

**HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 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: Planning Session of 02/14/03 at 8:30 a.m.
 Regular Meeting of 02/20/03 at 8:30 a.m.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

APPOINTMENTS:

**Tab 1
8:45 a.m. Mike Carter and Julie Fowler, NCT Group – Presentation of 2002 Financial statements.**

Action recommended: No action required.

Copy of financial statement provided.

**Tab 2
9:30 a.m. Discuss draft sludge Ordinance 03-01 and Resolution 03-12 and authorize advertising for public hearing.**

Action Recommended: Motion to advertise for public hearing.

Copy of draft Ord. 03-01 and Resolution 03-12 provided.

**Tab 3
10:00 a.m. J. R. Prestridge, Request authorization to negotiate a lease purchase on one (1) XL 4100 Gradall Excavator.**

Action Recommended: Motion to approve lease purchase.

Copy of memo from Prestridge dated 01/22/03 provided.

Tab 4

10:15 a.m. Mike Choate, Fire Chief – Request authorization to purchase a lease option for a 1200 GPM Class A Pumper to replace an existing one and also purchase a 2500 gallon pumper tanker to replace an existing one. Authorization to piggy-back off of Lake Co. bid.

Action Recommended: Motion to approve purchase as requested.

Copy of memo from Michael Choate dated 03/20/03, proposal from Oshkosh Capital, vehicle replacement information and Lake Co. bid information provided.

Tab 5

10:30 a.m. Juanita Wright- Request waiver of \$300 Rezone fee to rezone 10 MOL acres from F-R to R-3 located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to construct and operate a Boarding House for no more than 15 persons.

Action Recommended: Board's Discretion

Copy of memo from Mike Cassidy dated 03/13/03 and rezone application provided.

Tab 6

10:45 a.m. Discuss Judge's Order reference courthouse security.

Action recommended: Board's discretion.

Copy of Administrative Order No. 1-33.0, courthouse security comparison and security cost proposals from Pinkerton, USA Clearwater and Wackenhut provided.

Tab 7

1:30 p.m. BCC Zoning Meeting – See separate Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER; NON-CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 8

A. Request approval of Minor Subdivision plat of Whistler Woods Phase One for Robert/Carrie Porterfield and Charles A. Barton, Jr.

Copy of memo from B. J. Haney dated 02/18/03 and plat provided.

Tab 9

- B. Acknowledge receipt of Clerk's financial report for period ending 02/28/03.**

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 April 03, 2003 at 8:30 a.m., BCC Zoning Meeting on April 17, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. and Planning Session scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 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:

Today: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Public walk-thru of renovated courthouse.

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

ATTACHMENT A
OLD BUSINESS (Open)
MARCH 20, 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. Target date for Clerk to occupy Courthouse is 04/21/03 –Annex I renovations to begin soon after that date.
2. Sludge Issue – County Manager met with Lockie Gary, Mike Cassidy and Range Cattle Station Representative on 10/04/02. Incorporating occasional user language. Discussed 03/06/03. This meeting at 9:15 a.m.
3. Special Taxing Districts –Uniform Method of Collection of Special Assessments (necessary to collect assessments on tax bill). Public Hearing held 01/09/03. Survey has been sent to residents of Oak Hills Ranch Rd.
4. Heartland Water Alliance–Polk County preparing RFPs for Consultants and drafting agreement – 03/14/03 Approved Chairman signing Interlocal agreement with DeSoto, Highlands and Polk.
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. Commencement documents for FRDAP and LWCF submitted 01/31/03 and accepted by both agencies. 03/06/03 approved Fl Boating Improvement Program Grant app. \$150,000.
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. DeSoto to provide Interlocal Agreement for paving.
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. 02/06/03: update by Park Winter, including IDA to review conceptual site plan 02/11 and tour regional industrial park 02/19/03. Tour of Long Leaf Industrial Park in Lake Wales provided to some IDA members on 02/19/03. Park Winter updated BCC 03/14/03.
9. Range Cattle Research & Education Center at Ona – 08/08/02: Approved appointing a Steering Committee to study the Center’s mission. Committee Chair, with Dr. Pate, preparing Resolution through EDO to provide to BCC. Meeting held 03/12/03 - Resolution was produced and finalized - all members notified of need to sign document.

10. **Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Dept. –County Manager & Fire Chief met with Bowling Green City Commission 01/14/03. Lex to meet with City Manager & City Attorney 03/18/03.**
11. **Soil Mapping – 07/16/02 – pursue the issue of re-mapping of the soils with DEP and the Bureau of Mine Reclamations.**
12. **Courthouse Security Security meeting set by Judge Smith for Friday, 03/07/03 at 1:00 p.m. at Temporary Courthouse. This agenda at 10:45 a.m.**
13. **IMC Annual Report – Financial Responsibility – Planning Session 02/14/03 – continue negotiations. 03/06/03 – BCC approved continuation of negotiations for 60 days. Meeting set for 03/19/03.**
14. **CF Annual Report – 01/23/03 BCC received recommendation of approval from Planning and Zoning Board.**
15. **Improvements to Magnolia Manor Park. 03/14/03 – Agenda for Park Board.**
16. **Fire Hydrants on Hwy. 17 from K.D. Revell Road to SFCC site. 03/14/03 Lex to work with Fire Chief and CAS.**
17. **Landfill Expansion – 02/06/03 Approved SCS Work Order #8 for 10 acres expansion (staff & SCS to study feasibility of 20 acres expansion).**
18. **Highway 17 Construction - FDOT working on specific access problems (Farmer’s Market, Palmer and Sims Road). No public meetings planned until next year.**
19. **Courthouse Renovations – 03/06/03 staff to compile report on all expenditures for renovation. Also: Co. Attorney to submit Public Records Request to Clerk for his expenditures including Attorney Fees.**
20. **Interlocal Agreement with City of Wauchula for Building Inspections, etc. –Staff to look into including Zoning Enforcement.**
21. **Cargo Airport – 03/06/03 IMC advised land option has been executed. 03/14/03 Advised that Van Fleet will provide a presentation at the 04/08/03 Airport Task Force meeting.**
22. **Peoples Gas Line – Need clarification on possible overlap of Florida Power’s easement and County right of way.**
23. **Transportation Equity Act for 21st Century Funding – 03/17/03 Chairman and Janet Gilliard to Sarasota to make presentation to Chairman Young, Transportation Committee. (Our project – Hwy. 17 4-laning from Zolfo south to County line and S. R. 64)**
24. **Capital Improvement Plan – 03/14/03 – Kathy Crawford provided a draft list of projects. Requested BCC advise if they have projects they would like included.**

Attachment B
Old Business (Closed)
March 20, 2003

1. **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. 03/14/02 - Dollars reallocated to resurfacing.**

2. **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 improvements necessary. Can't pursue without assistance for capital improvements.**

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ADD-ONS**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Continue approval to 04/03/03 meeting.
(02/14/03 Planning Session and 02/20/03 Regular Meeting)**

ADD TO APPOINTMENTS:

8:30 a.m. Introduction of Van Fleet International Airport Development Group, LLC, master developers, for the proposed airport project in the north-western portion of the county.

Acknowledge letter sent to Douglas Brown by Chairman on 03/19/03 reference the proposed airport project.

Copy of letter from Chairman Lambert to Douglas Brown dated 03/19/03 provided.

11:30 a.m. Discuss settlement with C.E.M. Enterprises for third floor courthouse renovation project.

Action recommended: Board's discretion.

Copy of letter from Alejandro Espino, Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A. dated 03/17/03 provided.

ADD AS NON-CONSENT ITEM A:

Address request from Louis L. Roeder, III, Managing General Partner, Old Florida Plantation, Ltd., for BCC to support the "Old Plantation" site in Bartow for the USF campus. (01/23/03 BCC sent letter of support for the Clear Springs Land Company, LLC proposed site – copy attached.)

Action Recommended: Board's Discretion.

Copy of draft letter to Mr. Roeder provided.