

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 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

Commissioner Caban introduced Brother Dennis Young, from Believers Fellowship Church, who provided the invocation.

Commissioner Christian Caban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Recognizing Brenda Williams, Director of the Tallahassee Housing Authority (Chair Maddox)
 - Chair Maddox introduced Mrs. Williams and presented the proclamation for her work with the Tallahassee Housing Authority.
 - Mrs. Williams accepted the proclamation and thanked them for their support of affordable housing. She commented how she looked forward to working with them in the future.
- ~~REMOVED—Proclamation Recognizing the 17th Anniversary of the Greater Blessings Tabernacle of Praise (Chair Maddox)~~
- Proclamation Recognizing Florida State University’s Women’s Softball Team as Runner-up in the Women’s College World Series (Commissioner Caban)
 - Commissioner Caban presented the Florida State University Women’s Softball Team with a proclamation. He introduced those who were present. Chair Maddox introduced the Athletic Director, Mr. Michael Alford.
 - Coach Lonni Alameda gave her remarks and thanked the Board for the proclamation.
- Proclamation Recognizing September 2023 as Hunger Action Month (Commissioner Welch)
 - Commissioner Welch presented a proclamation to Second Harvest for September 2023 as Hunger Action Month.
 - Jale Reiter, on behalf of Second Harvest, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for its support. He disclosed that Friday was Hunger Action Day and asked that they wear orange.
 - Commissioner Minor thanked Second Harvest for all that it does to help end hunger.
- Proclamation Recognizing September 30, 2023, as “Go Gold” Day in Support of the “Be Bold, Go Gold” Campaign (Commissioner Welch)
 - Commissioner Welch presented a proclamation.
 - Kaitlyn Oliver discussed raising awareness and asked that they support “Go Gold” Day.

- Presentation on Choose Tallahassee (Gregg Patterson, Executive Director, Choose Tallahassee)
 - Gregg Patterson, Executive Director, Choose Tallahassee, provided an overview of the organization’s mission, strategy, and accomplishments. He presented the five relocation guides and why people choose Tallahassee.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (3-minute limit per speaker; there will *not be any* discussion by the Commission)

The following speakers provided in-person comments:

- Stephen Sardelis, 211 Big Bend, spoke about September being Suicide Prevention Month and discussed the services offered by 211 Big Bend related to suicide prevention.
- Wyatt Hendricks, 1357 Thomasville Road, Director of Friends of Lake Munson Inc., advocated for ending the Lake Munson drawdown, an EPA Super Fund site assessment, state management of Lake Munson via FWC, issuing an RFI for sediment removal, and holding a joint City/County Lake Munson/Capital Cascades IV Stormwater Workshop.
- Ann Hendricks, 1357 Thomasville Road, spoke in opposition to a flyer sent to residents regarding Lake Munson.
- Nita Marlene Davis, 1111 East Road, provided insights into the history of Lake Munson and discussed the environmental impacts.
- Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, voiced support for ending the drawdown of Lake Munson, emphasized the need for an EPA assessment of the lake, and questioned the findings in the Lake Munson update.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to waive the Board’s policy and allow a consent item to be pulled without 24-hour notice.
The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to pull Agenda Item #5 from Consent.
The motion carried 7-0.*

CONSENT

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item #9, which was removed from the agenda, and Item #5, which was pulled from Consent.
The motion carried 7-0.*

1. Minutes: May 23, 2023, Homelessness Workshop, June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting, and June 20, 2023, Budget Workshop

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Homelessness Workshop, June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting, and June 20, 2023, Budget Workshop.

2. Payment of Bills

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for September 12, 2023, and the pre-approval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of September 13, 2023, through October 9, 2023.

3. FY 2021/22 Annual Audit and Financial Statements

The Board approved Options #1 & #2: Option #1: Accept the FY 2021/22 Annual Audit and Financial Statements.

Option #2: Ratify the submission of the Chair's letter transmitting the report to the Auditor General.

4. Proposed Public Notice of 2024 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule and Proposed 2024 Board Travel Schedule

The Board approved Options #1-#3: Option #1: Adopt the proposed Leon County Board of County Commissioners Public Notice 2024 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule.

Option #2: Approve the proposed Board of County Commissioners' 2024 Travel Schedule (Table #1) and authorize Commissioners' travel to the scheduled events.

Option #3: Authorize Commissioners to use their travel budget to sponsor travel of an additional community members for the 2024 Honor Flight event.

5. PULLED - Commissioner Appointments to the Housing Finance Authority, Science Advisory Committee, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

6. Resolution in Support of the Justice40 Initiative

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the Resolution in support of the Justice40 Initiative.

7. Resolution in Support of the Ideals of American Democracy

The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the Resolution in support of the Ideals of American Democracy.

8. Florida Association of Counties 2024 Draft Legislative Policy Proposal Related to PACE Programs

The Board approved Option #1: Support the draft legislative policy proposals regarding the regulation of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs submitted by Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties for consideration during the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Innovation and Policy Conference.

9. ~~Agreement for Traffic Control on Private Roads within the Golden Eagle Community - Removed~~

10. Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Definitions and Accessory Uses Sections of Chapter 10, Land Development Code, Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units, for October 10 and November 14, 2023

The Board approved Option #1: Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Definitions and Accessory Uses Sections of Chapter 10, Land Development Code, Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units, for October 10 and November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Section 10-7.502 of Chapter 10 of the Land Development Code Entitled, “General Layout and Design Standards” to Require Street Lighting for School Bus Stops in New Residential Subdivisions for October 10, 2023

The Board approved Option #1: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Section 10-7.502 of Chapter 10 of the Land Development Code entitled “General Layout and Design Standards”, to require street lighting for school bus stops in new residential subdivisions for October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Renewal of the Tallahassee Fire Department’s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the renewal of the Advanced Life Support, First Responder, Non-Transport Certificate of Public Necessity issued to the Tallahassee Fire Department.

13. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of an Easement Interest in County-owned Property Located at 10497 Elgin Lane to the City of Tallahassee

The Board approved Options #1 & #2: Option #1: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the conveyance of a perpetual easement interest in County-owned property located at 10497 Elgin Lane to the City of Tallahassee to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric utility service lines.

Option #2: Authorize the Chair to execute the Electric Utility Easement and any associated documents, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

14. Resolution to Lease Space at the Leon County Government Annex to the United States of America, by and through the General Services Administration, and a Lease Agreement

The Board approved Options #1 & #2: Option #1: Adopt the Resolution of Intent to lease space at the Leon County Government Annex to the United States of America, by and through the General Services Administration.

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute the new lease with the General Services Administration for space at the Leon County Government Annex, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

15. Report on the 2024 Summer Youth Expo

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the report on the 2024 Summer Youth Expo.

16. County Commitment of Funding Match for the Low-Income Pool for Bond Community Health Center, Neighborhood Medical Center, and Apalachee Center, Inc.

The Board approved Options #1-#3:

Option #1: Approve up to \$260,599 in Health Care Competitive Reimbursement Pool funding for the primary healthcare category as a local match for the Low-Income Pool

funding for Bond Community Health Center (\$112,214) and Neighborhood Medical Center (\$148,385).

Option #2: Approve up to \$304,000 in Baker and Marchman funding as a local match for the Low-Income Pool funding for Apalachee Center Inc.

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to the implementation of the Low-Income Pool, and any future amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

17. Service Driver's Education Program Agreement with Leon County Schools

The Board approved Options #1 & #2:

Option #1: Approve the Agreement with Leon County Schools for Leon County School's 2024 Driver's Education Program, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #2: Accept the Leon County School's Summary of Expenditures for School Year 2022/2023, and the Proposal for use of the Dori Slosberg funds for School Year 2023/2024.

18. Memorandum of Understanding with the TRIO Educational Opportunity Center at Florida A&M University

The Board approved Options #1 & #2:

Option #1: Approve the FY 2024 State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of State and associated certifications.

Option #2: Approve the Library's FY 2024 Annual Plan for Library Service.

19. Local Agency Program Agreement between Leon County and State of Florida Department of Transportation for the Miccosukee Road Bridge Replacement Project

The Board approved Options #1-#3:

Option #1: Approve the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction and construction engineering inspection for Miccosukee Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction and construction engineering inspection for Miccosukee Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request, realizing the \$2,019,664 from the Florida Department of Transportation and the additional \$105,721 local match funds into the County budget.

20. Authorization to Submit a U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Application

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant.

21. Composition of the Leon County Tourist Development Council

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the report on the composition of the Leon County Tourist Development Council and take no further action.

Procurements: (These items are included under Consent.)

22. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Licensing, Hosting, and Support of the GOVMAX Budget Development Software

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County for the licensing, hosting, and support of the GOVMAX budget development software, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

23. Bid Award for the Leon County Government Annex Parking Garage Repairs

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Arris General Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$340,667 for the Annex Parking Garage Repairs project and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

24. Bid Award for the Renovations to the Concord School Building

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Arris General Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$4,250,000 for the Renovations to the Concord School Building project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to any required amendments thereto by the Department of Commerce, and legal review by the County Attorney.

25. Bid Award for the Construction of the St. Marks Headwaters Greenway Phase II, Buck Lake Road Trail Head

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$3,416,872 for the construction of the St. Marks Headwaters Greenway Phase II, Buck Lake Road Trail Head, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

26. Bid Award for the Court Administration Office Renovations Project

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Omnicon Corp., in the amount of \$263,407 for the Court Administration Office Renovations project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

27. Authorization to Utilize a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for a Heavy Equipment Purchase

The Board approved Option #1: Authorize the utilization of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 011723 to execute a heavy equipment purchase order through Beard Equipment Company in the amount of \$517,000 on October 1, 2023.

28. Bid Award for the Domi Building Masonry Repairs

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Council Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$304,774 for the DOMI Building Masonry Repairs project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

29. Bid Award for the Leon County Southside Health Clinic Roof Replacement

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the bid award to Garrison Design and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$334,009 for the Leon County Southside Health Clinic Roof Replacement, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

30. Approval of a Five-Year Comprehensive Maintenance Services Agreement for Public Safety Complex Heating and Cooling Automation Controls

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the five-year Comprehensive Maintenance Services Agreement with Brooks Building Solutions, Inc. for the provision of heating and cooling automation controls services in the amount of \$363,708 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

31. Approval of a Three-Year Planned Service Agreement for County Facility Heating and Cooling Services

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the three-year Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for heating and cooling services in the amount of \$674,842, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Status Reports:

32. Report on Veteran Homelessness in Leon County

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County's efforts to address veteran homelessness.

33. August 2023 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report

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

34. Lake Munson Action Plan and Drawdown Status Update

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on the Lake Munson Drawdown.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Item 5. Commissioner Appointments to the Housing Finance Authority, Science Advisory Committee, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

- The following speaker provided in-person comments:
 - Max Epstein, 1001 San Luis Road, spoke in opposition to the reappointment of Tom Lewis to the Science Advisory Board.

Chair Maddox clarified with County Attorney Chasity O'Steen that nothing on Tom Lewis's application necessitated the disclosure of a conflict.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Caban's appointment of Steven Lohbeck to the Housing Finance Committee for a four-year term ending on September 30, 2027, and approve the associated Housing Finance Authority Certificate of Appointment;

Option #2: Ratify Vice-Chair Cummings' reappointment of Amy Datz to the Science Advisory Committee for a four-year term ending on September 30, 2027;

Option #3: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's reappointment of Thomas Lewis to the Science Advisory Committee for a four-year term ending on September 30, 2027;

Option #4: Ratify Commissioner Caban's appointment of Gillian Gregory to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2025;

Option #5: Ratify Vice-Chair Cummings' reappointment of Vickia Rosier to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2025;

Option #6: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's appointment of Dr. Michelle Gayle to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2025; and

Option #7: Ratify Commissioner Minor's appointment of Dana Brooks to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2024.

The motion carried 7-0.

General Business

35. Status Report on Leon County's Preparation, Response, and Recovery Efforts Related to Hurricane Idalia

- The following speaker provided in-person comments:
 - Stanley Sims, 9217 Miccosukee Road, expressed support for the County's response to Hurricane Idalia and raised concerns regarding hazardous trees. Additionally, he advocated for hurricane recovery funding to assist citizens with costs incurred due to the hurricane, highlighting a need for financial support during recovery efforts.

County Administrator Long provided an overview of the County's response efforts in coordination with community partners. He highlighted having the largest sandbag operation staffed by public works and the most extensive shelter capacity activation in conjunction with Leon County Schools, the American Red Cross, and the Florida Department of Public Health. He noted the Florida Disaster Relief Readiness Campaign, which included up-to-the-minute updates on every platform and millions of impressions.

Mathieu Cavell, Director of Community Relations & Resilience, highlighted the assistance provided by the Emergency Management staff in preparing for Hurricane Idalia. He also mentioned that debris pickup would commence shortly, indicating proactive efforts in managing post-hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Kevin Peters, Director of Emergency Management, discussed the thorough preparation and response plan for Hurricane Idalia. He emphasized active monitoring and swift action in line with a specific timeline, demonstrating a well-organized and proactive approach to dealing with the hurricane and its potential impact.

Commissioner Proctor commended the County Administrator, staff, and community partners for their response to the storm and discussed the large number of power outages, the City's role in Emergency Management, the location of the Special Needs Shelter at Florida High, the local news stations and thanked the utility line crews.

Commissioner O'Keefe acknowledged the staff for an outstanding job before, during, and after Hurricane Idalia.

Commissioner Welch recognized the great job the County did in leading during Hurricane Idalia.

Commissioner Caban commented on the great character of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and the different community teams that took part.

Commissioner Minor thanked Mr. Peters for his action and the incredible team. He also thanked all the line crews that helped restore power.

Vice –Chair Cummings shared that this was only a demonstration of the great people they have leading Leon County.

Commissioner Proctor expressed concern about coordination with communities in Georgia and inquired about the status of radio connectivity. He raised questions regarding the effectiveness and collaboration with neighboring communities, emphasizing the importance of communication and coordination across regions during emergencies such as Hurricane Idalia.

- County Administrator Long stated that the City plays a vital and valuable role, underscoring the significance of the City's involvement and contributions in the context of hurricane preparedness and response efforts, indicating a collaborative approach between the County and the City.
- Kevin Peters provided an overview of the City's role, shedding light on its involvement and contributions to hurricane preparedness and response efforts. He added that this clarification adds to the understanding of the collaboration between the County and the City in managing the situation effectively.

- County Administrator Long commented on the highly coordinated response efforts for the region, encompassing both Florida and Georgia. He emphasized the level of coordination and collaboration across states, highlighting a unified and efficient approach to dealing with the impact of Hurricane Idalia and ensuring a cohesive response in the affected region.
- Mathieu Cavell provided an overview of regional radio and communication coordination, underscoring the importance of effective communication strategies in managing response efforts. He shared that this emphasizes the need for seamless communication coordination to ensure efficient and well-informed actions during Hurricane Idalia.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County’s preparation, response, and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Idalia.

The motion carried 7-0.

36. Leon County 2023 Annual Report

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This item presents the County Administrator’s 2023 Annual Report pursuant to Policy No. 11-6 and Section 125.85(1), Florida Statutes. He highlighted milestones and achievements outlined in the Annual Report, aligning with the County's Strategic Plan's four Strategic Priorities. He mentioned the report's availability in print for the Board and on the County website, along with the video.

The Board commended the annual report, County leadership, and staff. They discussed the diversity within the County's workforce and the allocated percentages of ad valorem taxes for supporting law enforcement (27%) and corrections, including the Detention Center (20%).

Commissioner Proctor acknowledged the Leon County Annual Report, expressed gratitude towards the exceptional staff, and commented on specific pages (26 and 31) concerning the diversity of senior staff.

Commissioner Welch commented on the efficiency and profound functioning of the organization, indicating appreciation for the effectiveness with which the County is managed and operated.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, to approve Option #1: Accept the 2023 Leon County Annual Report.

The motion carried 7-0.

The Board adjourned at 5:17 pm until 6:00 pm to start the Public Hearings.

37. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency in Leon County

County Administrator Long introduced the item. As requested at the May 9, 2023, Board meeting, this item provides an analysis and recommends approval of a Resolution endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency in Leon County initially presented to the Board by the youth advocacy organization GenCLEO. The County has

coordinated closely with the group, and the recommended Resolution incorporates all but one of GenCLEO's requests.

The following speakers provided in-person comments:

- o Karolyn Burns, 1600 Pullen Rd, waived in support.
- o Samantha Kaddis, 1767 Hermitage Blvd, thanked staff for the collaborating on the resolution.
- o Nia Olgeltree, 8146 Chris Lane, spoke in support of the resolution and thanked the Board and staff.
- o Gisela Alvizures, 930 W. Jefferson Street, spoke in support of the resolution.

Commissioner O'Keefe thanked staff for working with GenCLEO to draft the resolution.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Adopt the Resolution endorsing the declaration of a Climate Emergency in Leon County. The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Welch opposed).

38. Enabling Resolution to Establish the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee

County Administrator Long stated this item requests Board adoption of a resolution establishing the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway (MCRG) Citizen's Committee to update the Greenway Management Plan. According to Florida Statutes, a land management plan must be updated every ten years with input from a Citizen's Committee consisting of community members, professional stakeholders, County and State staff, and a County Commissioner. As a result, this item also seeks the Board appointment of one County Commissioner to serve on the Citizen's Committee.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #1: Approve the Enabling Resolution establishing the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #2: Appoint County Commissioner O'Keefe to serve on the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizen's Committee. The motion carried 7-0.

39. Full Board Appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

County Administrator Long stated this item seeks the full Board's consideration of the appointment of citizens to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Appoint two citizens, Jamie Clift Rager, and Tori Schneider, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for a three-year term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #2: Appoint one citizen, James Pfeiffer, to the County Alternate seat on the Board of

*Adjustment & Appeals for the remainder of the unexpired term ending June 30, 2025.
The motion carried 7-0.*

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #3 as amended: Ratify the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls' appointment of three citizens, Wachell McKendrick, Kimberly Berry, and Kay Meyer, to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, for a two-year term ending September 30, 2025, thereby waiving Dr. McKendrick's conflicting employment relationship as disclosed on Form 4A. The motion carried 7-0.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #4 as amended: Ratify the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls appointment of Morgan Danyi-Burton to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for the remainder of the unexpired term ending September 30, 2024, and Kimberly Berry and Kay Meyer for two-year terms ending September 30, 2025.

The motion carried 7-0.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

40. First Public Hearing for Adoption of the FY 2023/2024 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets

County Administrator Long stated this item requests the Board conduct the first of two public hearings required by Florida Statutes for the adoption of the Leon County FY 2023/2024 tentative budget.

County Administrator Long read into the record the required language announcing the countywide millage rate was 8.3144 mills. He announced that there were no public speakers.

Commissioner Minor disclosed a conflict of interest concerning his wife's consulting contract with Whole Child Leon. Due to this conflict, he stated that he would abstain from voting on the line item for Whole Child Leon in the General Fund Budget. He further requested that this specific line item be separated or "bifurcated" from the rest of the Budget so that he could participate in voting on Option #2.

Commissioner Caban noted that in July, he recused himself from voting on the line item for the Children's Home Society due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. However, he indicated that there can no longer be the appearance of a conflict because he has since resigned from the Board of the Children's Home Society as of September 11, 2023. This change in status enables him to now vote on this line item.

Chair Maddox disclosed a conflict of interest due to his employment with the Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend). As a result, he stated that he would abstain from voting on the line item related to the Big Bend Homeless Coalition in the General Fund Budget. He further requested the separation or "bifurcation" of this specific line item from the rest of the Budget to allow him to participate in voting on Option #2.

Commissioner Minor proposed a motion to bifurcate the line items for Whole Child Leon and Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend). This motion

suggests separating these specific line items from the rest of the Budget to address the conflicts of interest and allow for separate consideration and voting on these items.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, Option #2 as amended: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2023/2024 Countywide budget without the line items for Whole Child Leon and Family Promise of the Big Bend. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to adopt the line item budget for Whole Child Leon in the general fund budget. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Minor recused).

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to adopt the line item budget for the Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend) in the general fund budget. The motion carried 6-0 (Chair Maddox recused).

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #3: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2023/2024 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.7500 mills. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #4: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2023/2024 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve Option #5: Direct staff to advertise, in accordance with the Florida Statutes, the tentative millage rates and budgets for FY 2023/2024, and the date, time, and place of the public hearing to adopt the final millage rates and budgets for FY 2023/2024. The motion carried 7-0.

41. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving and Adopting the Local Provider Participation Fund Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

The County Administrator announced this item. It requests the Board conduct the first and only public hearing to consider adopting a Resolution to approve and adopt the non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Local Provider Participation Fund non-ad valorem assessment. To ensure specific deadlines established by the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration, are met, the public hearing regarding the assessment is typically held in September of each year. He shared there were no public speakers.

Commissioner Proctor reflected on the federal government's Medicaid expansion dollars that the State of Florida has declined to accept.

County Administrator Long stated he doesn't have a number but will get that information.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Welch, approval of Options #1-#3: Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Resolution approving and adopting the Local Provider Participation Fund non-ad valorem assessment roll.

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request budgeting the revenue and expenses for the non-ad valorem assessment.

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration in a form approved by the County Attorney.

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.)

The following speakers provided in-person comments:

- Spencer Leoni-Brass, 2020 West Pensacola Street, called for action regarding the criminal activity on Pensacola Street and the loss of business revenue and property values in the area.
- Jennifer Pearce, 1383 Conservancy Drive, spoke about the negative impacts of the criminal activity on her business and others in the Pensacola Street area and called for action.
 - Commissioner Caban commented on the struggles with crime in the Pensacola Street area. He made a motion for an agenda item to provide an analysis of crime within Leon County compared to other like-size counties and solutions to combat crime, including a deep dive into crime in 32304.
 - Commissioner O’Keefe asked that the analysis include nonviolent and violent crimes and on the cost of parking an officer in the area 24/7. He commented that businesses can hire off-duty officers. He supported the motion and reflected on the homelessness plan as a result of the Board’s May 2023 Workshop Addressing Homelessness.
 - Vice-Chair Cummings questioned if a workshop may be necessary and reflected on the fiscal impact.
 - Commissioner Proctor reflected on the impact of the homeless shelter’s location, and questioned if it is a criminal or mental health issue. He stated the need for a balanced, safe community.
 - Commissioner Caban agreed that a stern and firm attitude is needed and provided violent crime statistics in the area.
 - Chair Maddox reflected on the pressing need for housing initiatives to tackle homelessness. He emphasized the necessity of providing access to mental health care and job assistance to support the community. Additionally, he stressed the importance of nurturing businesses in the area to thrive, acknowledging their vital role in the community’s overall well-being.
 - Commissioner Welch highlighted the necessity for increased law enforcement presence in the Pensacola Street area, indicating a need for more officers to ensure public safety and address any concerns related to criminal activities, similar to the North Monroe Corridor Task Force.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to direct staff to provide an agenda item with an analysis of all crimes reported in Leon County with a focus on 32304 crime data, including a comparison of crime rates in like-sized counties, and provide immediate solutions to combat crime and nuisance activity in the Pensacola Street area. The motion carried 7-0.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

County Attorney O’Steen:

- No comment

County Administrator Long:

- No comment

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Proctor:

- Acknowledged and commended the Leon County Annual Report, highlighting its significance and contributions.
- Expressed gratitude and appreciation towards Judge Marsh for the ruling that struck down the State’s congressional redistricting plan, recognizing its importance for fair representation.
- Requested the County Attorney to provide information regarding the status of legislation aimed at setting term limits for county commissioners, indicating interest in governance reforms.
- Reflected on the recent pay increase for FSU President McCollough, highlighting that the FSU President's salary is lower than that of FSU coaches, prompting a discussion on salary discrepancies and priorities.
- Proposed a motion for an agenda item to analyze the City’s plan to extend sewer services on the southside, emphasizing the need for a thorough examination and discussion on this important infrastructure development.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, for staff to provide an agenda item providing an analysis on the City’s plans to expand sewer services on the southside. The motion carried 7-0.

- Reflected on the value and impact of the County’s Summer Youth Program, expressing appreciation for the program's positive effects on the community, youth development, and engagement.
- Stated opposition to the proposed rollback of the Children’s Services Council millage rate, indicating a disagreement with the suggested reduction and emphasizing the importance of maintaining adequate funding for essential services supporting children and families.

Commissioner Welch:

- Shared reflections on a recent tour of the Killlearn Club, explicitly focusing on the revitalization efforts in the area.
- Expressed gratitude towards the Public Works staff for their efforts in managing the sandbag operation at the Northeast Branch Library. Additionally, he inquired about the feasibility of utilizing machines to fill sandbags, indicating an interest in exploring more efficient methods for these operations.

Commissioner Minor:

- Requested a proclamation recognizing September 10th as Suicide Prevention Week and September as Suicide Prevention month, to be presented at the offices of 2-1-1 of the Big Bend.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing September 10th as Suicide Prevention Week and September as Suicide Prevention month. The motion carried 7-0.

- Stated that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) is scheduled for its Policy Conference on September 13 & 14, 2023. Requested support for the FAC Policy proposal to modify the use of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding. He specifically, emphasized the need for support in favor of using SHIP funds for rental assistance or rental construction, highlighting its significance in addressing housing challenges in the community.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve support of a FAC Policy proposal to modify the use of SHIP funding for rental assistance or rental construction. The motion carried 7-0.

- As endorsed by the Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center, he requested support of a FAC policy proposal to require in state statutes that if government contractors receive state or local funds the contracts include a clause asserting that they do not engage in labor trafficking; and support of FAC policy proposal to allow for the revocation of the business license of those businesses that are complicit in human trafficking and refuse to work with law enforcement investigating human trafficking.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve support of FAC policy proposal to require in state statutes that if government contractors receive state or local funds the contracts include a clause asserting that they do not engage in labor trafficking and support of FAC policy proposal to allow for the revoking of the business license of those businesses that are complicit in human trafficking and refuse to work with law enforcement investigating human trafficking. The motion carried 7-0.

- Stated he has been working with the Sheriff's Office to form 3 zones along the N. Monroe Corridor to set up business crime watch meetings and suggested a business crime watch group for the Pensacola Street area. He stated this initiative aims to enhance community safety, particularly for businesses, by fostering communication and collaboration between local law enforcement and business owners.

Commissioner O'Keefe:

- Requested the Board's approval to invite Cub Scouts Pack 10 to conduct a flag ceremony and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at either the October or November Board meeting. The purpose is to facilitate the Scouts' badge-earning process and encourage active community participation.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cummings, to approve the Cub Scouts Pack 10 doing a flag ceremony and the pledge of allegiance at the October or November Board meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commented that he passed along a link to the County Administrator for the 2021 NACo publication titled "The County Role in Ending Homeless and Improving Public Health" to share with the Board.

- Commented on Consent Item #10, mainly focusing on the proposed change in lot size for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to increase affordable housing. He highlighted the potential impact of this change in addressing housing affordability challenges within the community.
- Recognized and emphasized the value of 2-1-1 Big Bend as a crucial resource for suicide prevention within the community. Also, he highlighted the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline, underscoring its importance in providing immediate assistance and support for individuals in crisis.

Commissioner Caban:

- Requested a proclamation recognizing the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend and its CEO/President, Kacy Dennis, for its Fort Braden Community afterschool program.

Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve a proclamation recognizing the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend and its CEO/President Kacy Dennis, for its Fort Braden Community afterschool program. The motion carried 7-0.

- Asked the County Administrator for clarification regarding the upcoming Blueprint agenda item focusing on the airport gateway project. Specifically, requested to include Springhill Road as a viable option and emphasized that it's not too late to pivot and consider this alternative for the project.
 - County Administrator Long clarified that Springhill Road was initially conceived as one of the original options for the airport gateway project. Additionally, it was mentioned that all the historical and pertinent information related to the airport gateway project, including Springhill Road as an option, will be included in the upcoming Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency agenda item.
- Commissioner Proctor requested clarity from Florida State University (FSU) regarding its position on the airport gateway project. Additionally, it emphasized the importance of including FSU's stance on this project in the upcoming Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency agenda item.
- Commissioner Caban confirmed that conversations with the FSU Board of Trustees Chair indicated their support for what is deemed best for the community concerning the airport gateway project. This endorsement reinforces FSU's commitment to community welfare and development in their position on this project.
- Commended staff for the 9-11 Day of Service event.
- Acknowledged staff for the efforts at Lake Munson.
- Expressed thanks to the Lake Talquin State Forest Management Land Advisory Group, who invited him to be on the 10-Year Land Management Plan for Lake Talquin State Forest and announced the meeting being held September 27th.

Vice-Chair Cummings:

- Commended the unveiling of the 9/11 Memorial Monument, recognizing its significance and importance in honoring the memory of those affected by the events of September 11th.
- Recognized and commended the County's Annual Report.
- Requested a proclamation to officially recognize October as National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing October as National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Maddox:

- Requested the issuance of a proclamation to officially recognize the retirement of John Hogan, President and CEO of Capital Health Plan.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing the retirement of John Hogan, President and CEO of Capital Health Plan. The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing the 26th Annual Volunteer Fire Truck Round-Up being held on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 26th Annual Volunteer Fire Truck Round-Up. The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing the 31st Annual Big Bend Minority Enterprise Development Week, October 2-5, 2023.

Vice-Chair Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 31st Annual Big Bend Minority Enterprise Development Week, October 2-5, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.

- Requested a proclamation recognizing October 15-21, 2023, as National Friends of the Library Week.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing October 15-21, 2023, as National Friends of the Library Week. The motion carried 7-0.

RECEIPT AND FILE:

- Children's Services Council of Leon County Quarterly Financial Report, April 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023
- Capital Region Community Development District June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gwendolyn Marshall Knight", is written over a horizontal line.

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

BY: Carolyn D. Cummings
Carolyn D. Cummings, Chair
Board of County Commissioners