

**HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2003 8:30 A.M.
HARDEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. CONFERENCE ROOM
A G E N D A**

Commissioners:	District I	William R. Lambert, Jr., Chairman
	District II	Clifton N. Timmerman
	District III	Gordon R. Norris, Vice-Chairman
	District IV	Bobby R. Smith
	District V	Walter B. Olliff, Jr.

County Manager Lexton H. Albritton, Jr.	Office Manager, Susan Dick
Clerk B. Hugh Bradley	Deputy Clerk Nancy Craft
County Attorney Ken Evers	

Chairman Lambert – Call to Order.

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

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Regular Meeting of 01/09/03 at 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting of 01/23/03 at 8:30 a.m.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

APPOINTMENTS:

**Tab 1
8:35 a.m. Merle Albritton, Boy Scouts – Update on Boy Scout recently held Rendezvous at Pioneer Park.**

**Tab 2
8:45 a.m. J. R. Prestridge, Public Works Director, Janice Williamson, Landfill Superintendent and SCS Engineers Representative – Request approval of proposed Work Order # 8 with SCS Engineers for 10-acre expansion of the Class I Landfill. Total construction cost for the 10-acre expansion will be \$3,385,000, as compared to a 5-acre expansion at a cost of \$2,035,000. SCS fee – not to exceed \$293,000.**

Action recommended: Motion to approve Work Order #8 with SCS Engineers for 10-acre landfill expansion at a cost not to exceed \$293,000.

Copy of memo from Janice Williamson dated 01/29/03 and Proposal for Work Order #8 dated 12/10/02 provided.

**Tab 3
9:15 a.m. Dave Gildersleeve, Wade-Trim – Request approval of 2nd amendment to Work Order #6, for additional services pertaining to the Ona Mine CDA. Not to exceed \$49,852.00.**

Action recommended: Motion to authorize County Attorney to draft 2nd amendment to Work #6 and authorize Chairman to sign.

Copy of letter from David B. Gildersleeve, Wade -Trim dated 01/31/03 provided.

Tab 4

10:00 a.m. J. R. Prestridge, Director of Public Works – Request approval of change order #1 for Tropical Gabrielle Roadway and Drainage Repairs for additional materials and labor and authorization for County Manager to sign. Original contract price \$2,622,401.50, amount of change order \$73,900.00 for a total of \$2,696,301.50.

Action recommended: Motion to approve and authorize County Manager to sign change order #1.

Copy of change order #1 provided.

Tab 5

10:15 a.m. Park Winter, Economic Development Director – Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Grant Agreement between FHREDI and Hardee County for Economic Development marketing tools. Specifically, not later than April 01, 2003, reimbursable \$2500 for brochure and \$1000 for website upgrade/development.

Action recommended: Motion to approve and authorize Chairman to sign FHREDI Grant Agreement and any other required documents.

Copy of Grant Agreement and letter from Park S. Winter, Jr. to Betty Neale dated 01/30/03 provided.

Tab 6

10:45 a.m. Loran Cogburn, Sheriff – Request authorization to utilize \$35,000 of contingency funds allocated for 2002-2003 fiscal year in order to pay for sick leave time for two employees retiring this year. If both retire on June 30, 2003, the amount needed to pay them is \$42,000.00.

Action recommended: Board's discretion.

Copy of letter from Loran Cogburn dated 01/24/03 provided.

COUNTY MANAGER; NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 7

A. Request approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Heartland Water Alliance Water Supply Plan Interlocal Agreement contingent upon approval of County Attorney.

Action recommended: Motion to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement contingent upon final review and approval of County Attorney.

Copy of DRAFT Agreement provided.

No Tab

B. Update and discuss IMC Ona DRI and public hearings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 8

- A. Appoint Bobby Smith as a member of the CEO Roundtable/Alliance and also appoint Lex Albritton as the designated representative.**

Copy of letter from Sue Gray dated 01/23/03 provided.

Tab 9

- B. Acknowledge that Board action on 01/23/03 relating to the inclusion of the IDA Land Purchase in FGFC Pooled Loan Program must be amended to exclude the purchase of land – not considered an eligible purchase for tax exempt loan.**

Copy of memo from Kathy Crawford dated 01/31/03 provided.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA A-B.

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 February 20, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. , BCC Zoning Meeting on February 20, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. and Regular Planning Session scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2003. 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.

REMINDER:

March 26, 2003 – FAC Legislative Day, Tallahassee, FL.

Attachment A
OLD BUSINESS (Open)
FEBRUARY 06, 2003

1. **Permanent relocation of staff – first draft of floor plan for returning to Annex I has been prepared for review by County Manager. Will schedule Comcast site survey during planning period. Update presented at 01/17/03 Planning Session Agenda.**
2. **Sludge Issue – County Manager met with Lockie Gary, Mike Cassidy and Range Cattle Station Representative on 10/04/02. Incorporating occasional user language. Will schedule for BCC on 03/06/03.**
3. **Special Taxing Districts –Uniform Method of Collection of Special Assessments (necessary to collect assessments on tax bill). Public Hearing held 01/09/03.**
4. **Heartland Water Alliance–Meeting held January 21, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. @ Park Place. This agenda – discuss Inter-Local Agreement for Tri-County Water Supply Plan.**
5. **Mining Ordinance Amendments/ DRI's –Staff identifying ordinances and resolutions for determining amendments needed and scheduling for completion.**
6. **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. Received donation of \$100,000 from Vandolah Power Company 12/19/02.**
7. **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. Desoto legal/finance reviewing our request for Desoto to pave and Hardee to contribute to their bond payments. DeSoto assessing maintenance work needed on Lily County Line.**
8. **Industrial Development Authority – 07/25/02: IDA to identify sites for light commercial site along US17 in Enterprise Zone and a heavy industrial site; ascertain costs, funding alternatives and work with County staff. 11/19/02: IDA received BCC approval of recommended 160 ac site at up to \$1.6M. BCC Resolution unanimous to direct IDA to negotiate purchase option on behalf of Co. subject to appraisal & financing, and authorize Chairman to sign purchase option & any other pertinent documents. 12/13/02: BCC updated by Park Winter at Planning Session AND 12/19/02: 6-12 month purchase option signed by land owner. 01/17/03: Update from Park Winter at Planning Session.**
9. **Range Cattle Research & Education Center at Ona – 08/08/02: Approved appointing a Steering Committee to study the Center's mission. EDO compiled list of potential members and contacted each. 09/27/02: Kick-off meeting occurred. Committee to tour Station in Nov. but Dr. Pate requested reschedule for end-Jan. 01/22/03: Diverse Station tour provided to committee of various facilities and ongoing operations. Historical missions, successes, and budgets presented by station staff. Some discussion on legislative marketing & future focused meetings considered necessary. Committee voted David Royal as Chair, unanimously. Next meeting TBD.**
10. **Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Dept. –County Manager & Fire Chief met with Bowling Green City Commission 01/14/03. City scheduling a workshop to discuss.**

- 11. 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. County Attorney received letter on 11/04/02 from Mrs. Sanders refusing the \$55,000 offer. Attorney met with property owner 01/10/03 – owner rejected offer.**
- 12. Soil Mapping – 07/16/02 – pursue the issue of re-mapping of the soils with DEP and the Bureau of Mine Reclamations.**
- 13. Animal Control Consolidation – County Manager, J.R. and Janice met on 01/03/03. Would require capitol investment because our holding capacity has been met. County Manager spoke with Zolfo Springs Town Clerk Jack Logan and they could not contribute to capital improve ments necessary.**
- 14. Job Description Revisions**
- 15. Courthouse Security**
- 16. IMC Annual Report**
- 17. CF Annual Report**

Attachment B
Old Business (Closed)
February 06, 2003

1. **Pioneer Park - Due to a problem with Zolfo Springs and the dumping of the sewer that we pumped out of the septic tank in the park, it was going to be a major problem during Pioneer Park Days. We are moving forward with a scaled down design prepared by Bryan Hunter and Danny Weeks to put a large drain field and a tank for the dump station and one new lift station at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000. This will eliminate the need to hire outside septic haulers during the show at a savings of \$5,000 a year. Also we will not need to haul to the Zolfo system.**

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ADD-ON

ADD TO APPOINTMENTS:

10:30 a.m. Dawn Stark, Right of Way Agent - Review counter-offer for acquisition of citrus trees along the southeast side of Torrey Road. County policy sets price limit of \$85 per tree for trees five years old and up. Story Citrus, Inc. counter offers \$625 per tree for 32 trees totaling \$20,000.

Action Recommended: Board's Discretion.

Copy of memo from Stark dated 01/27/03, letter from Kyle Story dated 01/15/03 and Citrus Tree Compensation Policy for Right-of Way Acquisition provided.

11:00 a.m. (Move from Non-Consent Item B)

Update and discuss IMC Ona Mine DRI and public hearings. Discuss DEP permit Financial Assurance portion of Annual Report.

Copy of e-mail received from Brian Sodt, CFRPC, dated 02/03/03 provided.

Action Recommended: As to the discussion on the DEP Permit:

Move to authorize County attorney to take any action required to file petition to formally challenge the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's intent to issue permit for the IMC Ona mine.

Action Recommended: As to the Financial Assurance:

Board's Discretion.