



The Board of Sumter County Commissioners (BOCC/Board) convened in a regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at the Everglades Recreation Center in The Villages, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Gary Search, District No. 1; Doug Gilpin, District No. 2; Craig Estep, Vice Chairman, District No. 3; Garry Breeden, Chairman, District No. 4; and Oren Miller, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator; Bill Kleinsorge, Finance Director; Caroline Alrestimawi, Deputy Clerk; and Jennifer Rey of The Hogan Law Firm, Attorneys for the Board. Commissioner Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the invocation given by Commissioner Estep followed by the flag salute led by Commissioner Miller. The complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the Clerk's Website - www.sumterclerk.com.

Commissioner Breeden announced that the following individuals were present for the meeting: Mayor Bobby Yost, City of Webster; Joe Elliott, City of Wildwood Commissioner; and Pam Jones and Cindy Brown from Congressman Webster's office.

1. TIMED ITEMS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

2. REPORTS AND INPUT

- a. County Administrator

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, provided the following items for direction and/or information.

- 1. Reappointment Ballot Form for District 5 Medical Examiner (For Direction)

The Board provided consensus to recommend reappointment of the District 5 Medical Examiner, Dr. Barbara C. Wolf.

1-26-21-2-a-1

- 2. Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Fully Executed between CSX and Sumter County regarding the new crossing at CR 525E (For Information Only)

This item is for the record.

1-26-21-2-a-2

- 3. Notice of Hearing to Impose and Provide for Collection of Fire Rescue Special Assessments (For Information Only)

There was special called/workshop meeting topic associated with setting the maximum rate for the fire assessment. This is not the rate that would be applied on the bills for citizens. Currently, the rate is only \$1 away from the maximum that was set on the budget for the fire departments in 2008. There needs to be an adjustment for a new maximum. The Board will make the determination on the annual fire assessment rate during the budgetary process. Attached is the published notice and the letter that would go forward to the citizens. The Board provided consensus to move forward with the attached notice and letter.

1-26-21-2-a-3

b. County Attorney

1. Jessica Laube and Robert Hunter vs. Village Center Community Development District; ET AL., (For Information Only)

Jennifer Rey, County Attorney, provided an update on this item, which has been pending in the court for some time. The plaintiff's complaints have been dismissed and they have been offered an opportunity to refile by the court. The time to refile was approaching by the end of last year and the plaintiff asked for the courtesy of an extension. In light of the time that this case has been pending, the County Attorney would not consent to their request. Thus, the plaintiff asked for judicial approval of an extension. The attached order is the court granting that extension, which will give the plaintiff additional time to file a third amended complaint for the claims previously raised.

1-26-21-2-b-1

c. Clerk of Circuit Court

1. Sumter County Portfolio Summary December 31, 2020 (For Information Only)

This item is for information.

1-26-21-2-c-1

2. Sumter County Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program for the 2019 FY Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (For Information Only)

Bill Kleinsorge, Finance Director, gave a summary of this award.

1-26-21-2-c-2

d. Board Members

1. Commissioner Search attended a two day webinar for the Florida Association of Counties. Commissioner Search explained that in light of a local newspaper referring to him as an "ex-Democrat", he wanted it on record that he is not an "ex-Democrat" and further elaborated. Commissioner Search has been a registered Republican for 52 years, elected as a Republican, and remains a Republican. In the early 90s, Commissioner Search ran for public office. During that time, there were eight individuals running for three positions in the first class township that Commissioner Search was a resident of. In Pennsylvania, it was a closed primary so if no one from a given party was running, that party could not vote but they could write someone's name in. A group of Democrats, who were friends of Commissioner Search, wrote his name in during the Primary. Commissioner Search ended up winning the Democratic write-in vote and his name appeared as a Republican on the Democratic ledger during that primary. Commissioner Search believes that this is the root of him being falsely classified in the local paper as an "ex-Democrat".
2. Commissioner Miller stated that he did not vote for Commissioner Search back then because he did not know him but he would have.
3. Commissioner Gilpin - No report.
4. Commissioner Estep participated in the MLK Parade in Royal on Monday, January 18th. Unfortunately, Commissioner Estep was unable to make the parade in Wildwood but thanked Mr. Elliott for the invitation. On Tuesday, January 19th, Commissioner Estep attended the ribbon cutting for North Public Works Annex expansion project. On Wednesday, January 20th, Commissioner Estep was in Orlando for East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. On Friday, January 22nd, Commissioner Estep had a meeting with the Sumter County Florida Disadvantaged Transportation Coordinating Board, which Commissioner Estep will chair. Today, January 26th, Commissioner Estep attended the dedication ceremony for the West Wildwood Fire Station #33.
5. Commissioner Breeden - No report.

e. Public Forum

The following individuals spoke during Public Forum:

(Clerk's Note: The general topic and/or question that each individual spoke on is in parentheses beside their name and address.)

1. Reed Panos, 1791 Sunset Ridge Dr, The Villages (request to pull items 1 and 2 under Financial and items 1 and 5 under Contracts and Agreements for further explanation);
2. Angie Fox, 2889 Evinston Ct, The Villages (in favor of the tethering ordinance that was previously proposed);

3. Gilbert Windsor, 2354 Bramble Ter, The Villages (a member of the Sumter County Industrial Development Authority should step down or be removed (unless further determined by the County Attorney) due to an ongoing felony investigation by FDLE);
4. Jim Strezelecki, 527 Beville Place, The Villages ("untruths" in The Villages Daily Sun); and
5. Steve Kramer, 3747 Orient Ave, The Villages (who stands up for the Board and sets record straight when certain articles are printed in the newspaper?).

The Commissioners offered commentary regarding some of the comments and questions provided during Public Forum.

3. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION REQUIRED

a. MINUTES

1. Minutes for Regular Meeting held December 22, 2020 (Staff Recommends Approval).

1-26-21-3-a-1

2. Minutes for Special Called Meeting held on December 29, 2020 (Staff Recommends Approval).

1-26-21-3-a-2

3. Minutes for Special Called Meeting held on January 5, 2021 (Staff Recommends Approval).

1-26-21-3-a-3

Commissioner Estep moved, with a second by Commissioner Search, to Approve items 1 through 3 under Minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5 – 0.

b. SET FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS

None

c. APPOINTMENTS

1. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Vacancy, Application Attached (Board's Option).

Amber Tucker submitted an application.

1-26-21-3-c-1

Commissioner Miller moved, with a second by Commissioner Search, to approve the appointment of Amber Tucker to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The motion carried 5 - 0.

2. Value Adjustment Board (VAB) - BOCC Appointed Citizen Member Vacancy (Board's Option).

There are no applicants at this time. Thus, no action is taken.

1-26-21-3-c-2

3. Construction Industry Licensing/Fire Code Board of Appeals Vacancy (Board's Option).

There are no applicants at this time. Thus, no action is taken.

1-26-21-3-c-3

4. Public Safety Coordinating Council Vacancies (Board's Option).

There are no applicants at this time. Thus, no action is taken.

1-26-21-3-c-4

5. Sumter County Public Library Advisory Board (SCPLAB) Vacancy (Board's Option).

There are no applicants at this time. Thus, no action is taken.

1-26-21-3-c-5

d. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Amendment A-8 (FY 20/21) (Staff Recommends Approval).

This item was pulled for further explanation per Mr. Panos' request during Public Forum. Mr. Arnold provided an explanation of the item.

This Budget Amendment (A-8) amends as follows:

General Fund (001) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward to increase the transfer to the Capital Outlay fund for the contracted costs for the Tax Collector Annex Kiosk with Ajax.

SHIP Program 2019-2020 Fund (119) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

SHIP Program 2020-2021 Fund (120) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Boating Improvement Fund (123) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Building Services Fund (124) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Fund (126) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

SC Road Construction District Impact Fee Fund (153) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Florida Arts License Plate Program Fund (191) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

State Mosquito Control Fund (196) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Gas Tax Sinking Fund (215) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Debt Service Fund (218) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

Capital Outlay Reserve Fund (305) – Increases the transfer from the General Fund for the contract with Ajax for the Tax Collector Kiosk.

2018 Loan Construction Fund (308) – Amends the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

2019 Loan Construction Fund (310) – Amend the budget to update the Cash Balance Forward from FY2020.

1-26-21-3-d-1

2. Purchase Order Approval for FY 2020/2021 (Staff Recommends Approval).

This item was pulled for further explanation per Mr. Panos' request under Public Forum. Mr. Arnold provided an explanation of the item. The attached list of open purchase requisitions is recommended for approval.

1-26-21-3-d-2

3. Inventory Transactions - Disposal and Surplus of Property (Staff Recommends Approval).

1-26-21-3-d-3

Commissioner Estep moved, with a second by Commissioner Search, to Approve items 1 through 3 under Financial. The motion carried unanimously 5 – 0.

e. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Interlocal Agreement Between Sumter County and Hernando County Regarding

Fire Rescue Mutual Aid (Staff Recommends Approval).

This item was pulled for further explanation per Mr. Panos' request under Public Forum. Mr. Arnold provided an explanation of the item. Based upon the nature of service provided by Fire and EMS agencies, circumstances occur that exceed the ability or availability of local resources. It is a responsible practice of neighboring agencies to work closely towards cooperative means when situations warrant assistance. Mutual aid benefits citizens in each agency's jurisdiction through the sharing of each other's resources. Mutual aid activities are most effective when expectations, responsibilities, and processes (for both parties) are outlined in a written agreement. The attached "Interlocal Agreement Between Sumter County and Hernando County for Fire Rescue Mutual Aid", provides the elements needed for the coordinated provision of mutual aid services, and satisfies each other's desire for a formal agreement.

1-26-21-3-e-1

2. Change Order 1 with A+ Environmental Restoration, LLC and Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), (Staff Recommends Approval).

On 7/14/2020, the BOCC entered into a contract with A+ Environmental Restoration, LLC through ITB 023-0-2020/RS Sumter County Canal Cleaning Project. Attached for BOCC review and approval is change order (CO) #1. Through this CO, a portion of the scheduled herbicide spraying on canal D will be reduced by approximately +/- 5,686 linear feet (\$13,419.42) and replaced with approximately +/-718 linear feet \$13,419.42 of canal restoration sediment removal. This zero dollar change order will restore the canal to its original cross-section by removing excessive sediment buildup within the canal. The removal of sediment will increase the canal's capacity and ensure an unimpeded discharge of stormwater runoff.

1-26-21-3-e-2

3. Task for Right-of-Way Appraisal Services for CR 229 from SR 44 to C 462 (Staff Recommends Approval).

On October 13, 2020, the BOCC executed the Sumter County On-Call Appraisal Services contract with Catlett & Company Inc. dba Catlett, Trigg & Associates. The first task is the appraisal of 12 parcels needed to buy ROW for the expansion of CR 229. Attached is the fee schedule provided by Catlett & Company Inc.

1-26-21-3-e-3

4. Task Order #4 with WSP USA Inc. and Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) (Staff Recommends Approval).

On September 22, 2020, the BOCC entered into a contract with WSP USA Inc. through RFQ 030-0-2020/RS Sumter County Continuing Engineering Services. Attached for BOCC review and approval is task order #4. Under this task, WSP will provide Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the US 301/SR 35 at CR 472/CR 216 signalization project. WSP will perform CEI duties, including but not limited to: inspection and verification of the work performed by the contractor, pay-item tracking, field and lab testing (when requested by the County), contractor invoice review and verification, and assistance during the preconstruction and project status meetings. WSP is requested for this task as they are prequalified to perform on-system work for the following groups: Group 6.3.2- Intelligent Transportation Systems Implementation; and Group 10.4- Minor Bridge and Miscellaneous Structures CEI

1-26-21-3-e-4

5. Enter into Contract with AJAX Building Company, LLC for the installation and project oversight of the Tax Collector Transfer System and Kiosk Construction Project (Staff Recommends Approval).

This item was pulled for further explanation per Mr. Panos' request under Public Forum. Mr. Arnold provided an explanation of the item. On January 12, 2021, ITB 047-0-2020/RS Sumter County Tax Collector Transfer System and Kiosk Construction Project was cancelled as no bids were received on time for the project. Prior to the issuance of the ITB, there were two additional attempts to procure the goods and services needed to complete this project through the CARES Act Funding.

Per Florida Statutes 287.057 (5), if less than two responsive bids are received, the county may negotiate on the best terms and conditions in lieu of resoliciting competitive sealed bids. Since no bids were received for ITB 047-0-2020/RS, it was decided that Sumter County would do an owner direct purchase of the equipment and associated labor with Quick Tube Systems, Inc. and this portion of the project would be removed from the scope of work. The remainder of the project including project oversight would be negotiated and contracted out. The negotiated price with AJAX Building Company, LLC is \$328,934.00 and includes material, equipment, and labor to install the Villages Annex Transfer System and Kiosk. By installing this transfer system, Sumter County achieves parity of service at the various Tax Collector Offices, continued service at this location during the next COVID 19 type event and an increase in the capacity of the Tax Collector's Office at this location without adding additional offices to the interior of the building.

1-26-21-3-e-5

6. Tax Collector Resolution for Consolidation of General Legal Services (Staff Recommends Approval).

Starting with his initial election as Tax Collector, Randy Mask has supported increased cooperation between the Tax Collector's Office and the BOCC. He has adopted policies and procedures that substantially reflect those adopted by the BOCC, increasing cooperation and sharing resources in the areas of Employee Services, Information Technology, and general Legal Services. Mr. Mask desires to continue with consolidated services and enter into the agreement for the provision of these services with the BOCC for the duration of his four-year term.

1-26-21-3-e-6

Commissioner Miller moved, with a second by Commissioner Estep, to Approve 1 through 6 under Contracts and Agreements. The motion carried unanimously 5 – 0.

f. GENERAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. State of Emergency Declaration Extension Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (Staff Recommends Approval).

1-26-21-3-f-1

Commissioner Search moved, with a second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Local State of Emergency Declaration Extension. The motion carried 5 - 0.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.