

**HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2002 8:30 A.M.  
HARDEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. CONFERENCE ROOM  
A G E N D A**

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>District I District II District III District IV District V</b>	<b>William R. Lambert, Jr. Clifton N. Timmerman Gordon R. Norris E. Milton Lanier Walter B. Olliff, Jr.</b>
	<b>County Manager Lexton H. Albritton , Jr. Clerk B. Hugh Bradley County Attorney Ken Evers</b>	<b>Executive Secretary Lisa Roberts Deputy Clerk Darlene Ward</b>

**Chairman Olliff – Call to Order.**

**Invocation by Rev. Dewayne Wyatt followed by Pledge to Flag.**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Regular Meeting of 10/03/02 at 8:30 a.m.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Tab 1  
8:45 a.m. Jamie Self, Central Florida Administrator, Florida Baptist Children’s Homes -  
Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign proclamation  
proclaiming the month of November 2002 as Adoption Awareness Month in Hardee  
County.**

**Action recommended: Motion to approve and authorize Chairman to sign  
Proclamation.**

**Copy of Proclamation provided.**

**Tab 2  
9:00 a.m. Todd Garrett – Request waiver of fines for Special Master Case No. 01-14 in the  
amount of \$20,000.**

**Action recommended: Motion to approve waiver of fines.**

**Copy of memo from Melinda Spracklen dated 10/17/02, 10/21/02 and photos  
provided.**

**Tab 3  
9:30 a.m. Gene Schriener, Craig A. Smith & Associates - Award bid for Wauchula Hills Waste Water Treatment Plant.**

**ALSO:**

**Discuss utility rates and water for Wauchula Hills Waste Water Treatment Plant.**

**COUNTY MANAGER; NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**Tab 4  
A. Request approval to grant authority to Director of Public Works to sign Agreements on behalf of the County.**

**Action recommended: Motion to approve Director of Public Works signing Agreements.**

**Copy of memo from J. R. Prestridge and Dawn Stark dated 10/25/02 provided.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Tab 5  
A. Acknowledge receipt of CF Industries, Inc, Hardee Phosphate Complex 2002-2003 Annual Unit Review.**

**Tab 6  
B. Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between John B. Klein and Hardee County.**

**Copy of agreement provided.**

**Tab 7  
C. Request approval of each low bid contractor for the CDBG housing rehabilitation bid group 1B as follows: Torres, James Riley \$11,675.00; McNabb, Mark Rivard of Residential Services, Inc. \$11,159.00; Pittman, Steve Mourer of Mourer & Mourer, Inc. \$13,390.00; Corbett, Steve Mourer of Mourer & Mourer, Inc. \$5,985.00; Clark, Mark Stewart of Stewart & Stewart Construction \$14,443.00; Rivers, Mark Stewart of Stewart & Stewart Construction \$13,291.00; Smith, Mark Stewart of Stewart & Stewart Construction \$15,993.00.**

**Copy of memo from Shelly Massey dated 10/24/02 and bid recommendation sheets provided.**

**Tab 8  
D. Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Minor Subdivision plat for Eagle's Nest West Four for James L. Stallings, Trustee.**

**Copy of memo from B. J. Haney dated 10/28/02 and plat provided.**

Tab 9

- E. Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Minor Subdivision plat for Leon Estates for Francisca Leon.

Copy of memo from B. J. Haney dated 10/28/02 and plat provided.

Tab 10

- F. Acknowledge that at the 2002 Legislative session, a portion of Hwy 17 in Hardee County was approved to be designated as the "Doyle Parker Memorial Highway".

Tab 11

- G. Request approval of BCC Zoning public hearing dates for 2003.

Copy of memo from Mike Cassidy dated 10/28/02 provided

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA A-G.**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY KEN EVERS**

**OLD BUSINESS – OPEN See Agenda Attachment 'A'**

**OLD BUSINESS – CLOSED See Agenda Attachment 'B'**

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ with the next Regular Meeting on November 14, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. and Regular Planning Session Meeting scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2002. Meetings to be held at Hardee County Health Dept. Conference Room, 115 K.D. Revell Rd, Wauchula, Florida, 33873.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE APPOINTMENT TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED AS DEEMED NECESSARY UNLESS IT IS AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING.**

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**REMINDER:**

November 4, 2002 – Annual Chamber dinner 6:00 p.m. at the Nickerson/Ullrich Building at Pioneer Park.

November 11, 2002 – Holiday - Veterans Day.

November 14, 2002 – IMC Annual Report - joint meeting with Planning and Zoning, 5:30 p.m. Hardee County Health Dept. Conference Room.

November 19, 2002 – Special Meeting on reorganization, 8:30 a.m. Hardee Co. Health Dept. Conference Room.

**Attachment A**  
**OLD BUSINESS (Open)**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2002**

1. **Water for rural outlying fires – drawing from agricultural wells, ponds, etc.; obtain written permission for files.**  
**Status: One 10,000 tank acquired from City of Wauchula to be placed on east side of County, possibly Resthaven property or 7-mile point area. Have access to additional 3,000 gallon tank. Working with property owners for sources from grove pumps, etc. Additional manpower to be assigned to this task.**
2. **Water Plant**  
**Status: Advertised 08/29/02 - Bids due 09/30/02 – Bid due date changed to 10/10/02. Low bid \$3,517,000 – award 10/31/02 (includes wastewater). This agenda 9:30 a.m.**
3. **Permanent relocation of staff – first draft of floor plan for returning to Annex I has been prepared for review by County Manager.**
4. **Sludge Issue – County Manager met with Lockie Gary, Mike Cassidy and Range Cattle Station Representative on 10/04/02. Incorporating occasional user language. Plan to agenda 11/14/02.**
5. **Special Taxing Districts – BCC 02/14/02 – Info presented to BCC 07/25 – Hunter to continue to work with County Attorney.**
6. **CRA —Committee has been appointed – 2 Commissioners - Lambert & Timmerman, 2 Councilmen, City Administrator and County Manager. Obtained info from Property Appraiser concerning Briarwood. Lex to meet with Conerly 10/01/02. Meeting scheduled 10/29/02.**
7. **Wauchula Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant –Advertised 08/29/02 – Bids due 09/30/02 – Bid due date changed to 10/10/02. Low bid \$3,517,000 (includes water). This agenda at 9:30 a.m.**
8. **Minor Subdivision Plats – Table until info received on Special Taxing Districts.**
9. **Pave Ten-Mile Grade N/S and E/W as necessary- N/S waiting on grant – E/W Engineer preparing costs – waiting on DeSoto County on E/W portion. AFAM is providing all info necessary to move forward and they have expanded their number of employees that allows us to receive the maximum amount of funds for 10-mile grade \$750,000 CDBG-ED grant. Consultant will work on next public hearing. Should be hearing from AFAM this week regarding their bond issue.**
10. **Coordinate paving of Sauls Road entryway and E/W portion with most expeditious way of funding. Advertised –Mandatory Pre-Bid held 09/26/02 with four (4) companies attending. Bids Due 10/10/02. Bids being calculated by Engineers and County – Engineer finalizing SWFMD permit – low bid \$237,929.75.**
11. **Heartland Water Alliance– Status: Meeting held 07/22/02 at 1:30 p.m. at Health Dept. (staff members meeting) Full Alliance meeting to be set up.**
12. **Mining Ordinance Amendments/ DRI’s –Staff identifying ordinances and resolutions for determining amendments needed and scheduling for completion.**
13. **Garbage Collection – Private Roads – Continue to evaluate status of roads – County Manager plans to send additional letters to residents.**

14. Hardee Lakes 09/19/02 Authorized proceeding with FRDAP Grant, \$200,000 and LWCF Grant, \$150,000. Staff working with Fish & Game on potential grants and design assistance.
15. Land Suitability Index Report – Also need Cumulative Impact Study – 08/16/02 received Presentation on potential cumulative impacts of clay settling areas. Meeting set with IFAS on 10/22/02. IMC met with CFRPC 10/22/02. Will agenda for adoption 11/14/02.
16. Clerk Issues – 08/08/02 Clerk not present at mtg. (submitted letter dated 08/02/02) County Manager to follow-up on public records request for minutes in digital format; Drafting policy for purchasing card; etc. Printing capabilities restored. Continuing to move forward within budget and system constraints.
17. Sewer hook-up for Pioneer Park to Zolfo Springs system – CAS has done field study and will submit cost estimate for design and survey. Costs being re-evaluated.
18. Architectural/Structural Engineering Services 05/23/02 – Weeks to go out for RFPs. RFPs drafted –County Attorney reviewed –staff making changes.
19. Shared roads with DeSoto County – 08/01 staff met with DeSoto Engineers to determine crossroad culvert and paving costs for 10-Mile Grade. Waiting on info from DeSoto County. DeSoto County Manager reviewing proposal. Staff meeting with DeSoto County 11/01/02.
20. Vandolah Wastewater Treatment Plant – Took densities on shell rock pad for WWTP. Made several tie-ins on force main on Vandolah Road. Continued clean up along Vandolah Road and also continued de-watering of the WWTP pad.
21. Tuition Reimbursement Policy – 07/11/02 authorized County Manager to revise. 07/25/02 determined that policy does not need to be reviewed by BCC.
22. Carlisle Group – Country Manor – Awarded tax incentives. Working with staff to establish water/sewer rates.
23. Legislation Packet for 2003 Legislative Session – compiling information. Legislative meeting scheduled 11/25/02. Must pass resolution by 11/14 meeting.
24. Industrial Development Authority – 07/25/02 IDA to identify sites for light commercial site along Hwy 17 in Enterprise Zone and a heavy industrial site; ascertain costs, funding alternatives and work with County staff. IDA still communicating with landowners and will come back to Board with funding alternatives and request early November.
25. Range Cattle Research & Education Center at Ona – 08/08/02 Approved appointing a Steering Committee to study the Center’s mission. Park Winter has compiled list of potential members and is contacting each. Kick-off meeting occurred 09/27/02. Committee to meet early November at Center for tour and receive information paper from Center staff.
26. Road Paving Priorities system – 08/08/02 County Manager/County Engineer/Director of Public Works to work on a better, more equitable evaluation using more meaningful data. Staff identifying resources and procedures to implement changes. Staff trying to develop a stabilizing factor.

27. **Steve Roberts Special Bridges – Bids Due 11/19/02. Pre-bid conference held 10/11/02, six companies participated.**
28. **Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Dept. –County Manager met with Bowling Green administrators. County staff took inventory of buildings and equipment on 09/26/02 to determine potential liability – staff to develop staffing plan for cost determination - to be presented to Bowling Green Council. Working with Tax Appraisers office to determine assessments.**
29. **Old Town Creek Paving Project – Cost estimate for S.R. 64 to Mel Smith based on 2001-2002 contract bids is \$355,022; County Attorney submitted counter-offer of \$55,000 the week of 09/16/02.**
30. **08/22/02 Economic Tax Abatements for Hardee Power Partners, Seminole Electric and Mancini Packing; staff to check for compliance with statute and ordinance. Staff developing policy procedure to determine yearly compliance. Finance sent letters to companies requesting verification of employees. Still waiting on some responses.**
31. **Soil Mapping – 07/16/02 – pursue the issue of re-mapping of the soils with DEP and the Bureau of Mine Reclamations.**
32. **Animal Control Consolidation – County Manager met with staff – J. R. preparing cost estimate.**
33. **09/05/02 Comcast Cable – Will provide a site survey for televising meetings – waiting until room is ready for construction.**
34. **09/05/02 Authorized hiring County Engineer – currently being advertised.**
35. **Skate Park – 09/19/02 Authorized staff to work with City - approved materials cost of approximately \$12,533 – Lex to work with Kathy on funding. Removal of sod has been completed. Pouring concrete.**

**Attachment B**  
**Old Business (Closed)**  
**October 31, 2002**

1. **Tropical Storm Gabriel (FEMA) Bids opened 09/27/02. Bid award 10/17/02. (\$2,622,401).**
2. **08/08/02 – Jail Roof repair – Approved waiver of sealed bid process. Quotes received – Notice to proceed issued on 08/30/02 to General Roofing Services for \$22,476.  
Status: Repair complete.**
3. **09/05/02 AGAPE Mission Home – Staff to attempt to find financial assistance. County Attorney determined Indigent Care funds cannot be used. OCD has been notified. 09/24/02 BCC directed staff to provide \$6,000 to AGAPE. AGAPE will provide financial reports on a quarterly basis.  
Status: Funds disbursed.**