

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2007
5:30 P.M.

THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AND HOUR FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE IN MAYO, FLORIDA. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: COMMISSIONER CHARLES DRIVER, DIST. 1; COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. PRIDGEON, DIST. 2; COMMISSIONER DONNIE HAMLIN, DIST. 3; COMMISSIONER EARNEST JONES, DIST. 5.; AND LAFAYETTE COUNTY ATTORNEY LEENETTE McMILLAN.

MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. JONES, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

RIVERSIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION

MR. JOHN HEWITT APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE FOR ALL THE LOTS IN RIVERSIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION. MR. BOBBY JOHNSON SAID THAT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED IN ORDER FOR THIS TO OCCUR. MR. HEWITT REQUESTED THAT THERE BE ONE VARIANCE FOR ALL OF THE LOTS INSTEAD OF ONE VARIANCE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL LOT. MS. McMILLAN SAID THAT SHE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS FOR MR. HEWITT AND GET WITH HIM WITH THE INFORMATION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE.

NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. MR. EDWARD DODD GAVE THE BOARD HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW HIRES. HE RECOMMENDED MICHAEL FRIER FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND MITCHELL KNIGHT AND DALE THACKER AS THE TWO NEW ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. DRIVER, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT MR. DODD'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND HIRE THESE INDIVIDUALS.

LETTER FROM SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THE ISSUE OF THE LETTER FROM SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGARDING THE EDGEWOOD CIRCLE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY UNTIL A LATER MEETING.

AUTHORIZING MR. HAMLIN TO SIGN DOCUMENTS IN MR. BYRD'S ABSENCE

ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE MR. DONNIE HAMLIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE SIGNED IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. JACK BYRD, WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

COURTHOUSE CLOSING MAY 4, 2007

ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE COURTHOUSE BEING CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BACK-UP GENERATOR.

RESOLUTION V07-02

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHANGED OVER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TO HEAR THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION V07-02. ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. JONES, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE MS. McMILLAN READ RESOLUTION V07-02 BY TITLE ONLY. ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION V07-02. THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS CHANGED BACK OVER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY OF COMMISSIONERS.

DEBBIE BELCHER – GRANTS WRITER

MS. DEBBIE BELCHER, LAFAYETTE COUNTY GRANTS WRITER, PRESENTED A RESOLUTION FOR THE FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE MS. McMILLAN READ THE RESOLUTION BY TITLE ONLY. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

PETITION TO CLOSE ROAD – MARY LAMBERT

ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADVERTISE THE PETITION TO CLOSE A ROAD BY MARY LAMBERT AND HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 29, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.

INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ON A MOTION BY MR. PRIDGEON AND A SECOND BY MR. JONES, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A SIGN TO BE PUT UP AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK RECOGNIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS MANAGERS OF THE PARK.

LEENETTE McMILLAN, VARIOUS ITEMS

MS. LEENETTE McMILLAN, LAFAYETTE COUNTY ATTORNEY, DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THE BOARD:

- 1) UPS RENTAL SPACE AT INDUSTRIAL PARK. MS. McMILLAN DREW UP A LEASE FOR UPS TO SIGN REGARDING PARKING A TRUCK AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AND UPS AGREED TO ALL TERMS OF THE LEASE. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. DRIVER, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RENTAL AGREEMENT.

WARRANT LIST

ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BILLS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRIDGEON'S GARAGE BILL:

GENERAL FUND - \$48,280.98
INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND - \$1,563.77
EMERGENCY 911 FUND - \$125.00

ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. DRIVER, THE BOARD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. PRIDGEON, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PRIDGEON'S GARAGE BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201.92.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SCRAP RESOLUTIONS

THE BOARD DISCUSSED TWO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SCRAP RESOLUTIONS. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE MS. McMILLAN READ RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-1 BY TITLE ONLY. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-1. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON,

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE MS. McMILLAN READ RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-2 BY TITLE ONLY. ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-2.

JOHN YOUNG – SICK LEAVE

ON A MOTION BY MR. JONES AND A SECOND BY MR. DRIVER, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PAY JOHN YOUNG WITH THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 240 HOURS OF HIS ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY THEIR POLICY.

JOHN YOUNG – COMP TIME

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE REQUEST OF JOHN YOUNG TO PAY HIS ACCUMULATED COMP. TIME. THE BOARD TOLD MR. YOUNG THAT THEIR POLICY PROHIBITS THE PAYMENT OF COMP. TIME AND THAT THE PROPER VENUE FOR THIS REQUEST WAS WITH THE SHERIFF.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY FIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

MR. JASON LONG, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY FIRE COUNCIL, CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ATTEND THE NEXT FIRE COUNCIL MEETING THAT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD PAY FOR PURCHASING BUNKER GEAR FOR THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE OF WHAT THE GRANT FOR THE EQUIPMENT DID NOT PAY. ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT IF THE GRANT DID NOT COVER ALL OF THE EXPENSES.

SECOND MAY BOARD MEETING

THE BOARD MEETING THAT WILL FALL ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF MAY IS THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. PRIDGEON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE SECOND MEETING IN MAY TO TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION BY MR. DRIVER AND A SECOND BY MR. JONES, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

T. JACK BYRD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RICKY LYONS, CLERK

APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2007.