

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Board Reorganization
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 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. He welcomed the Honorable Clerk Gwen Marshall Knight and the numerous dignitaries who were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Quincy Griffin of Family Worship and Praise Center and the Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Chair Nick Maddox.

Remarks and Presentation

Presentation of Years of Service Pins to County Commissioners

- Commissioner Caban and Commissioner O'Keefe were presented service pins for 1-year service and Commissioner Minor for 5-year service to the citizens on the Leon County BOCC.
- Commissioner Caban gave heartfelt remarks.
- Commissioner O'Keefe expressed his sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve.
- Commissioner Minor shared that this was one of his greatest honors to serve.

Presentation to Outgoing Chair

- Vice-Chair Cummings gave final remarks to Chair Maddox. She commended him for his outstanding leadership and service to the Board and citizens. She presented him with a plaque.
- County Administrator Long presented a collage of events to the outgoing Chair.

Remarks by Outgoing Chair

- Chair Maddox thanked County Leadership, especially County Administrator Long and County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and thanked the staff. He shared that he appreciated the collegial way the Board members have conducted themselves and that they work together as a team. He reflected on the closeness of the community and that they have stayed together in Leon County. He shared that Leon County is home to the State Capital and they lead in that way. He also acknowledged the sister governments, the Children's Society, and the Leon County School Board. He acknowledged Vice-Chair Cummings as the next Chair.

Reorganization

- The Honorable Clerk of the Court Gwen Marshall Knight presided and gave her remarks.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- *Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, for Vice- Chair Cummings to serve as Chair. The motion carried 7-0.*
- *Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, for Commissioner Welch to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion carried 7-0.*

Administration of the Oath of Office to the newly elected Chair

- Clerk Marshall Knight administered the oath to Chair Cummings.

Remarks by New Chair

- Chair Cummings gave her first remarks as the Chair. She acknowledged all and thanked the Board for electing her the Chair of this body. She commended County Administrator Long and County Attorney Chasity O'Steen and thanked them for their support. She recalled standing on the shoulders of giants Anita Davis, Henry Lewis, Mary Ann Lindley, and so many more. She said that she would continue to advocate for health and wealth (living wage), affordable housing, veterans, a vibrant economy, protection for children, gun violence, etc., for the citizens of Leon County. She continued to pledge that she would do her best for the citizens of Leon County. She recognized her family, Delta Sorority, the National Association of University Women, the City of Tallahassee, and the Chamber of Commerce, and she acknowledged all others for their support, including her aide, Chauncy Haynes.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was provided by Rev. Dr. Richard Mashburn, Associate Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Official Board Photo

The Official Board photo was taken.

Recess for Reception

The Board recessed for the reception at 3:42 p.m.

The regular public meeting reconvened following the recess, at 4:15 p.m.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 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)
 - Commissioner Caban presented the proclamation. It was accepted by Kacy Dennis for the Fort Braden Community Afterschool Program, who thanked the Board and citizens for the recognition. He also thanked the Children Services Council (CSC) Executive Director, Ceka Rose Green.

- Chair Cummings acknowledged the Boys and Girls Club and shared they have been a staple in the community for many years.
- Acceptance of a \$100,000 Donation from the Friends of the Leon County Public Library (Lisa Harvey, President of the Friends of the Leon County Public Library)
 - Lisa Harvey, President of the Friends of the Library, and Morgan Evers presented a \$100,000 donation to the library that came from the sale of used books. Pamela Monroe, Library Director, accepted the donation and shared the funds would help with summer reading initiatives.
- Presentation of the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls Annual Report (Stephanie Shumate, Director & Adela Ghadimi, Chair, Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls)
 - Stephanie Shumate, Director, presented the Annual Report and she recognized other members of the Commission. Bernice McMillan presented the annual report. She shared that the theme was Women and Girls at the Intersections: Amplifying their Voices, Centering their Experiences, and Creating Space for Meaningful Change.
 - She shared the highlights from 2022-2023
 - Expanding staffing.
 - Developed a strategic /action plan to guide the work and priorities of the CSWG for 1-3 years.
 - Updated, refined, and prioritized the previous 142 recommendations.
 - 2022-2023 Policy Recommendations (5 bullet points)
 - 2023-2024 CSWG Theme: Embracing Gender Equity for an Inclusive Tomorrow.
 - What's on the Horizon – Empowerment Summit for Women & Girls, Digital Dashboard.
 - Commissioner Minor thanked them for all the work they do.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

- Stanley Sims, 1320 Avondale Way, Tallahassee, FL 32317, commented on the voluntary and involuntary annexation process, and the pros and cons of annexation.

CONSENT

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented with the exception of Items 1,7, 14, 15, and 22. The motion carried 7-0.

1. PULLED- Minutes: September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting, September 26, 2023 Budget Public Hearing, and October 26, 2023 HUD Grant Public Hearing

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for November 14, 2023 and the pre-approval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of November 15, 2023 through December 11, 2023.

3. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the October 24, 2023 Workshop on the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

The Board approved *Option #1: Ratify the actions taken by the Board at the October 24, 2023 Workshop on the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Priorities.*

4. 2024 Citizen Engagement Series, Club of Honest Citizens, and To the Village Square, Inc. Events

The Board approved Options #1-2:

Option #1: Approve the tentative proposed events for the 2024 Citizen Engagement Series, Club of Honest Citizens, and To the Village Square, Inc., events.

Option #2: Approve the first Amendment and Renewal to the existing agreement with To the Village Square, Inc., and authorize the County Administrator to enter into and execute the renewal agreement, and any amendments henceforth, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

5. Acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant for FY 2023-2024

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$90,730 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

6. FY 2023 Year-End Adjustments

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the FY 2023 year-end budget adjustments, and the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment.

7. PULLED - Acceptance of Federal Department of Justice Grants for the Leon County Sheriff's Office

8. Approval of Amendment to the Fire Protection Agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Amendment to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Agreement to provide fire protection services within the County), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Amendment, including any subsequent amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

9. FY 2024 Agreement for the Provision of State-Mandated Baker Act and Marchman Act Services

The Board approved Options #1-2:

Option #1: Approve the Agreement with Apalachee Center, Inc. for Baker Act and Marchman Act state-mandated services for FY 2024, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any future amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #2: Approve the revised amount of up to \$319,504 in Baker and Marchman funding as a local match for the Low-Income Pool funding for Apalachee Center, Inc. and 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.

10. FY 2024 Health Care Program Agreements

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the FY 2024 Agreements with Bond Community Health Center, Inc., Neighborhood Medical Center, Inc., Apalachee Center, Inc., Capital Medical Society Foundation, Inc./We Care Network, and the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health, to provide health care services for qualified county residents, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreements, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

11. 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding

The Board approved Options #1-3:

Option #1: Ratify the submittal of the application for the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – Countywide in the amount of \$111,111 and approve the distribution of funds upon the grant award.

Option #2: Approve the Agreement with DISC Village, Inc., as the sub-recipient of the Justice Assistance Grant – Countywide (JAGC) funds for the Juvenile Assessment Center, and pending the award of the JAGC Grant funds, authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Option #3: Approve the Agreement with the City of Tallahassee and the Leon County Sheriff’s Office for the distribution of \$161,226 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice under the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant – Direct (JAGD) program, and pending the award of the JAGD Grant funds, authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

12. Acceptance of \$100,000 Donation from the Friends of the Library

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the \$100,000 donation from the Friends of the Leon County Public Library, Inc., and approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment.

13. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Assignment of Easement Interests to the City of Tallahassee for Continued Operation and Maintenance of Improvements Associated with Belair/Annawood Wastewater Retrofit Project

The Board approved Options #1 -2:

Option #1: Adopt the Resolution authorizing assignment of six (6) sanitary sewer utility easement interests, located within and adjacent to the Belair Subdivision, to the City of Tallahassee to allow for the continued operation and maintenance of the City’s sanitary sewer collection system.

Option #2: Authorize the Chair to execute the Assignment of Easements and any associated documents, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

14. PULLED - Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to Manage and Control Illicit Discharges to the Leon County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

15. PULLED - Locally Funded Agreement Amendment Between Leon County and Florida Department of Transportation for the Design of the Springhill Road Bridge Replacement

16. Approval of Maintenance Map for Blocker Circle

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the Maintenance Map for Blocker Circle.

17. Request to Schedule the First and Only Public Hearing Regarding Intent to Use the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection, and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for the Purpose of Collecting the Full Amount of all Charges Related to Sewer Service Imposed on Certain Real Property Located on Susie B. Lane, for December 12, 2023

The Board approved Option #1: Schedule the first and only public hearing regarding the County's intent to utilize the Uniform Method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for the purposes of collecting the full amount of all charges related to Sewer Service imposed on certain real property located on Susie B. Lane for December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

18. Award for the Provision of Residential Real Estate Services

The Board approved Option #1: Approve the award to Hamilton Realty Advisors LLC for the provision of residential real estate services and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

19. Ratification of the Purchase of Ambulances for Emergency Medical Services

The Board approved Option #1: Ratify the purchase of two ambulances utilizing the Florida Sheriffs Association Purchasing Agreement, Contract # FSA23-VEF 17.0 Item 495, from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC in the amount of \$592,174.

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

20. Status Report on the Voluntary and Involuntary Annexation Processes

- Stanley Sims, 1420 Avondale Way, commented on Voluntary and Involuntary annexation in the City. He commented on taxation without representation. He asked what they could do so the disparities wouldn't be so far apart.

The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report on voluntary and involuntary annexation processes and take no further action at this time.

21. Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Annual Report

The Board approved Option #1: Receive the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls 2023 Annual Report.

22. PULLED - Southside Sewer Service Extension Update

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

1. Minutes: September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting, September 26, 2023, Budget Public Hearing, and October 26, 2023, HUD grant Public Hearing

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Proctor.
- Commissioner Proctor confirmed with the County Attorney O'Steen that the County has a lease agreement with the Federal Government for office space at the County Annex. He suggested capitalizing on that relationship to advance the development of affordable housing in the National Forest.
- Commissioner Proctor commented on the recently released Biden Administration plan to grow radio frequency access used for wireless communication, and the possible County benefit for wireless broadband, and expressed the need for staff to explore the implications for Leon County. He made a motion requesting additional information, seconded by Commissioner Minor.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to request staff provide an agenda item with information on the recently released Biden Administration plan to grow radio spectrum access for wireless communication and the potential benefit of wireless broadband in Leon County. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Proctor shared his opposition to Florida Senate Bill 438, which would establish 8-year term limits for County Commissioners and expressed that the issue should be a FAC priority. He requested that FAC be notified of the Board's opposition to the bill. The County Attorney and County Administrator confirmed that staff is working with FAC and that it is part of the County's Legislative Priorities.
- Commissioner Maddox confirmed that he will be attending the FAC Legislative Conference on November 15-17, 2023, and that he will express the County's position.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Approve the minutes for the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting, September 26, 2023, Budget Public Hearing, and October 26, 2023, HUD Grant Public Hearing. The motion carried 7-0.

Item 7. Acceptance of Federal Department of Justice Grants for the Leon County Sheriff's Office

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Proctor.
- Commissioner Proctor commented on the recently exposed poor conditions at the local Women's Federal Correctional Facility and commended the County Detention Center.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Options #1-4: Option #1: Accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Reentry Initiative grant in the amount of \$491,576, and

authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to recognize and spend the funds within the requirements of the Grant Agreement;

Option #2: Accept the State of Florida, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Project Safe Neighborhoods Pass-through Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$63,988, and authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to recognize and spend the funds within the requirements of the Grant Agreement;

Option #3: Accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation program grant in the amount of \$56,000, and authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to recognize and spend the funds within the requirements of the Grant Agreement; and

Option #4: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment to realize the grant funds into the Sheriff's FY 2024 budget.

The motion carried 7-0.

Item 14. Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to Manage and Control Illicit Discharges to the Leon County Municipal Separate

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Proctor.
- Commissioner Proctor commented on the recent sewage spill in the City of Tallahassee and stated his opposition to contracting with the City to investigate spills.
- Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, confirmed that all spills are reported, no matter the size, and the County is mandated to investigate any illicit discharges into County pipes or ditches, and the County contracts with the City to do the investigation.
- Commissioner O'Keefe confirmed with Ms. Padilla that the recent spill was a major spill, and testing is done by the City's testing lab which is a Florida DEP regulated lab, and results are provided and reviewed by the County for spills impacting the County.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County – Investigation, Analysis and Reporting of Illicit Discharges, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the First Amendment, and to approve and execute future amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

The motion passed 6-1. (Commissioner Proctor opposed the motion).

Item 15. Locally Funded Agreement Amendment Between Leon County and Florida Department of Transportation for the Design of the Springhill Road Bridge Replacement

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Proctor.

- Commissioner Proctor questioned the wording of a whereas clause in the proposed Resolution and expressed concern regarding the amount due by the County.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Options #1-3: Option #1: Approve the Locally Funded Agreement Amendment with the Florida Department of Transportation for the County to pay an additional \$398,529 in design costs for the Springhill Road Bridge replacement project, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Amendment, subject to legal review by the County Attorney;

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Locally Funded Agreement Amendment with the Florida Department of Transportation for the County to pay the additional design fee for the Springhill Road Bridge replacement project; and

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment realizing \$398,529 from the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency for the County local match.

The motion carried 7-0.

Item 22. Southside Sewer Service Extension Update

- This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Proctor.
- Commissioner Proctor questioned the start date for the City’s sewer expansion project in the southside triangle, and expressed that more sewer expansion is needed between Crawfordville and Springhill Road.
- Anna Padilla confirmed that the timeline for the southside triangle sewer project is included in the agenda item, with the final design to begin this spring and take approximately 24 months. The design and property acquisition will need to be completed before construction can begin.
- Commissioner Proctor questioned why some areas in the Urban Services Area (USA) are not receiving City sewer services, especially those properties near the sewer plant including Balkin Road, and asked the County Attorney what actions could be taken to get the services to properties inside the USA.
 - County Attorney O’Steen specified that information could be brought back to the Board if the Board would like staff to research the issue.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to direct staff to provide an agenda item exploring strategies for properties inside the Urban Services Area (USA) near the TP Smith Water Reclamation Facility to receive sewer services.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Accept the Southside Sewer Service Extension Update.

The motion carried 7-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

23. Promoting Resident Ownership of Manufactured-Mobile Home Communities

County Administrator Long stated as requested during the Workshop on the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Priorities on October 24, 2023, this item provides information related to the sale of mobile home parks and the requirements to notify residents and afford them the first right of refusal to purchase the land on which their home is located before a manufactured-mobile home park could be sold to any third party buyer. Based on the information presented in the analysis, this item proposes a state legislative priority for the Board's consideration related to the sale of manufactured-mobile home parks.

Commissioner O'Keefe explained it only pertains to helping mobile homeowners who own the home but lease the lot.

Commissioner Minor thanked staff for writing the agenda item.

Chair Cummings acknowledged that it was a consumer rights issue and thanked staff for a thoroughly written analysis.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Accept the Southside Sewer Service Extension Update.

The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Welch out of Chambers).

24. Overview of the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency's Current Organizational Structure

County Administrator Long stated this item provided an extensive overview of the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency's organizational structure as requested by the Board at its October 10, 2023, meeting. He explained the process.

County Administrator Long made important points on this unique structure. He gave an overview of the accomplishments. He pointed out that the Blueprint projects have been truly catalytic. He stated that Blueprint brings two governing boards together to work under the Blueprint Interlocal Agreement. He commented on voting thresholds, etc. He also discussed projects that need to change. He stated any of these projects could be disrupted or derailed. He reiterated that the Blueprint Board is in charge.

- Stanley Sims, 1420 Avondale Way, acknowledged County Administrator Long for the clarification of the Blueprint process. He discussed the concerns with Blueprint not funding minority businesses. He spoke of the difference between the City and County.
- Commissioner Maddox recalled the history and process of Blueprint. He shared they have been effective. He commented on the special amendment process. He commented on the ballot initiative. He shared he got the questions on structure and policy. He felt Blueprint was solid. *He made a motion for Option #1, seconded by Commissioner Welch.*
- Commissioner Minor expressed support for examining the structure of Blueprint. He commented on the building at Cascades Park and the use of sales tax dollars. He also supported Commissioner Maddox's motion.

- Commissioner Proctor used the analogy of the flowers in the Chambers to illustrate the diversity of views within Blueprint. He expressed concern that Blueprint members don't have legal representation and raised issues with the staff of Blueprint, emphasizing the need for legal support.
- Commissioner Maddox inquired whether the attorney represented their interests.
- County Administrator Long explained that his role is to help facilitate, and he mentioned that the Blueprint IA Attorney Susan Dawson ensures that Blueprint is operating correctly. He spoke about the structural elements that would need to be revisited. He indicated that matters for which direction is provided at meetings would come back, allowing the Board to make decisions as needed.
- Vice-Chair Welch expressed agreement with Commissioner Proctor's comments and supported County Administrator Long's assessment of the situation. He expressed trust in County Administrator Long and emphasized the duty to taxpayers to execute projects efficiently. Vice-Chair Welch stated his support for Commissioner Maddox's motion.
- Commissioner Caban thanked the Chair and mentioned that he would not be supporting the motion. He raised a question about the reporting structure of the County Attorney, and County Attorney O'Steen stated that the County Attorney reports to the Board of County Commissioners. He then asked about Blueprint, and County Attorney O'Steen clarified that the Attorney for Blueprint reports to the Director of PLACE. Commissioner Caban highlighted the Board's role in making policies and commented that the motions at the Blueprint meeting were labeled an improper motion. County Administrator Long added a comment about the aspect of style in motions. Commissioner Caban continued by expressing concerns about legal representation.
- Commissioner O'Keefe commented on the challenges of working with another government, acknowledging that Blueprint has done good projects, but he noted that it is not the same as in years past.
- County Administrator Long clarified that City employees do not report to the County, but Blueprint employees report to both the city and the County. He mentioned that the Director of PLACE handles staff, and County or City Administration is involved in hiring, with one entity needed for firing. He discussed the concerns of voters in holding Blueprint accountable and the need for balance. He explained that the IA Board previously had an attorney reporting to the Board, and the evolution of the general counsel position was born due to the increased role of staff.
- Commissioner Caban clarified that the hiring process takes agreement from both the City and the County, but only one entity is needed for firing. He inquired whether he could direct staff to fire, and County Administrator Long stated that he could not. Commissioner Caban shared his frustration with the process of making changes. He asked for the correct format if they want to make any changes.
- County Administrator Long explained that it depends on the issues that are generally in the Interlocal Agreement or broad structure issues or anything else like project or organization related, those will be at the Interlocal Agreement and in most cases a simple majority vote is needed for decisions.
- Chair Cummings recognized the high threshold for making changes and emphasized that if they want to make changes, it has to be done appropriately. She commented on the different processes and disagreed with the Commissioners. She believed that the Blueprint Attorney was giving her opinions based on Robert's Rules of Order, as she is

the parliamentarian. She addressed the Commissioners' distrust of the parliamentarian and Blueprint Attorney, suggesting they look at hiring an attorney for Blueprint. She stated that the Blueprint Attorney was owed an apology, and she reported to the PLACE Director, who would address issues if needed.

- Commissioner O'Keefe stated that change in small increments might be in order. He confirmed with the County Administrator the hiring process for Blueprint employees. He questioned the information he has received from Blueprint in the past. He confirmed with the County Administrator that the February 2024 Blueprint meeting agenda will include, as requested by the IA Board, information regarding to whom the Blueprint Attorney reports.
- Chair Cummings confirmed with the County Administrator that changes to the Interlocal Agreement need to be bifurcated and voted on by the City and County Commissions individually. She reflected on the upcoming agenda items for the next Blueprint meeting. Chair Cummings stated her support for the Blueprint Attorney. She recognized the Commissioners' level of distrust of the Blueprint Attorney's legal advice and suggested that hiring an attorney answerable to the Blueprint IA Board may be an option to be discussed at the February Blueprint meeting.
- County Administrator Long established that based on the Blueprint Board's direction at the November 7, 2023, Blueprint meeting, the issue of the direct reporting of the attorney, OEV, and PLACE Director will be added to the agenda as an informational item for the February 2024 Blueprint meeting.
- Commissioner Maddox expressed that he could not support having two separate attorneys.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Welch, to approve Option #1: Accept the overview of the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency's current organizational structure. The motion carried 5-2. (Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Caban opposed the motion).

25. Report on Additional Information on Homelessness

County Administrator Long introduced this item and provided a report on information requested by the Board during its May 23, 2023, Workshop on Homelessness, and subsequently ratified at its June 13, 2023, meeting. The item specifically addressed the feasibility of a countywide ordinance regulating activities on road medians; the evaluation of suitable and available Leon County-owned facilities that could be converted for use as permanent supportive housing; and analysis on alternative sleeping locations for individuals currently sleeping in public spaces. The item also provides analysis and recommendations to bring back an ordinance to prohibit solicitation and panhandling on private property.

- Commissioner O'Keefe expressed his concerns about where the homeless people would go when prohibited from being on private property and commented that it may create a more visual problem. He stated that he would not support the ordinance.
- Shington Lamy, Assistant County Administrator, stated that the proposed ordinance would only address panhandling and solicitation, not sleeping or camping, and

confirmed that currently private property owners have the right to have law enforcement remove trespassers from their property.

- Chair Cummings stated she would be supporting this motion. She thanked Mr. Lamy for the report.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Options # 1-2:

Option #1: Accept the report on additional homeless information.

Option #2: Direct staff to bring back an agenda item to consider an ordinance that authorizes law enforcement to enforce solicitation and panhandling prohibitions on private properties. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner O'Keefe opposed the motion).

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

26. Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Definitions and Accessory Uses Sections of Chapter 10 of the Land Development Code, Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated it requests the Board conduct the second and final public hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending the Definitions and Accessory Uses Sections of the Land Development Code for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to improve access to affordable housing and support infill development. The proposed Ordinance eliminates lot size restrictions in Lake Protection and Residential Preservation zoning districts and enables property owners of smaller homes to build an ADU. He announced that there was no public comment.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Conduct the second and final public hearing and adopt an Ordinance amending the Definitions and Accessory Uses Sections of Chapter 10 of the Land Development Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units. The motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

The following speaker provided in-person comment:

- Jessie Betts-Bono, 1565 Clifford Hill Rd, Clifford Hill Road Homeowners Association, spoke regarding damage in their neighborhood made by Waste Pro trucks.
 - Chair Cummings stated that staff will follow up with her.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items from the County Attorney

- No items

Items from the County Administrator

- No items

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Proctor

- Provided a letter regarding the Leon County Detention Center to the County Attorney for follow-up.

Vice-Chair Welch

- Requested a proclamation recognizing Stan Goldstein, retired teacher and coach for Chiles High School.

Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve a proclamation recognizing Stan Goldstein, retired teacher and coach for Chiles High School. The motion carried 7-0.

- Thanked Veteran Services staff for all the hard work put into the Veteran's Day celebrations.

Commissioner O'Keefe

- Requested information back from staff on the Waste Pro issue previously reported by the Clifford Hill Homeowners Association.

Commissioner Minor

- Congratulated Chair Cummings.
- Commented on the Tallahassee Airport applying for foreign trade zone designation and asked for the County's support of the application. Asked for a letter of support.
- County Administrator Long confirmed that it is already part of the County's legislative priorities.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a letter of support for the City's applications for a foreign trade zone designation at the Tallahassee Airport.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Caban

- No comment, reserved time for next meeting.

Chair Cummings

- Thanked the Board for electing her as the new Chair. She shared she appreciated the vote of confidence.

Commissioner Maddox

- Requested a proclamation to recognize the retirement of Deputy County Administrator, Alan Rosenzweig.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator, for his years of service and upcoming retirement.

The motion carried 7-0.

RECEIPT AND FILE

- Canopy Community Development District Fiscal Year 2024 Meeting Dates
- Capital Regional Community Development District Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2023, and September 5, 2023
- Children's Services Council FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Financial Report
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service FY 2022-2023 Annual Report for Fire Control and Forestry Assistance Activities in Leon County

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Carolyn D. Cummings

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

BY: *Gwendolyn Marshall Knight*

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