprised of these matters and spoke about the organizational capacity of the County to step up and handle issues like natural disasters, economic crisis, or global pandemics. He added that they are continuously optimizing resources, including human resources, to make the organization better. He thanked the Board for the support for the employees and stated that County staff will continue to work hard and earn the Board's and citizens' confidence.

Commissioner Welch thanked the County Administrator and shared that they have full faith in his ability to hire who is the best. He recognized the upcoming retirement of Alan Rosenweig, Wanda Hunter, and Scott Ross. He noted they are top-notch public administrators.

Commissioner Caban congratulated the employees who will be moving up and thanked County Administrator Long.

Chair Maddox acknowledged the reorganization and thanked all for their commitment to Leon County.

Vice Chair Cummings shared her support for County Administrator Long and acknowledged his transparency.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option # 1: Accept the County Administrator's reorganization.

The motion carried 7-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

17. Proposed Renaming of the Northeast Branch Library in Honor of Former Leon County Commissioner Bruce J. Host

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks the Board's consideration of renaming the Northeast Branch Library in honor of former Leon County Commissioner Bruce J. Host. This item has a fiscal impact. The cost of updating the signage at the facility is estimated at \$7,000. Should the Board approve this renaming, funding is available in the existing Facilities budget.

Chair Maddox acknowledged former Commissioner Host and wife, Sandra Host, who were in the audience.

Commissioner Welch thanked the Board for bringing this item back and for the support of renaming the library. He shared a brief biography of former Commissioner Bruce J. Host and felt this was an appropriate honor.

Commissioner Minor acknowledged former Commissioner Host for his service to the Armed Forces and Leon County. He shared his support for the motion.

Commissioner Proctor acknowledged former Commissioner Host and his wife for creating a team that has set a tone. He shared his support for the motion for the renaming of the Northeast Branch Library in his honor.

Vice-Chair Cummings commended former Commissioner Host for the service he provided to the Commission and wanted to let him and his wife know that the renaming of the library is well deserved.

Former Commissioner Host thanked the Board for the honor of having his name associated with something as important as the Northeast Branch Library. He introduced his family and friends who were in attendance to support him.

Commissioner Welch shared that they would have a celebration in his honor in November.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban to approve Option #1: Approve the renaming of the Northeast Branch Library in Honor of former Leon County Commissioner Bruce J. Host.

The motion carried 7-0.

18. Tallahassee Housing Authority Funding Request for the Third Phase of the Orange Avenue Apartments Redevelopment

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item presents a funding request from the Tallahassee Housing Authority to assist in its effort to secure tax credit funding through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The Tallahassee Housing Authority is requesting Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency to provide \$1 million each for a total of \$3 million to address a funding gap for the third phase of the Orange Avenue Apartments redevelopment project prior to applying for tax credit funding.

Public Comment:

- Tiffany Hill, 1401 Lola Dr. Tallahassee, Florida 32301, spoke in support of the funding between the Tallahassee Housing Authority and the Orange Avenue United Tenants Associations to start Phase 3 and include 3 and 4-bedroom units.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Rd, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, spoke in support of the funding between the Tallahassee Housing Authority and the Orange Avenue United Tenants Associations. He spoke about the importance of following the lawsuit. He asked the Commission or the City to acknowledge the Fair Housing Act violations that were committed.

Chair Maddox shared his enthusiasm with the people who supported this item.

Commissioner Minor stated he is proud to support the motion.

Commissioner Proctor expressed his support of the funding between the Tallahassee Housing Authority and the Orange Avenue United Tenants Associations and

commented on the professionalism of the Tallahassee Housing Authority. He recalled the federal housing director who came to Tallahassee and that they were pleased with the work of the Tallahassee Housing Authority. He also raised concerns about the Hispanic population disappearing in Florida and how that could affect the timeline for completion and add additional costs.

Commissioner Caban thanked the Tallahassee Housing Authority. He echoed some of the sentiments of the public speakers. He asked the Board to have a conversation on how they can stretch their dollars forward to get more units to curb the affordable housing crisis.

Vice-Chair Cummings supported the agenda item. She thanked all those who are involved and expressed the need for affordable housing.

Chair Maddox asked for a motion for a proclamation recognizing Brenda Williams, Director of the Tallahassee Housing Authority.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe to approve a proclamation recognizing Brenda Williams, Director of the Tallahassee Housing Authority.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to allocate up to \$1 million of Emergency Rental Assistance 2 funding to support the funding request from the Tallahassee Housing Authority for the third phase of redevelopment of the Orange Avenue Apartments, execute a letter of commitment for such funding to Columbia Residential or its applicable affiliated entity as a forgivable loan, and execute customary documents to effectuate the closing thereof, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

The motion carried 7-0.

19. Virtual Citizen Comments During County Commission Meetings

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks the Board's consideration of returning to pre-pandemic meeting procedures for County Commission meetings. This item has a fiscal impact. The proposed return to pre-pandemic procedures for County Commission meetings would provide an annual cost savings of approximately \$3,500.

Commissioner Minor offered a friendly amendment to maintain virtual public comment and bring an agenda item back in a year for review.

Virtual Public Comment:

- Stephen Martin, 2625 Stonegate Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, spoke in opposition to returning to pre-pandemic meeting procedures.

In-person comments:

- Will Croley, 2308 Cypress Cove Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32310, spoke in opposition to a return to pre-pandemic meeting procedures. He recalled the Welaunee situation, where citizens were not allowed to speak.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Rd, Tallahassee, Florida 32304, spoke in support of keeping virtual comment. He asked the Board to look into how public comment is taken to give extra opportunity at the beginning of the meeting. He stated is not fair for the public to wait for hours to speak on an item or when they show up and a meeting has adjourned.
- Margaret Moore, 1910 Monticello Dr., Tallahassee, Florida 32303, spoke in opposition to returning to pre-pandemic procedures for the County Commission meetings and asked that virtual comment remain permanently.
- Commissioner Minor spoke in support of virtual comment and asked for this service to remain permanently. He wants the community to know that the County maintains the reputation to ensure it collects citizens' input and encourages participation in meetings.
- Commissioner Caban spoke in support of the item. He believes this service is convenient for citizens and would like to use it for future meetings.
- Commissioner O'Keefe spoke in support of citizen input.
- Vice-Chair Cummings spoke in support of virtual comment and in support of citizens having this service permanently.

Commissioner Minor rescinded his friendly amendment.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #2: Adopt the revised Policy No. 01-05, "Rules of Procedures for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners."

20. Full Board Appointments to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, CareerSource Capital Region Board, Council on Culture & Arts, and the Planning Commission

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, CareerSource Capital Region Board, Council on Culture & Arts, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission. Pursuant to Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Citizen Committees", a General Business item is presented to fill vacancies for full Board appointments of citizens to authorities, boards, committees, and councils.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve:

Option #1: Reappoint two citizens, Bill Kimberl and Antonio Jefferson, to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth for three-year terms ending May 31, 2026.

Option #2: Appoint two citizens, Darryl Williams and Susanne Ryan, to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for three-year terms ending June 30, 2026.

Option #3: Appoint two citizens, Monique Ellsworth, and Princess Ousley, to the CareerSource Capital Region Board for three-year terms ending June 30, 2026.

Option #5: Appoint one COCA nominated citizen, Brinda Pamulapati, as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, to the Council on Culture & Arts for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2025.

Option #7: Reappoint one citizen, LaRoderick McQueen, selected by the School Board, to the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2026.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve:

Option #4: Appoint one COCA-nominated citizen, Reenee Williams, to the Council on Culture & Arts for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2025.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve:

Option #6: Appoint one citizen, Jo Laurie Penrose, to the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2026.

The motion carried 7-0.

The Board recessed at 5:18 p.m. and reconvened for the Public Hearings at 6:00 p.m.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

21. Adoption Public Hearing on the 2023 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment for the Southside Action Plan

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item provides for the Board's Adoption Public Hearing to consider adopting the proposed text amendment TTA2023009 (Southside Action Plan) to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment amends Goal 11 [L] Southern Strategy Area in the Land Use Element to rename it the Southside Action Plan, and updates the associated goals, objectives, and policies. Additional updates to the Vision Statement, Utilities Element, Housing Element, and Capital Improvements Element to replace Southern Strategy Area with the adopted Southside Action Plan are included in this amendment.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Conduct the public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance, thereby adopting text amendment TTA 2023 009 (Southside Action Plan) to the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

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

- Kevonte Ford spoke in support of the County adopting an ordinance prohibiting businesses from displaying signs displaying hate speech based on their race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, and their national origin.
 - Chair Maddox requested an opinion from County Attorney O’Steen on an ordinance.
 - County Attorney O’Steen explained that regulations that target a specific type of speech would be deemed unconstitutional.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O’Steen provided an update on the Opidod Litigation Settlement. She stated that the entity named Endo filed for and is currently in bankruptcy. She mentioned that outside counsel is seeking direction regarding whether to file a proof of claim in the bankruptcy proceeding to ensure the Board is identified as a creditor for disbursements purposes. She stated she does not need direction from the Board unless she is not authorized to file a proof of claim in the bankruptcy proceeding.

Chair Maddox asked Commissioners if there were any objections to filing a proof of claim. None of the Commissioners objected to County Attorney O’Steen’s request.

County Attorney O’Steen reminded the Board that the County received a letter from the Florida PACE Funding Agency (FPFA) asserting that FPFA has autonomy to exercise jurisdiction statewide without oversight from any county or city in the state of Florida, including Leon County. She reminded the Board about a resolution adopted last year that authorized FPFA to operate in the County subject to certain consumer protections and other requirements. She asked the Board for direction on sending a cease and desist letter to FPFA, directing FPFA to comply with the requirements that were outlined in the resolution and to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County. If not the County Attorney sought authorization to otherwise defend the County’s home rule authority and interests, up to and including litigation if necessary.

Commissioner Caban made a motion, and Commissioner Minor offered a friendly amendment for an update at the July 11th Board meeting.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to authorize the County Attorney to send the cease and desist letter to Florida PACE Funding Agency (FPFA) and take other actions necessary to defend the County’s authority and interests, up to and including litigation, and to bring back an update to the Board at the July 11, 2023, meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

County Administrator Long:

- No Comment

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Proctor:

- Requested a copy of the ALICE Report. County Administrator Long confirmed that staff would provide the report to the Board.
- Sent his condolences to Vice-Chair Cummings for the loss of her mother.
- Requested the Board authorize him to attend the Blacks in Government (BIG) 44th Annual National Training Institute in August.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to authorize Commissioner Proctor to use his Commissioner Travel Budget to attend the Blacks in Government (BIG) 44th Annual National Training Institute in August.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Congratulated staff on promotions and to the leadership.
- Commented on the Florida Civil Rights Museum’s request to provide a presentation to the Board on its efforts to-date and its request for additional funding.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to schedule a presentation from the Florida Civil Rights Museum at the July 11, 2023, meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor referenced an email from the Florida Civil Rights Museum, which requested the opportunity to present an update on their progress to-date and included a request for additional funding for next fiscal year. Since the July 11, 2023, meeting will occur after the next scheduled budget workshop on June 20, 2023, to allow the Board time to consider the funding request as part of the budget process, the Florida Civil Rights Museum will be available at the June 20, 2023, Budget Workshop to make a presentation. Staff will distribute additional background materials and information regarding the Florida Civil Rights Museum to the Board prior to the workshop.

- Received a call from Brady Miller requesting truckloads of dirt on Button Willow Drive off of Crawfordville Road to reinforce the road due to recent rain and anticipated rain.
 - County Administrator Long said that staff would follow up.

Commissioner Welch:

- Requested a proclamation recognizing September 2023 as Hunger Action Month.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing September 2023 as Hunger Action Month for the Board’s September 12, 2023 meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Commended the County’s Veteran’s Services for allowing him to participate at the VFW Cemetery during Memorial Day.

- Announced an upcoming ceremony for former Commissioner Bruce Host for the renaming of the Northeast Branch Library.

Commissioner Minor:

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Greg Boebinger, the Director of the FSU National High Magnetic Field Laboratory for nearly two decades, who has stepped down and returning to the faculty.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Greg Boebinger, the Director of the FSU National High Magnetic Field Laboratory.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a presentation from Choose Tallahassee at a future Board meeting to provide an update on their work.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to direct staff to schedule a presentation from Choose Tallahassee at a future Board meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Congratulated those who have been promoted in County Administration.
- Sent his condolences to Vice-Chair Cummings for the loss of her mother. He acknowledged those who have passed.

Commissioner O’Keefe:

- Requested a proclamation for the July Commission meeting to recognize the Refire Culinary Training Program. He stated that this program provides opportunities to people with felony convictions by giving them training and tools to become chefs and also offers job placement support.

Commissioner O’Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing the Refire Culinary Training Program for the July 11, 2023, meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Caban:

- Requested a proclamation for the Florida State University Women’s Softball Team.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve a proclamation recognizing Florida State University Women’s Softball Team.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Officially resigned from the LCRDA Board because of a potential conflict. He made a motion to appoint Commissioner Minor to replace him.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve the appointment of Commissioner Minor to replace Commissioner Caban on the Leon County Research & Development Authority for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.

The motion carried 7-0.

- Stated he has received several complaints in the last 24 hours about abundant amounts of trash at Pensacola and Ocala Road intersections. He asked County Administrator Long if there was anything they could do to address this issue. County Administrator Long confirmed that staff will look into it.
- Sent his condolences to Vice-Chair Cummings for the loss of her mother.

Vice-Chair Cummings:

- Stated she is grateful for the opportunity to represent the County at the North Florida Homeless Association.
- Recognized Leon County for receiving eight awards at the National Association of Counties (NACo). She highlighted an award given to the Leon County Children Services Council in the category of Children and Youth.
- Thanked the Board and staff for the love and support she has received during the loss of her mother.

Chair Maddox:

- He sent his condolences to Vice-Chair Cummings for the loss of her mother.
- Requested a proclamation for the Big Bend Minority Chamber's 10th anniversary.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing the Big Bend Minority Chamber's 10th Anniversary for the Board's July 11, 2023 meeting.

The motion carried 7-0.

- In compliance with Chapter 2, Article XII, Div. 2, Section 2-670 in the Leon County Code of Laws, he disclosed that he had received a call from Damon Duval, Sr., who expressed interest in purchasing real estate owned by the County. Mr. Duval was referred to staff for further discussion and information.


RECEIPT AND FILE:


- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2023, and April 13, 2023
- Capital Region Community Development District Proposed Budgets Fiscal Year 2024
- Piney-Z Community Development District Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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


BY: _____
Nick Maddox, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners