Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 3, 2015

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in Commission Chambers at 9:06 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

The meeting opened with invocation by Commissioner Zalak and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Stan McClain, District 3; Vice-Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner David Moore, District 1; Commissioner Carl Zalak, District 4; and Commissioner Earl Arnett, District 5. Also present were Clerk David R. Ellspermann, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter and Interim County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes.

Commissioners – Chairman McClain addressed upcoming scheduled meetings as listed on the Commission Calendar (Item 12B).

Commissioners – Clerk Ellspermann announced the results of the Commissioners’ ballots for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He advised that Commissioner Bryant is the Chairman and Commissioner Zalak is the Vice-Chairman.

Chairman McClain congratulated Commissioners Bryant and Zalak, noting they will assume the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, effective November 17, 2015.

Projects & Programs/Proclamations – (1.A.) – Upon motion of Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, the Board approved the following:
A. Proclamation designating November 7, 2015 as “Nonprofit Organization Day”.

Commissioners – Commissioner Bryant requested the Board to go around front and stand on the dais. She presented a plaque to Chairman McClain on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) extending their heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous job he has done this year as Chairman. Commissioner Bryant stated she does not know if people realize the time and energy that goes into doing what Chairman McClain does, noting he also takes on a lot of legislative efforts, as well as his duties at the local level.

Commissioner Bryant advised that the plaque read, “Presented to Stan McClain in recognition of your outstanding services as Chairman of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners November, 2014 to November of 2015”.

Chairman McClain thanked his fellow Commissioners, noting it has been a pleasure serving as Chairman this year. He stated the Board dealt with issues in a collegial manner, noting people may not realize what happens at other county commission meetings in the state, which is not collegial in any sense of the word. Chairman McClain noted the Commission has its discussions and differences, but at the end of the day they try to move things forward for the citizens of Marion County. He thanked the Board for supporting him as Chairman this year.
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Commissioner Zalak thanked Chairman McClain for his leadership, noting the reality is that he serves as mentor for the Board and staff. He noted everyone has great respect for Chairman McClain.

Chairman McClain stated he would be remiss not to recognize that Jack Stackman is in the audience today. He stated for those who do not know Mr. Stackman, he has appeared at almost every BCC meeting over the last 4 or 5 years, barring vacations.

Chairman McClain advised that he would like to move a couple of agenda items (9B and 9C) up this morning.

Contracts & Agreements/Grants/Projects & Programs – (9.B.) – Interim County Administrator Bouyounes presented the following recommendation in regard to the Economic Development Financial Incentive Grant (EDFIG) Between Marion County Government and Paramount Transportation Logistics Services, LLC – a Florida Company Seeking to Create New to Marion County Jobs:

Description/Background: Paramount Transportation Logistics Services, LLC is a transportation logistics company specializing in the global shipment of industrial and commercial products and is proposing to establish a transportation and third-party logistics management facility in Marion County. The company is proposing to create up to 200 new to Marion County full-time logistics-related jobs within 60 months with an average annual wage in excess of $38,000. The company will invest up to $8.4 million in capital funding for the purchase and renovation of an existing industrial facility located within the City of Ocala and for the acquisition of equipment. The EDFIG award of up to $100,000 represents $500 per job created and maintained over a period of five years. The county will make annual payments after the company’s job creation performance is reviewed by the Internal Auditor of the Clerk of the Court. Annual payments will not exceed $20,000. The corresponding Budget Amendment Request for this item is on this agenda to properly align funding in accordance with this agreement.

Budget/Impact: Neutral, expenditure of up to $100,000, not to exceed $20,000 annually for five years, as approved in FY 15/16 budget from account #001-1020-582183 (Aid to Private Org - EDFIG).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve an EDFIG Agreement of up to $100,000, not to exceed $20,000 annually for five years, to Paramount Transportation Logistics Services, LLC.

Interim County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that this item is a request for an EDFIG, noting the agreement is attached in the Agenda packet. He noted additional information was also presented earlier this morning. In discussion with the Auditor a minor change in Section 2a), which is highlighted in yellow and crossed through, was made to the first page of the Agreement. That same information is addressed in 2b), resulting in a minor conflict between 2a) and 2b). Mr. Bouyounes recommended approval with the correction as shown in the document shared with the Board this morning.

Chairman McClain commented on conversation he had with staff, as well as the Clerk’s Office and inquired if the proper safeguards are in place. This is the first time the County has dealt with a company that is under an umbrella and has several parts to it. He inquired if this agreement will ensure a clean audit. Mr. Bouyounes stated the proper safeguards are in place and recognized that no money is disbursed until an audit is performed; the County has proven that the positions have been created and are being
maintained. He advised that Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Jeannie Rickman is working with the Internal Auditor to put a form in place to tell the applicant exactly what information they need to provide on a regular basis before any funds are released.

Chairman McClain noted Joe Donnelly, representing the Roberts Family Group of Companies, and President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kevin Sheilley, Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) are present. He thanked Messrs. Donnelly and Sheilley for bringing this forward, noting it is a great opportunity to add more jobs in the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Arnett, to approve and execute the EDFIG Between Marion County Government and Paramount Transportation Logistics Services, LLC – A Florida Company Seeking to Create New to Marion County Jobs.

Chairman McClain opened the floor to public comment.
There being none, Chairman McClain advised that public comment is now closed.
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).
Commissioner Bryant thanked Mr. Donnelly and the organization he is with for the continuing efforts to try and bring in as much job creation as possible to Marion County.

Budgets/Projects & Programs – (9.C.) – Interim County Administrator Bouyounes presented the following recommendation in regard to the 2016 Sponsorship Agreement with the Horses in the Sun (HITS), Inc.:

Description/Background: Nations Cup was brought to Ocala/Marion County last year on a trial basis and the event has been allocated back to Marion County following competition with twenty (20) other cities. This is a family event which opens up to the world with over thirteen (13) nations competing in the event. On average, each week HITS Ocala hosts over 2,000 stalls and 6,000 participants on the 250-acre site, and is accessible for all levels of competitors.

Mr. Struzzieri has proposed the attached sponsorship agreement for the Board’s consideration and discussion of funding prior to the start of the 2016 HITS Ocala Winter Circuit.

Budget/Impact: $50,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to discuss and consider for approval the 2016 Sponsorship Agreement with HITS, Inc. and associated funding options.

Mr. Bouyounes noted this item is a request to discuss and consider the 2016 Sponsorship Agreement with HITS. As the Board knows, HITS has been in Marion County for quite a few years and has made a huge economic impact on the county. HITS sent a request asking for sponsorship in the amount of $50,000. He asked the Board to discuss this matter and provide staff with direction.

Chairman McClain noted the BCC is having a joint workshop with the Tourist Development Council (TDC) on November 12, 2015 and will feel more comfortable waiting until after the workshop to address this issue. He stated it is not a reflection on HITS, but rather how this type of request will be funded. Chairman McClain stated consensus can be given at that workshop to put the matter on the next BCC Agenda.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Zalak opined that clear discussion of the county being in the incubating business of these events; figuring out if they are strong enough to make it on their own and see how that plays out over time. Chairman McClain stated the Board may have to put some Policy in place going forward. He noted there has not really been any
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discussions about that since 2004 when the tax was voted on. Commissioner Bryant
opined that there is probably some validity to some of the events that bring international
exposure to the county and the county being sponsors of those events. She stated this is
uncharted territory and there needs discussion throughout the TDC to figure out how to
structure sponsorship.

Commissioner Zalak stated if the TDC is already funding the event then perhaps
the county does not need to fund HITS. He noted it is different if the TDC is not funding
HITS.

Chairman McClain opened the floor to public comment.

Amy Agricola, SE 34th Street, East Coast Sales and Marketing person for HITS,
stated one of the areas she would like to address is that this is not really about tourism;
however, they are being addressed by the TDC. Many of the people who are coming
down to HITS and participating in this program are actually staying here in Marion County.
People are relocating their farms here; 6 barns have been created this year for those who
are making Marion County their residence. Additionally, some of the new events, such as
the Nations Cup is drawing an international crowd that is not addressed by anything that
the county is doing in terms of marketing. This is a whole new market that has not been
touched and is an opportunity to showcase Marion County as the Horse Capital of the
World.

Chairman McClain noted the issue is that no guidelines are in place for those
asking for sponsorship, which can be some kind of matrix. He stated there are some
things that the commission, as a Board, needs to be able to use as they make a decision.

William Overcash, SE 128th Street, Ocklawaha, advised that he is both a supporter
and non-supporter of HITS. His daughter has shown and won at HITS, while he is a big
supporter of HITS he also has concerns. This is a show that has $1,000,000 cups and
has a tremendous amount of funds. HITS simultaneously runs this at the same time it
runs the one down in South Florida. He opined that the county needs to be very careful
about funding HITS and if using public funding then the Board needs to evaluate how the
internal operations run and whether local people can benefit from participating in HITS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner
Zalak, for staff to bring back the proper agenda item after the joint workshop discussion with the
TDC. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Sheriff/Subdivisions – (2.A.) – Chairman McClain advised that Beatrice Camargo,
SE 30th Street, has declined to appear today to comment on the need for law enforcement
protection in the Whispering Sands subdivision.

Licenses & Permits/Water – (2.B.1.) – William Overcash, SE 128th Street,
Ocklawaha, advised that he requested the Board to review the handling of Lake Weir. He
advised that a neighbor obtained a permit for modifications on his lake house. The
concern he now has is that the neighbor has been told that he cannot complete or do his
construction until he builds an appropriate berm to prevent runoff from rain from his
property to the lake.

Mr. Overcash provided a brief background of Lake Weir, as well as commenting
on lake levels and rain records. He stated Lake Weir is basically 98 percent (%)
dependent on runoff and rain to support it, locals like to say it is fed by the Spring;
however, it is not. Lake Weir is less than 5% fed by the spring; there is no river running
into the lake, but there are major creeks that run into the lake when it rains. Mr. Overcash
stated if the county wants to protect the lake from chemicals then it should ban the usage of certain chemicals.

Chairman McClain stated the county is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), noting there has been some misconception about the berms. He noted people complied with building the berm and then knocked them down as soon as the permit was obtained. The thought process is obviously to keep fertilization from running off; however, if irrigating with lake water studies show that no more load is created on the lake because fertilization is not being used at that point.

Mr. Overcash stated he is not talking about irrigation, but natural rainfall and runoff into the lake, which the berms prevent and interferes with the health of the lake. He advised that Federal reports support that and is prepared to take this to Federal court. Chairman McClain stated the county will go with him on this one. He advised that he is trying to say that if a person agrees not to use fertilization then the berm is not needed.

Mr. Overcash advised that a Federal lawsuit has been filed against multiple judges and sheriffs in this county for violation of constitutional law and civil rights. He requested the Board to investigate Federal lawsuits filed.

Budgets/Libraries – (2.B.2.) – Pat Russell, SW 93rd Lane, Friend of the Freedom Public Library member, commented on products and services offered by public libraries. Libraries allow people of any income level or background to access high quality information, use computers, or borrow items. The existence of libraries ensure that knowledge and technology are available to everyone. She stated the Friends of the Library and library users ask the Board to restore the budget to a level that makes the library a full and healthy service.

Commissioner Bryant commented on a recent concurrency workshop with the School Board, noting they are looking at different ways and talking about how and where libraries are built in the future. She stated it is unfortunate that the Board has to make very hard decisions, but they will continue to work on it as they all understand the importance of libraries.

Commissioners – (2.B.3.) – Jack Stackman, NE 248th Avenue Road, Salt Springs, stated it has been 6 months since he has attended a BCC meeting, noting he was traveling in the RV during the summer for 2.5 months and the last 3 months because of health issues. He stated he is glad to be back and thanked the Board for their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Stackman publicly thanked his wife, Beverly, for all she does. He stated he has attended most of the BCC meetings for the last 5 or 6 years.

Commissioner Bryant stated the Board will continue to keep Mr. Stackman and his wife in their prayers.

Surplus Property – (2.B.4.) – Roger Knechtel, SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, inquired if there are any term limits for Commissioners. Chairman McClain stated there are no term limits.

Mr. Knechtel noticed the county is selling some properties and opined this is the year to sell whatever surplus properties it can.

County Property – (2.B.5.) – Bruce Seaman, Pecan Drive Loop, advised that at the last meeting he addressed comments made by Chairman McClain in regard to the flag display decision on October 6, 2015. Having reviewed the video, he stated he probably
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did misstate for which he apologized if he mischaracterized; however, the Chairman was speaking at that time as to the context of which flag of the confederacy to fly. He opined that any Confederate flag symbolizes the confederacy, which was a unique attempt to found a nation based on racial slavery and white supremacy. Mr. Seaman’s urged the Board to put the flag inside a museum and to teach the whole history.

Minutes – (3.) – It was noted for the record that there are no minutes for adoption.

Clerk/Property Appraiser/Sheriff/Supervisor of Elections/Tax Collector – (4.) – It was noted for the record that there are no items for consideration.

Commissioners – Clerk Ellspermann, speaking on behalf of all Constitutional Officers, advised that Commissioner McClain, as the Board Chairman, is reflective of a relationship, not only countywide within the departments, but also with Constitutional Officers and more importantly, the citizens of Marion County. He thanked Chairman McClain for his leadership and his open-door policy, as well as his vision and commitment to Marion County.

Budgets/Resolutions – (5.A.1. through 9.) – Clerk Ellspermann advised that he will pull Item 5A9, which will come back at a later date. He stated staff is aggressively working with the County’s Information Technology (IT) Department to lower that figure. Clerk Ellspermann submitted Items 5A1 through 8 for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adopt the following Budget Amendment Resolutions as presented by Clerk Ellspermann:

1. 15-R-468 transferring $2,000 within the Marion Oaks MSTU for Marion Oaks Recreation.
2. 15-R-469 transferring $4,500 within the Silver Springs Shores Special Tax District for the Silver Springs Shores Recreation Facility.
3. 15-R-470 transferring $120 within the Solid Waste Disposal Fund for Solid Waste Collection.
4. 15-R-471 transferring $2,427 within the General Fund for the Code Enforcement Department.
5. 15-R-472 transferring $183,000 within the Marion County Utilities Fund for Utilities – Engineering and Construction.
6. 15-R-473 transferring $36,870 within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund for Community Service Programs.
7. 15-R-474 transferring $1,538,830 within the General Fund for Industry Development.
8. 15-R-475 transferring $20,000 within the General Fund for Industry Development.
9. The Budget Amendment Resolution transferring $19,950 within the General Fund for the Clerk to County Commission was withdrawn.

(Ed. Note: MSTU is the acronym for Municipal Service Taxing Unit.)

Commissioner Zalak commented on Items 5A7 and 5A8, and questioned as far as the budget is concerned those funds are being realigned to reflect the budget decisions that have been made. Mr. Bouyounes stated that is correct.

Commissioner Zalak stated, as a quick update, he met with Utilities Director Flip
Mellinger and IT about the software, noting he will continue to meet with them if it is okay with the Board. He stated they will come back with a system integration plan in January of 2016 and may hold another workshop to show where that is going, but will continue to keep up with the matter. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

Commissioner Moore commented on clarity and transparency in government, which he opined is always good. Chairman McClain suggested a matrix be laid out at a future meeting for what has occurred over the last several years as a presentation item.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Upon motion of Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, the Board acted on the Consent Agenda for Library Services item 7.A.1., MSTU item 7.B.1., Parks & Recreation item 7.C.1., Procurement Services items 7.D.1. through 5., Solid Waste item 7.E.1., Transportation - County Engineer items 7.F.1. through 20., and Utilities item 7.G.1., as follows:

**Libraries** – (7.A.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Library Director Julia H. Sieg to approve and execute the 2015-16 Annual Plan of Service for the Marion County Public Library System:

Description/Background: Annually, as a State Aid receiving public library, we are required to submit documents as specified by the State Library of Florida. One required document is an annual plan of service which has been approved by the library Governing Body. The required submittal date is by December 1st of each year.

Attached is the proposed Marion County Public Library System Annual Plan of Service, 2015-16. The proposed annual plan of service is adapted from the approved Marion County Public Library System Strategic Plan, 2015-20.

The vision, mission, four goals, objectives, and the implementation statement remain the same in this annual plan as they also appear in the strategic plan. The activities included are what may reasonably be initiated or accomplished in the upcoming fiscal year based on *already approved resources* via the annual budgeting process.

Conducting the activities associated with the Annual Plan of Service may reflect continuation of a particular aspect of service, investigation into the feasibility of a service or improvement in efficiency.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; cost expenditures associated with the implementation of the Annual Plan of Service have already been approved in the FY 15/16 budget. The revenue from the State Aid to Libraries grant for Marion County for FY2015-16 is estimated to be approximately $158,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached Marion County Public Library System Annual Plan of Service, 2015-16.

**Roads/Subdivisions** – (7.B.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from MSTU Director Teresa Darnell to approve and accept Petitions from property owners within the Turning Hawk Ranch subdivision, as well as moving forward with the design engineering for the road improvement project:

Description/Background: At the request of property owners within Turning Hawk Ranch, petitions were sent by certified return receipt mail. Those petitions were
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returned to the Clerk of the Court Internal Audit Department which has provided the following results of the petition count:

- Total Property Owners Petitioned: 33
- Total Owners Responding Timely: 25
- Total Owners Responding in Favor: 18
- Total Owners Responding Not in Favor: 6
- Total Owners Responding Invalid: 1
- Percentage of Property Owners in Favor: 72.0%

Budget/Impact: All costs associated with this proposed road assessment will be shared by the affected property owners within the project boundary.

Recommended Action: Motion to accept the petitions and approve moving forward with the design engineering for the road improvement project.

Parks & Recreation/Resolutions – (7.C.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Parks and Recreation Director/Landscape Architect Jim Couillard, PLA, ASLA, to adopt Resolution 15-R-476, which establishes revised fees for Marion County Parks and repeals Resolution 14-R-562:

Description/Background: At the May 20, 2015 and October 21, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meetings, the Council unanimously supported staff’s recommendations to update the Parks and Recreation Fees Resolution. Other than correcting scrivener’s errors and adjusting the formatting, the main changes made to the resolution include:

1. Clarification of requirements for proof of residency.
2. Creation of Commercial Use Passes.
3. Adjustment of fees for rental of rooms at Brick City Adventure Park.
4. Clarification of eligibility for complimentary park passes for disabled veterans.

These proposed changes to the attached fee resolution will provide staff with clear and consistent guidelines, creates fees for private use of public facilities, assist staff with future programming of facilities and establishes guidelines for providing complimentary park passes.

Budget/Impact: Revenue generating.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the revised Fee Resolution as presented and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the same.

Ambulances/Purchasing/Vehicles – (7.D.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen for a bid exemption to purchase a 2012 Demer ambulance and authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Quality Vehicle doing business as (dba) Nature Medical Foundation, Inc., pursuant to Bid Exemption No. 16BE-039:

Description/Background: Marion County Fleet Management seeks a bid exemption for the purchase of a 2012 Demer Ambulance, Ford F-350 Diesel (Demo), Type 1 Ambulance Chassis with full OEM/factory warranty as “new”. This ambulance will replace the crashed RES-24 unit. The County received $103,000 from the Risk claim and Fire Rescue is providing the remaining funds of $17,000. The cost to purchase a 2016 model is $155,007. Purchasing the 2012 model will produce a savings of $35,000. The 2012 model can immediately go into service compared to waiting 6-8 months for a 2016 model.
Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure not to exceed $120,000 as proposed in the FY 15/16 budget. The approval of the exemption carries no impact.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation for bid exemption for the purchase of 2012 Demer ambulance and authorize staff to issue purchase order to Quality Emergency Vehicle dba Nature Coast Emergency Medical Foundation, Inc. under 16BE-039.
(Ed. Note: OEM is the acronym for Original Equipment Manufacturer.)

Communications/Contracts & Agreements – (7.D.2.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Procurement Services Director Olsen, on behalf of the Public Safety Communications Department, to approve and execute the Service Agreement with Tri-Co Communications, Inc. for the 800 Megahertz (MHz) system portable and mobile radios, pursuant to Contract No. 1OC-049:
Description/Background: On behalf of the Public Safety Communications Department on November 17, 2008, the Board executed a service agreement with Tri-Co Communications, Inc. for the annual service and maintenance for the 800MHz mobile and portable radio equipment. The annual agreement, managed by the Public Safety Communication Department, is necessary to renew each year so the 2,070 mobile and handheld radios used by the various public safety agencies in Marion County are covered for maintenance and repair as needed. The agreement covers all radios and chargers through September 30, 2016. Tri-Co Communications, Inc. is an authorized Motorola sales and services provider. Attached for review is a copy of the service agreement; it has been reviewed and approved by Chief Assistant County Attorney, Robert Zachary, and if approved today, one original will be presented for the Chairman’s signature.
Budget/Impact: Neutral; the annual cost shall not exceed $137,307.96 as approved in the FY 15/16 budget.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow the Chairman to execute the service agreement between Marion County and Tri-Co Communications, Inc. for the 800 MHz System Portable and Mobile Radios under agreement 10C-049-CA-06.

Purchasing/Roads – (7.D.3.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Procurement Services Director Olsen, on behalf of the Office of the County Engineer (OCE), to approve and execute Change Order (CO) No. 2 to Purchase Order (PO) No. 110686 to Guerra Development Corp. for the NE 35th Street (from US 441 to CR 200A), Phase 1 project, pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 06Q-098:
Description/Background: At its meeting April 21, 2009, and on behalf of the Office of the County Engineer (OCE), the Board approved this project amendment to Guerra Development for design services for the portion of NE 35th St between US 441 and CR 200A.
Additional funds now are being requested to include Post Design services as well as strain pole modifications to the traffic signal at NE 35th Street and West Anthony Road. Post Design services are necessary to include the Engineer of Record in the processes of attendance at meetings (pre-bid, preconstruction, and construction progress), review of shop drawings, plan modification requests, site visits, as built plan review, and construction certifications to regulatory agencies.
The cumulative engineering services cost for this segment of the project is $893,100.
Budget/Impact: Neutral; post design services and signal modification is $118,100 as approved in the FY 15/16 budget.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve proposed change order and allow Chairman to execute, and staff to issue the change order for PO 110686 to Guerra Development Corp.

Purchasing/Utilities – (7.D.4.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Procurement Services Director Olsen, on behalf of Marion County Utilities (MCU), to approve and execute CO No. 1 to PO No. 150896 to West Monroe Partners for the smart water software integration project, pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 15Q-053:
Description/Background: At its meeting July 7, 2015, and on behalf of Marion County Utilities (MCU), the Board approved a contract with West Monroe Partners (WMP) to assist staff in the feasibility, planning, design, implementation, and selection of a Smart Water Integration application. Purchase order 150896 was issued for $95,000 for Phase 1 of the work, which has been completed. It is Director, Flip Mellinger’s recommendation to move forward with Phase 2 (an option for the successful respondent under the RFQ). At this time, MCU is requesting Change Order #1 be approved to execute the Enterprise Blueprint which will provide deliverables for integration, environment, personal access and privacy, reporting, customer information systems, and project management and training.
Budget/Impact: Neutral; pending approval of this Change Order #1 for $220,000, the project’s total cumulative expenses are $315,000.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve proposed change order and allow Chairman to execute, and staff to issue the change order for PO 150896 to West Monroe Partners.

Districts/Purchasing – (7.D.5.) – Chairman McClain advised that the following recommendation from Procurement Services Director Olsen regarding purchases over $50,000 has been withdrawn by staff:
Description/Background: The requisition below has been received by Procurement Services and is approved for conformance with the Procurement Code/Manual, pending approval at today’s meeting:
Requisition Number 1600342 – Fire Rescue is requesting approval to purchase one (1) E-One Typhoon Interface Fire Truck from E-One, Inc. off of the Florida Sheriffs Association contract 15-11-0116. E-One is offering the County a discount of $12,500 for the pre-payment of the fire truck. Original cost of fire truck is $447,561.00. Purchase amount of $435,061.00 will come out of budget #3310-564101.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve purchase over $50,000 and authorize staff to process pre-payment in the amount of $435,061.
Chairman McClain advised that staff will bring this matter back at a later date. Mr. Bouyounes stated further evaluation will be done in regard to this item and if an action is needed it will be brought back for Board consideration.
Contracts & Agreements/Grants/Municipalities/Solid Waste – (7.E.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Solid Waste Director Mike Sims to approve and execute the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Agreement No. S0880, State of Florida Hazardous Waste Cooperative Collection Center Agreement Grant Assistance Pursuant to Line Item 1672 of the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act with Sumter County:

Description/Background: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Agreement No. S0880 establishes the arrangement for a grant to reimburse Marion County for hosting two (2) hazardous waste cooperative collection events for Sumter County and their residents. The Marion County Board approved a revised Interlocal Agreement with Sumter County on December 3, 2013 to host two (2) planned collection events per year providing residents and small businesses in Sumter County a cost-effective opportunity to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

The FDEP Agreement will provide 75% reimbursement for the collection and disposal cost. Sumter County has agreed through the Inter-local Agreement to provide the remaining 25% of the collection cost. Reimbursable costs include Marion County's labor, supplies, advertisement, on-site packaging, transportation and proper disposal of collected hazardous waste.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditures of up to $25,000 to be reimbursed 75% by FDEP and 25% by Sumter County per the attached agreement.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the FDEP Agreement No. S0880 to establish two (2) hazardous waste cooperative collection events with Sumter County using State of Florida Grant assistance.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Tracy Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 07570-054-00 located in the northeast Ocala area as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Betty J. Coleman and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #07570-054-00 located in NE Ocala area as Surplus and approve a Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Betty J. Coleman in the amount of $1,000 plus closing costs. Additionally, staff recommends approval of this sale to an adjacent owner and requests approval of the FS 125 Deed that includes restrictions in accordance with Section 125.25(2) rendering this parcel of use only to an adjacent owner and prohibiting it from being utilized as an individual parcel for the construction of a residential unit.

Budget/Impact: Sale of Surplus Land - 000001 - 0001 - 36400022 - $1,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #07570-054-00 located in NE Ocala area as Surplus, approve the attached Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.2.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 3924-020-025 located in Lake Weir Gardens as surplus and authorize staff to proceed
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with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #3924-020-025 located in Lake Weir Gardens as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W. Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $1,327 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #3924-020-025 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.3.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 4202-028-032 located in the Belleview Heights Estates Unit 2 as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #4202-028-032 located in Belleview Heights Estates Unit 2 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $727 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #4202-028-032 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.4.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 45909-04-104 located in Lake Weir Shores as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #45909-04-104 located in Lake Weir Shores as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $1,176 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #45909-04-104 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.5.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 4592-016-021 located in the Little Lake Weir Subdivision as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #4592-016-021 located in Little Lake Weir Subdivision as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $721 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
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Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #4592-016-021 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.6.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 4593-026-007 located in the Little Lake Weir Sub 1st Add subdivision as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #4593-026-007 located in Little Lake Weir Sub 1st Add as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $957 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #4593-026-007 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.7.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 9044-1565-24 located in Silver Springs Shores as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Ronnie W. Janney & Jo Hyatt and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #9044-1565-24 located in Silver Springs Shores as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Ronnie W Janney and Jo Hyatt in the amount of $853 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #9044-1565-24 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.8.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 4552-002-004 located in Lake Weir Shores as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #4552-002-004 located in Lake Weir Shores as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $651 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #4552-002-004 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.
Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.9.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 3924-020-029 located in Lake Weir Gardens as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #3924-020-029 located in Lake Weir Gardens as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $1,351 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Budget/Impact: Sale of Surplus Land - 000001 - 0001 - 36400022 - $1,351.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #3924-020-029 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.10.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 35618-000-03 located in Sugarhill Tract 3 as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #35618-000-03 located in Sugarhill Tract 3 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $3,151 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #35618-000-03 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.11.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 2003-153-029 located in Rainbow Park Unit 3 as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #2003-153-029 located in Rainbow Park Unit 3 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $1,251 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #2003-153-029 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.12.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 2002-070-018 located in Rainbow Park Unit 2 as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:
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Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #2002-070-018 located in Rainbow Park Unit 2 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $1,351 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.

Budget/Impact: Sale of Surplus Land - 000001 - 0001 - 36400022 - $1,351.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #2002-070-018 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.13.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 2002-064-010 located in Rainbow Park Unit 2 as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Gerald S. Corun and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #2002-064-010 located in Rainbow Park Unit 2 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Gerald S Corun in the amount of $1,151 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.


Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #2002-064-010 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.14.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 5075-017-022 located in Forest Lake Campsites as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Joseph Torre & Edward Antonietti, Jr. and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #5075-017-022 located in Forest Lake Campsites as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Joseph Torre and Edward Antonietti, Jr in the amount of $520 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.

Budget/Impact: Sale of Surplus Land - 000001 - 0001 - 36400022 - $520.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #5075-017-022 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.15.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel Nos. 5075-017-018 and 5075-017-019 located in Forest Lake Campsites as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Joseph Torre & Thomas J. Corbett and Deed to same:

Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #5075-017-018 & 5075-017-019 located in Forest Lake Campsites as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Joseph Torre and Thomas J Corbett in the amount of $1,020 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.

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Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcels #5075-017-018 & 5075-017-019 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.16.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 0051-117-021 located in the Ocala National Forest Campsites as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Joseph Torre and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #0051-117-021 located in Ocala National Forest Campsites as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Joseph Torre in the amount of $515 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #0051-117-021 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.17.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 0051-107-021 located in the Ocala National Forest Campsites as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Joseph Torre & Richard Getz and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #0051-107-021 located in Ocala National Forest Campsites as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Joseph Torre and Richard Getz in the amount of $510 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #0051-107-021 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Deeds/Surplus Property – (7.F.18.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to declare Parcel No. 0051-107-020 located in the Ocala National Forest Campsites as surplus and authorize staff to proceed with the sale; also, approve and execute the Sale & Purchase Agreement with Joseph Torre & Richard Getz and Deed to same:
Description/Background: This is a request to declare Parcel #0051-107-020 located in Ocala National Forest Campsites as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement between Marion County and Joseph Torre and Richard Getz in the amount of $510 plus closing cost and the corresponding FS 125 Deed.
Recommended Action: Motion to approve the request to declare Parcel #0051-107-020 as Surplus, approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Roads – (7.F.19.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to approve and execute the
Purchase Agreement with Perry Cattle Company for Parcel No. 37896-000-00 (a portion of) associated with the SE 92nd Loop Project:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a supplemental purchase agreement in the amount of $2,480 plus closing costs between Marion County and the Perry Cattle Company associated with the SE 92nd Loop Project. The agreement is for additional funds to reestablish fencing for security of the remaining property and cattle grazing. The agreement is based on a quote received from a local vendor to construct the additional fencing and will settle any and all future claims.


Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached purchase agreement and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Subdivisions – (7.F.20.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to approve and execute the Release of Subdivision Improvement Agreement with Eagles Landing Townhomes at Golden Ocala, LLC and Eagles Landing Villas at Golden Ocala, LLC, developer, Eagles Landing at Golden Ocala; and authorize the Clerk’s Office to release the Performance bond in the amount of $616,954.56 issued by Federal Insurance Company:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve the Release of a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with Surety Bond associated with Eagles Landing at Golden Ocala. The improvements were inspected on October 8, 2015 and a Certification of Satisfactory Completion letter has been sent to the Developer. The Release will be recorded in the Public Record for proper satisfaction of the surety bond.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached Release and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

Contracts & Agreements/Utilities – (7.G.1.) – The Board accepted the following recommendation from Utilities Director Flip Mellinger to approve the transfer of project funds for Phase 2 of the Smart Water Software Integration:

Description/Background: On June 2, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved the reallocation of funds in the amount of $132,000 for the Smart Water Software Integration Project (7160155). On July 7, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Selection Committee Recommendation and award of Contract 15Q-053, Smart Water Software Integration, in the amount of $95,000 to West Monroe Partners for Phase 1. During Phase 1 MCU identified that development and execution of an Enterprise Blueprint would be required in Phase 2 to provide deliverables for Integration, Environment, Personnel Access and Privacy, Reporting, Customer Information Systems, and Project Management and Training. This will result in an additional cost of $183,000 for Phase 2 of the Smart Water Software Integration Project (7160155). There is a corresponding budget amendment on the agenda for this request.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve increase in funding from $132,000 to $315,000 for Project 7160155 Smart Water Software Integration (7160-563102).
Bonds/Resolutions/Roads – (8.A.) – County Attorney Matthew G. Minter presented the following recommendation to adopt a resolution relating to the Special Assessment Bond, Series 2015 prepared by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. (NGN), bond counsel for Marion County:

Description/Background: Attached is a resolution proposed to be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting on November 3, 2015, which was received from Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., bond counsel for Marion County. The resolution relates to financing the road improvements in the Edmond Raoux-S.E. 33rd Avenue Improvement Area, the Westbury Improvement Area and the Twin Lakes Ranchettes Improvement Area after various public hearings were held earlier this year. This Resolution authorizes a bond to be issued to Gateway Bank of Central Florida in a principal amount and at a rate of interest to be set by formula prior to closing, provides for certain details regarding the bond, outlines certain bond covenants of the County and provides authorization for the Chair and Clerk to execute certain documents related to such bond issuance. The bond is payable solely from assessments imposed against the improvement areas.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the attached resolution and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute same.

Mr. Minter commented on the Bond for road improvements within 3 MSBU districts. The request is for the Board to approve the Bond Resolution, which outlines the amount of the total $470,000 and the stream of payments that is presented for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Arnett, authorizing the issuance of the Special Assessment Bond, Series 2015. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0). Resolution 15-R-467 is entitled:


Clerk Ellsperrmann addressed how the system works in relation to acquiring that Bond, which has to be advertised through the Public Financial Management (PFM) people. Locally, many of the banks bid on those bonds; Gateway Bank, who has never
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been in the process before won the bid this time. He noted it is interesting as to how it is all shared.

Mr. Minter advised that the signing of the documents will be immediately following the meeting this morning.

Advisory Committees/County Planning – (8.B.) – County Attorney Minter presented the following recommendation regarding the process of amending the Land Development Code (LDC), Article 1, Division 6, Development Review Committee (DRC); amending provisions related to the membership by replacing the Planning Zoning Manager with the Building Safety Director; also, schedule and advertise a public hearing before the Land Development Review Committee (LDRC):

Description/Background: The Planning/Zoning Manager is currently designated as a member of the Development Review Committee in the Land Development Code. Due to a recent reorganization and reclassification of the position of Planning/Zoning Manager, it is necessary to designate a new member of the Development Review Committee.

The proposed amendment would provide that the Development Review Committee is hereby established and shall consist of five voting members. The following County employees shall constitute the committee: Growth Services Director, County Engineer, Utilities Director, Fire Marshal, and the Building Safety Director.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to initiate the process by scheduling and advertising a public hearing before the Land Development Review Committee to consider amending the Land Development Code on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Upon consideration by the Land Development Review Committee, public hearings will be scheduled by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Minter stated this item is to initiate the process of amending the LDC. He noted this is worded in such a way since amendments through the LDC first have to be reviewed by the LDRC. This authorizes the county to take that amendment that would change the designations of certain positions, such as Mr. Martsolf from the Planning and Zoning Manager to the Growth Services Director, the Building Director and so forth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to initiate the process by scheduling and advertising a public hearing before the LDRC to consider amending the LDC on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Upon consideration by the Land Development Review Committee, public hearings will be scheduled by the BCC. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Advisory Committees/Zoning – (8.C.) – County Attorney Minter presented the following recommendation regarding the process of amending the LDC, Article 2, Division 8, Section 2.8.1 and amending Article 4, Division 1, Subsection 4.1.4.G., to clarify that a use not specifically listed in a zoning classification may be considered for approval in that classification by Special Use Permit (SUP), even if such use is specifically listed and permitted in one or more other zoning classifications; also, schedule and advertise a public hearing before the LDRC:
Description/Background: Opponents of a recent application for a Special Use Permit for a poultry harvesting facility on property designated with an A-1 zoning classification filed an appeal of the determination of the Zoning Manager that such use could be approved by Special Use Permit, even though such use was arguably specifically listed and permitted in an industrial zoning classification. The position of the opponents is that the current wording of the above-referenced section and subsection should be construed to mean that if a use is specifically listed and permitted in any zoning classification, then it cannot be allowed by special use permit in another zoning classification. The opponent’s position runs counter to the way County zoning managers have interpreted the zoning regulations for many years. However, it is recommended that the foregoing section and subsection be amended to clarify that the intent of the Board of County Commissioners is consistent with the way the Code has been historically interpreted.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to initiate the process by scheduling and advertising a public hearing before the Land Development Review Committee to consider amending the Land Development Code on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Upon consideration by the Land Development Review Committee, public hearings will be scheduled by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Minter advised that this item is regarding a similar process to Item 8B. This particular request to initiate a LDC amendment has to do with the proceeding that recently came before the Board. An Appeal to the Board of Adjustment (BOA) concerning the Growth Services Director’s interpretation of the Code. This particular proposed amendment is for the purpose of clarifying the Board’s intent. In Marion County it is possible to obtain a Special Use Permit in any zoning classification, subject to making the appropriate findings by the Board and this will clarify that issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to initiate the process by scheduling and advertising a public hearing before the LDRC to consider amending the LDC on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Upon consideration by the LDRC, public hearings will be scheduled by the BCC.

Commissioner Moore advised that he has spoken to several different people and their understanding prior, in the way this is written, is how the county was already operating and this is good for clarification to avoid similar issues in the future.

Chairman McClain questioned if the LDRC will vote on this and it will then come back to the Board. Mr. Minter stated that is correct, noting 2 public hearings with the BCC will be scheduled.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Budgets/Utilities – (Walk-On) – County Attorney Minter presented the following recommendation regarding authorization to negotiate or bid for purchase of Parcel Nos. 17392-000-00, 17369-016-00, 17369-014-00, 13792-001-00, 17369-015-00 and 17392-002-00.

Description/Background: On October 28, 2015, staff learned the subject property was going to public auction for November 14, 2015. Since this was agenda publication day, it was unable to make the deadline. Staff commissioned Steve Albright to appraise the property who returned a value of $779,000. Staff
has made an informal offer to the seller for this amount and has yet to receive a response. If offer is not accepted and property goes to auction on November 14th, staff requests authorization to bid up to $779,000 value and pay the 10% buyer premium totaling $856,900. This site was identified as the primary site for future regional wastewater treatment facility that would allow the removal of septic tanks in the Rainbow Springs Basin. Staff is requesting authorization to use Utilities Reserves for the transaction and a budget amendment will be presented on a future agenda once costs are finalized.

Budget Impact: Up to $856,900, as approved in FY 15-16 Budget – Utilities Reserves.

Recommended Action: Motion to 1) authorize staff to negotiate or bid up to $856,900 for the purchase of Parcels: 17392-000-00, 17369-016-00, 17369-014-00, 13792-001-00, 17369-015-00 and 17392-002-00 and 2) authorize the use of Utilities Reserves Funds for the transaction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to consider the Walk-On Item. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Mr. Minter noted that from time to time opportunities arise in Marion County where a piece of property comes available on the market that fits into the strategic plan for some of our county departments. In this case, Mr. Mellinger has identified a piece of property that is going up for auction sale on Saturday, November 14, 2015, which is before the next BCC meeting will occur. The parcel contains approximately 200 acres and will fit in well with the Utility Department strategic plan for the area of Rainbow Lakes. Staff would like to have the opportunity to negotiate or bid on the parcel up to 10% above the appraised value. An appraisal has been obtained from MAI appraiser, Steve Albright.

Chairman McClain opened the floor for public comment.

Chairman McClain noted the explanation was fairly concise. The county is looking at the parcel as a possible acquisition by the Utilities Department as part of their long term Master Plan; part of a regional supply authority that the county is also involved with as it relates to water & sewer and supply.

Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, inquired as to the exact parameters of the location of this property. Chairman McClain stated the property is technically located in Romeo, in the area of Highways 40 and 41. Mr. Bouyounes advised that it is off US Highway 41. Chairman McClain noted the property is close to Romeo Elementary School and is contiguous to Rainbow Lakes Estates.

Chairman McClain stated the Rainbow Lakes Estates community has a number of small acreage lots and is something the legislature is wanting to address going forward as it relates to septic tanks on small lots. The management districts also have concerns. The property is part of a bigger, long-term plan.

In response to Mr. Munoz, Chairman McClain stated the property is located in an area that is currently undeveloped.

Roger Knechtel, SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, asked if this property is in the area where the drainage retention areas (DRAs) are located. Mr. Bouyounes advised that there are no DRAs on this parcel. In response to Mr. Knechtel, Chairman McClain stated the County does not know if it will get the property. Staff is currently trying to negotiate with the landowner. If that is not successful then there will be an auction where the county will have an opportunity to bid on the property. The maximum amount allowed for the purchase of the property is $856,900 for 196 acres.
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Chairman McClain noted the Utility is an enterprise fund so this money is not coming from the General Fund, but rather from existing customers and any future customers that will be hooked up to the system. Part of this is the thought process that the Legislature is wanting to try and look at a way to get in front of some of these smaller lot subdivisions with septic tanks on 1/4 acre lots. Senate Bill 255 (SB 255) contains language that requires the county to start making plans as to how to do this in the future and more than likely the legislation will pass. This is more of a future issue and has been identified as an area (Rainbow River/Rainbow Springs area), which will be part of a Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) and that area will be designated for heightened awareness as it relates to nitrogen run off, septic tanks, etc. in regard to the health of the spring and river.

Chairman McClain advised that public comment is now closed.

In response to Chairman McClain, Clerk Ellspermann advised that he is okay with this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to authorize staff to negotiate or bid up to $856,900 for the purchase of Parcel Nos. 17392-000-00, 17369-014-00, 17369-014-00, 17369-015-00, and 17392-002-00; and authorize the use of Utilities Reserves Funds for the transaction. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

(Ed. Note: This item is again addressed later in the meeting.)

Buildings & Grounds/Resolutions – Mr. Minter commented on an email he sent out last week in regard to what unfortunately seems to be a growing trend of individuals coming to some departments and making threats to staff. He advised that he does not have this issue on the Agenda, but requested direction from the Board. Mr. Minter proposed one option would be to provide a designated person that the County Administrator can select for each department or building to issue notices of trespass after warning, which law enforcement can obviously do, but if law enforcement is not present it will be useful if a member of staff can issue the Notice. In that case, if the person returns then there is proof when law enforcement is called that the person has previously been advised not to be on the premises, which will subject them to being arrested under the statute.

Mr. Minter stated he can prepare a Resolution and bring it back at the next BCC meeting that would authorize the County Administrator to designate those people with that authority. He advised that there seems to be an increased frequency of these types of occurrences and they want to do whatever they can to maintain the safety of personnel. Clerk Ellspermann asked the Board to make it for all facilities.

Chairman McClain stated it appeared to be a bigger issue and he would like to know if staff is comfortable with this, noting it is the right thing to do. In response to Chairman McClain, Mr. Minter opined that the parameters can be put in place, as well as training staff.

Mr. Minter advised that State Statute says any owner of the property or their designated agent and since the department heads do not own the property that is why the Board would adopt a Resolution. The Notice of Trespass Warning authorizes law enforcement to take action when they come out so that if the person comes back they can be arrested right then. He advised that people are threatening to shoot staff and showing up in county buildings. Mr. Minter stated he is comfortable enough that department heads have enough sense to issue a person the Notice.
Commissioner Bryant stated she would be more comfortable calling law enforcement if someone is threatening harm to an employee. Mr. Minter stated law enforcement will also be called, but the point is that the person may not hang around until law enforcement arrives. He noted some of the people may be known as they may have already applied for a permit or are a utility customer. Mr. Minter stated the form he would propose will at least provide the opportunity to record identifying features of the person, should that individual not be cooperative.

Commissioner Bryant noted the Board may need to talk to the Risk Department to have some Policy and Procedures put into place for employees when they deal with such people.

Mr. Minter stated he is only asking if the Board wants him to bring a written proposal to them for consideration.

Lieutenant Chip Wildy, MCSO, stated what Mr. Minter is getting at is not to say that law enforcement will not be called when an issue arises, but noted that an officer who arrives must have someone with the authority to tell that person that they cannot come back here again. He advised that law enforcement does not give the warning; the warning is given by the property owner, which in this case would have to be a designated representative since the county owns the property. Lieutenant Wildy stated law enforcement will need that designation from someone for the court case later.

Chairman McClain advised that the Board consensus is to bring back a written proposal. He stated the goal is to provide a safe working environment for employees.

County Administration – (9.A.) – Interim County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that he has a few items to present under the Administrative Update.

Projects & Programs – (9.A.1) – ACA Rickman provided an update on the Advanced Citizen Academy session.

In June 2015 as an extension of the Citizens Academy, the staff of the Marion County Public Library system presented a government awareness program to 250 middle school student and teachers within the Marion County Public School system from the Ft. McCoy Middle School, Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks, Lake Weir Middle School and North Marion Middle School. Students were asked to consider and discuss the concept of government, their role as citizens and the many and varied qualities of services, as well as contributions of their local county. This was done by a grant, known as the “21 Century Learning Center Summer Program”, through the School Board. The presentation was very interactive, high energy and delivery of a lot of information through various demonstrations, story telling, games, etc.

The Advanced Citizens Academy concludes this week. Through the month of October, the alumni of the last 6 sessions that started in 2010. A total of 26 members participated and while there was no requirement for attendance, no member has missed more than 2 sessions, and 10 have perfect attendance. The groups visited all 5 constitutional offices and will visit the Department of Health (DOH) on Thursday morning as the conclusion and wrap-up of the entire program.

Ms. Rickman noted the participants have given the session’s high marks on all surveys. She thanked the agency partners for taking the time to host this group.

Commissioner Zalak out at 10:11 a.m.

Ms. Rickman stated the 2016 session will begin taking applications on January 2, 2016.
Communications (9.A.2.) – Interim County Administrator Bouyounes stated Public Information Manager Barbra Hernandez will highlight the most recent County Connection, and the Halloween Safety video starring Commissioner Bryant.

Ms. Hernandez briefly highlighted the most recent newsletter and advised that those wishing to receive the County Connection can sign up on the County website at www.marioncountyfl.org, sign up lists in the lobby or by contacting the Public Information Office at PIO@marioncountyfl.org. She showed Commissioner Bryant’s Halloween Safety video, which aired throughout the month of October on many local television (TV) networks, as well as social media. The video highlighted important safety reminders for children and reached thousands of families over the span of a few weeks; on Facebook (fb) alone the video received nearly 5,000 exposures and more than 30 shares. The video is part of the county’s crime prevention public safety messaging and no tax dollars were used in the production.

Commissioner Zalak returned at 10:13 a.m.
Commissioner Bryant stated Your Heart’s Desire was kind enough to let them record the video. She commended her co-star Selina for doing a great job.

Commissioners – (9.A.3.) – Mr. Bouyounes commented on the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman earlier today, noting the need to address the strategic planning workshop as January is fast approaching.

Commissioner Bryant noted the Vice-Chairman generally handles the strategic planning session. Commissioner Zalak stated he will get with Mr. Bouyounes to set the workshop up and bring back a date. He suggested Commissioners wishing to address a particular topic have staff conduct research for Mr. Bouyounes, who will provide the information to the Board. Commissioner Zalak requested the data be provided to Mr. Bouyounes in a timely manner to allow Commissioners enough time to get acquainted with the subjects going into the meeting.

Resolutions/Subdivisions – (Walk-On) – Interim County Administrator Bouyounes advised that he has a Walk-On Item that can be handled under Notation for Record.

Advisory Committees – (10.A.) – The Board considered the following recommendation from Executive Assistant Nadja Griffis, Commissioners Office, regarding the Code Enforcement Board:

Description/Background: Mr. Jack Stackman tendered his resignation from the Code Enforcement Board on October 14, 2015, resulting in one vacancy for an unexpired term. Applicants shall have experience or interest in the fields of zoning and building services. Members have the jurisdiction to hear and decide alleged violations of any County ordinance, subpoena alleged violators and witnesses to its hearings; take testimony under oath; issue orders having the force and effect of law including establishment and levy of fines pursuant to County ordinance.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion for acceptance of resignation and approval to advertise for vacancy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to accept the resignation of Mr. Stackman from the Code Enforcement Board, as well as execute the letter of appreciation, and advertise vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

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Advisory Committees – (10.B.) – The Board considered the following recommendation from Executive Assistant Griffis, Commissioners Office, regarding the Silver Springs Shores Special Taxing District:

Description/Background: The Silver Springs Shores Special Taxing District currently has one vacancy for an unexpired term, ending at the next general election, November 2016. There has been one application received for the vacancy:

- Keri Bowman, Teacher – Marion Technical Institute.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion for appointment of Ms. Bowman to the Silver Springs Shores Special Taxing District Advisory Board.

Clerk Ellspermann advised that the applicant received the appropriate votes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to appoint Ms. Bowman to serve as a member on the Silver Springs Shores Special Taxing District to fill an expired term, expiring in November of 2016. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Resolutions/Roads – (11.A.) – The Board considered the following recommendation from County Engineer Straub, OCE, to schedule a public hearing to consider a road closure petition associated with SE 102nd Place Road as petitioned by Aaron Licciardello:

Description/Background: This is a request for Board adoption and execution of a Resolution to declare a public hearing date for consideration of the petition made by Aaron Licciardello for the closing and abandonment of a certain portion of SE 102nd Place Road. The Petitioner requests that the Marion County Board of County Commissioners take appropriate action, including the adoption of a resolution confirming a Public Hearing date of December 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for consideration of the closing and abandonment of the road and renouncing and disclaiming any right of the County and the Public.

Budget/Impact: Revenue of $500 – Transportation - Road Closing - 105000-34190012.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve and adopt a Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on December 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practical for consideration of closing a certain portion of SE 102nd Place Road and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adopt Resolution 15-R-477 scheduling a public hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to consider closing a certain portion of SE 102nd Place Road. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Commissioners/Municipalities/Resolutions – (11.B.) – The Board considered the following recommendation from Interim County Administrator Bouyounes in regard to a Resolution expressing the Board’s support of the Kings Bay Restoration efforts as requested by Citrus County:

Description/Background: On October 16, 2015, Chairman McClain received the attached letter from Scott Adams, Chairman of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners. The letter included a sample resolution for Marion County to consider adopting in support of Kings Bay restoration efforts. At the request of
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Chairman McClain, staff prepared and submitted the attached resolution to the County Attorney for review and approval prior to submitting on the agenda for Board consideration.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to Approve the Resolution Expressing Support of the Kings Bay Restoration Efforts and Providing an Effective Date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Arnett, to adopt Resolution 15-R-478 supporting the Kings Bay Restoration project.

Commissioner Zalak understands what they are doing and is aware they have been on this track in serving with the regional board; however, his concern is that they will be seeking funding and asked if adoption of the Resolution will put the County against its own water projects. Chairman McClain advised that the county will always compete for dollars with other projects, regardless of which district it is in. From that perspective, the bigger issue is that they have an opportunity to get some Restore Act funding for some of this. He opined that they are trying to leverage the ability for that funding, noting Marion County is not eligible for Restore Act money.

Chairman McClain noted HB 255 will create criteria for water projects and that kind of thing, so the criteria will be more objective than subjective. He opined that it creates an opportunity for the county to submit projects and if they rank high enough then "X" amount will be funded.

Chairman McClain stated he has no problem supporting the Resolution, but did not know if the county would be working with state agencies to provide financial resources through the Federal, State and Restore Act. He stated his question was not really with the Restore Act since he knew the county did not qualify, but is concerned with FDEP, water management and other agency dollars.

Chairman McClain noted as being part of the Springs Coast Steering Committee, which will meet tomorrow, they have gone through and identified and ranked some of these projects. He advised that staff sits on the Technical Advisory Committee and ranks project, which are brought to the Steering Committee to make a decision based on the technical data and scoring.

Chris Ajack, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), stated Chairman McClain is correct, in that each project that the water management district provides funding for will be ranked individually based on the merits of that project. A Resolution of this type will not affect Marion County competing with Citrus County for any water management district dollars.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Budgets/Utilities – In response to Chairman McClain, Mr. Mellinger stated they still have some cleanup to do with regard to the Walk-On Item for funding authorization for property. He advised that Budget Director Michael Tomich is working on that issue before the Board adjourns the meeting.

(Ed. Note: This item is again addressed later in the meeting.)

Resolutions/Subdivisions – (Walk-On) – Interim County Administrator Bouyounes presented the following recommendation from MSTU Director Teresa Darnell in regard to scheduling and advertising a public hearing to consider adoption of Notice of Intent to authorize use of the uniform collection method for non-ad valorem assessments:

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Description/Background: Florida Statute 197.3632 requires that a Notice of Intent appear in the newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks prior to a public hearing. The Public hearing is required to consider adoption of resolutions authorizing use of the uniform collection method for non-ad valorem assessments to be placed on the tax bills of affected property owners residing in the following areas. These are proposed improvement areas pending approval from the Board at a final public hearing for each project.

- Belleview Heights Unit 9 and Unit 16
- Belleview Hills
- Belleview Hills Manor
- Cedar Hills & Cedar Hills 1st Addition & Cedar Hills 2nd Addition
- Citrus Park
- Cypress Cove
- Deer Path Estates Phase 1 & Phase 2 MSBU
- Edge of the Forest
- Floyd's Subdivision Addition No. 1
- Fore Acres & Fore Acres First Addition
- Georgetowne
- Golden Hills Turf & Country Club Blocks 8 & 10
- Grey Oaks MSBU
- Harvest Meadows MSBU
- Heather Island Market Center MSBU
- High Pointe
- Hunterdon Hamlet Unit 1 & Unit 2
- Juliette Falls & Juliette Falls First Replat & Juliette Falls Second Replat
- Lake George Campsite Alph Blks
- Lake Tropicana Ranchettes 2nd Addition - SW 174th Ave
- Lake Weir Gardens
- Leighton Estates
- Majestic Oaks Fourth Addition Phase One
- Maricamp Market Centre MSBU
- Meadowbrook Ranches
- NE 140th Street from North Magnolia Avenue to NE Jacksonville Road
- Oak Wood
- Ocala Ridge Unit 13
- Peppertree Village
- Rolling Hills/Hills of Ocala Units 1 – 5
- Rolling Hills/Hills of Ocala Units 1 – 5/SW 121st Terrace from SW 43rd Street Road to SW 99th Lane
- Rolling Hills/Hills of Ocala Unit 1, 1-A, 2, 2-A, 3, 4, 5
- Rolling Ranch Estates
- Rolling Ranchettes
- Rolling Woods
- Shady Hills Estates
- Sugar Plum Estates
- Summerfield Terrace
- Sun Country Estates II aka Sun Country Reserve
- Turning Hawk Ranch
- Whispering Acres Estates/Whispering Acres Estates Replat/Fantasy Farms Estates
- Windgate Estates Replat
- Windstream
- Woodland Glen
- Fire Rescue Services MSBU
- Solid Waste Services MSBU
- Stormwater Management Program MSBU

Budget Impact: None.
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Recommended Action: Motion to schedule and advertise the Notice of Intent for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Florida Statute and to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to consider the Walk-On Item. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Chairman McClain stated this is a Notation for Action item to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of the Notice of Intent authorizing the uniform collection method for non-ad valorem assessments on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman McClain opened the floor for public comment.

There being no public comment, Chairman McClain advised that public comment is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Arnett, to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of the Notice of Intent authorizing the uniform collection method for non-ad valorem assessments on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Commissioners – (12.A.1.) – Commissioner Arnett advised that he has nothing further to add today.

Ordinances/Projects & Programs – (12.A.2.) – Commissioner Bryant presented a 3 page handout of Seminole County Ordinance 2014-44 regarding upkeep of property that has been abandoned. While originally talking about this for the possible golf course upcoming issues; however, after reading through the Ordinance, it may be a bit broader than what the county was probably thinking. She opined that she and Mr. Minter need to work on bringing that down to where it only applies to golf courses.

Commissioner Bryant commented on the golf course the county has been working on in Rainbow Springs. The Board originally discussed the possibility of an Ordinance for maintenance of that golf course, but events have occurred that might change the county’s position due to the environmentally sensitive nature of the golf course location.

Commissioner Bryant advised the county may have an opportunity to work with the property owner to purchase it and turn it into something else. She noted she does not know if anyone on the Board is interested in purchasing the property. Commissioner Bryant stated if the Board is open to discussing the matter Parks Director/Landscape Architect Jim Couillard can meet with each Commissioner individually.

Commissioner Zalak inquired if a Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) will be put in place. He advised that he is willing to entertain purchase if the property owners are willing to pay for it; otherwise, he is probably out.

Chairman McClain suggested a proposal be put together. Commissioner Bryant stated a proposal can be put together and brought forward.

Chairman McClain stated the general consensus of the Board is for Commissioner Bryant to work with Mr. Couillard and the property owner to possibly bring back a proposal.
Commissioners – (12.A.3.) – Commissioner Moore extended condolences, on behalf of the Board, to the families of: Lewis Dinkins, Commissioner Paul Melin, and Deputy Tevyn Gadson.

Veterans Services – (12.A.4.) – Commissioner Moore publicly thanked Hank Whittier, Veterans Helping Veterans, for all his, as well as other members, for their service. He noted Mr. Sampson is also in the audience and commented on his anti-bullying event on November 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion (SELP).

Advisory Committees – (12.A.5.) – Commissioner Moore advised that he attended the Historical Commission meeting last night where the History Trial was addressed. He stated there is a lot of history in Marion County and they are working on a history trail plan where people will be able to pull over in their vehicles and being able to get the history of an area with their smart phone. Commissioner Moore stated they are going to work with the TDC and Mr. Couillard toward educating people on the history of Marion County, which dates back to when Ponce de León came through Florida and before that with the Timacuan Indians.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Commissioner Moore stated it is similar to geocaching, but more like historical geocaching.

Budgets/Libraries – (12.A.6.) – Commissioner Moore commented on the Ft. McCoy Public Library and stated if funding can be put back into the library system, which is possible, he would like to see both the Ft. McCoy and Reddick Public Libraries open later. In response to Commissioner Moore, Mr. Bouyounes opined that it will cost about $15,000 each. Commissioner Moore stated for $30,000 the communities of Ft. McCoy and Reddick can be served much better.

Commissioner Zalak commented on the recent joint School Board workshop, noting a great discussion about the library system was had.

Commissioners – (12.A.7.) – Commissioner Zalak commented on a letter received from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) requesting representation on forest related recreation interests. He stated every time he has been to Washington, DC, he has advocated that along with Chairman McClain. Commissioner Zalak stated this is the southern part of the United States (US) and they have their Rural Activity Center (RAC) and what they will be doing. He advised that he would like for either himself, Commissioner Moore or a staff member to sit on that and advocate for the national forest.

Mr. Bouyounes stated an application will have to be filled out and sent to the USDA. Commissioner Zalak offered to sit on that committee. Chairman McClain advised that consensus is to nominate Commissioner Zalak to sit on that and see if there is way to designate staff members in case he cannot attend. He stated Commissioner Moore will be the next designee.

Veterans Services – (12.A.8.) – Chairman McClain noted several Veterans Helping Veterans member are present and opined that most Commissioners have been briefed on what Mr. Whittier has proposed to the Board as it relates to renovation of the former bowling alley. This will be a joint venture between the County Veteran Services Office
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and Veterans Helping Veterans organization, who will be collocated at the former bowling alley.

Chairman McClain advised that the County closed on the Blocker Building on Friday and supposedly someone went by and picked up the check, noting he has yet to see it, but is hopeful that it is in a secure location. Clerk Ellspermann stated he has not seen the check yet either although he did direct Mr. Garri to deposit the check into the proper account.

Chairman McClain addressed conversations regarding this matter during the budget workshops, noting one of the first things that needs to occur is to direct staff to prepare a cost estimate for the partial renovation of that building, which will not be a full renovation project. Mr. Whittier’s organization is a 501(3)(c) and as such will have an opportunity to apply for some block grant dollars through the federal government that may possibly lower the cost of renovations. Before a bigger discussion can be held as to spending those dollars on capital projects the first thing that needs to occur is to understand how much this will cost and what will be drawn down, in order to know the dollar figure going forward.

It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Zalak stated someone needs to come back and present a real plan and provide a real cost estimate. Chairman McClain opined that some preliminary work has occurred, noting staff needs direction to go ahead and work on this and bring back a comprehensive plan. He advised that Mr. Whittier will bring in other folks who are pertinent to their operation.

Commissioner Bryant out at 10:42 a.m.

Chairman McClain questioned what will happen to the old Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) building. Facilities Management Director Andy Race the FHP building has a number of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues that will be costly to renovate.

Parks Director/Landscape Architect Jim Couillard advised that local landscape architects donated a plan a couple of years ago in regard to renovating that corner of the park, which included the removal of the building. He stated this is right in line with that plan.

Executive Director Hank Whittier, Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans, Inc. (Vets Helping Vets) stated they want to combine a lot of services in 1 building, noting another half-dozen agencies are also related to serving veterans and want to move into the building under their umbrella, including the Veterans Affairs (VA). He advised that this will provide a one-stop concept. Mr. Whittier stated their request is to develop a Veterans Resource Center, with Vets Helping Vets acting as the facilitator of some of the things that will take place in the building.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Chairman McClain stated it will be the front portion only as the back will be used for storage. He noted Mr. Race is already storing a fair amount of materials in the building. Chairman McClain advised that the County is trying to create a model for veteran’s services. Mr. Whittier noted, for their part, it will be an extended, 6 or 7 day operation.

Chairman McClain stated the Board will give direction to staff and will work with Mr. Whittier, as well as Community Services. He directed staff to bring back a number as to the County’s portion and what is best for the FHP building.
Chairman McClain stated he wants to respond to Mr. Whittier’s letter in writing, advising that a decision was made today to allow staff to go ahead and start working on this project, which will provide them with a little leverage.

Mr. Whittier thanked Chairman McClain for his cooperation and leadership, as well as the rest of the Board. Chairman McClain noted there are some details to be worked out, such as leasing the building to the organization, block grant stipulations, etc.

Gary Skogsbergh, Sr., SummerGlenn, Vets Helping Vets, Board of Directors, stated this is an investment not only for now, but into the future. He noted public access is critical for veterans. Mr. Skogsbergh thanked the Board for everything they have done for veterans in Marion County.

John Rose, SE 97th Avenue, Belleview, reiterated what has already been stated and thanked the Board for its support. He addressed the need and commented on lack of transportation to go to multiple places, noting 1 location will be an asset.

In response to Chairman McClain, Mr. Bouyounes advised that he understands the Board’s direction.

(Ed. Note: This item was again discussed later in the meeting.)

Legislature/Resolution/Schools – (12.A.9.) – Chairman McClain commented on a request he received to prepare a Resolution in opposition to Common Core standards. He opined that as a local government education is not necessarily their purview, but as it relates to the 10th Amendment there may possibly be some merit. Chairman McClain stated it is not a duty of the Federal government to tell State’s how to run their school systems. He inquired if there is any opposition to putting the Resolution on the next Agenda, which he opined can be tweaked.

Commissioner Moore advised that he has been to Tallahassee, on his own money, not taxpayer dollars, to oppose Common Core.

Commissioner Bryant requested a copy be provided to each Commissioner for review.

Commissioner Zalak stated he is not a supporter of Common Core. He noted he is unaware of anyone coming out and articulating a plan to unwind Common Core.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Zalak commented on student data collection and stated the County can vehemently stand together against the data collection or even testing where that testing derives what ones future is. Commissioner Zalak encouraged the County’s Resolution states the principals they believe in; the data collection, Common Core and use of the Federal governments overreach; and encourage real problem solving endeavor to unwind these federal regulations.

In response to Commissioner Bryant, Chairman McClain stated the Resolution will be tweaked and sent to each Commissioner.

Libraries/Schools – (12.A.10.) – Chairman McClain commented on the joint workshop with the Marion County School Board, noting a great discussion about jointly building and staffing libraries going forward. There is overlap between the school system and county government, which is more about the ongoing cost. He stated the county would rather build the structure and someone else pay for the upkeep and staff, as that will last for 50 years whereas the cost of the building can be covered in a couple of years. The question was whether there are some opportunities as the school system gets ready to build new schools in places where the county may either want to expand its library
services or build a new library. Also, are there opportunities to expand the service through shared responsibilities as it relates to operation?

Chairman McClain stated conversations as to Commissioners becoming involved as it relates to their district or whether 1 Commissioner acting as the Board liaison. Commissioner Zalak commented on Dunnellon, Reddick and Ft. McCoy, particularly the more rural areas, noting he personally would like to work with the school system in regard to new designs. He stated he is oaky if the Board wants to split that or assign as the Chairman saw fit.

Commissioner Bryant opined that each individual library or project will be different in as far as what the Board can do and what is going on, but would say that each Commissioner from the district one of those libraries is in can talk about that and all Commissioners can talk about the design going forward. She stated this is not something this Board will see, as it will be 9 or 10 years before another high school is constructed and 7 or 8 years before another middle school is built.

Commissioner Bryant noted the next elementary school will be built in her district and opined that both she and Commissioner Zalak can work with the School Board. Chairman McClain advised that his only concern is from a continuity standpoint. He stated the school system will next build a library in Commissioner Bryant’s district. Commissioner Bryant stated the Commissioner from each district can work with the School Board.

Commissioner Zalak suggested the Board appoint Commissioner Bryant to attend the first meeting and figure it out, noting if the same methodology is going to be used for Dunnellon, Reddick and Ft. McCoy the he does not need to be involved. Commissioner Bryant stated if the School Board is going to build something in Marion Oaks and if the County can be involved it will be very beneficial to work together, as it has been on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for some time. She noted the County is already funding someone to work in that library.

Chairman McClain stated a lot of this is getting to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work together jointly; using the school systems property after hours for Parks and Recreation type stuff. He stated it is a matter of getting to a framework of how it works, as it does not really change the School gets ready to build a school. If it is something that the county wants to participate in then the framework is already there and will carry through as joint ventures.

Commissioner Zalak opined that if libraries and other public infrastructure are outside of the main campus where it can be accessed by children, but still allow for full utilization. He stated the school system will be putting huge media centers in some of those other schools in Marion Oaks and typically, when high schools are built they have fields and recreation, as well as an auditorium; all of which can be community minded and useful to the surrounding area.

Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Bouyounes advised that Right of Way Manager Shawn Hubbuck, OCE, has the check for the Blocker Building, which is being dropped off at the Clerk's Finance Department this morning for deposit.

Commissioners/Resolutions – Clerk Ellspermann requested the Board make a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the signatures for the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as any other required paperwork in order to expedite the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adopt Resolution 15-R-479 providing SunTrust, as the County's designated depository,
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with facsimile signatures of Chairman Bryant and Clerk Ellspermann, as well as any other required paperwork. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

**Commissioners – (12.B.)** – The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Commission calendar covering the period of November 3 through 20, 2015.

**Schools – (12.C.1.)** – Roger Knechtel, SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, commented on schools banning religion and opined they are our biggest threat now. He opined that without honoring and believing in God there will be more and more irate people.

**Subdivisions – (12.C.2.)** – Burt Eno, SW 193rd Circle, Rainbow Springs, commented on earlier discussion about the Rainbow Springs Country Club. He stated what happens on that property (golf course) does have an effect on the Rainbow River and Rainbow Springs, as well as many other properties. Mr. Eno noted he is President of the Rainbow River Conservation and the Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association (POA). He stated it is hard to say what is to be done with that property, noting since it has been abandoned it has become overgrown with weeds and people are concerned with brush fires.

Commissioner Moore out at 11:05 a.m.

Mr. Eno advised that he needs to be intimately involved in whatever the County can do with this abandoned parcel. He opined that the community will not be amenable to the property being turned into a County park where people can walk through the backyards of residents. Mr. Eno requested the Board to keep the community in mind and to communicate with him so that he can keep the HOA up to date.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Commissioner Bryant stated the HOA is not interested in purchasing the property. Commissioner Zalak stated if residents do not want other people on the property then they need to buy the parcel.

Commissioner Bryant advised that the Board owed residents the courtesy of at least looking at the property.

Commissioner Moore returned at 11:07 a.m.

Mr. Eno addressed the County coming up with an Ordinance to at least keep the property mowed is reasonable, noting other counties have done the same for abandoned golf courses.

Mr. Minter advised that he received a telephone call from the attorney representing the golf course owner, who is concerned with the county proceeding with caution as far as regulations that might be imposed on the entire property. He stated he is not validating what the attorney said, but there have been situations where some of the neighbors have thrown items onto the golf course property and then claimed there is junk on the property that needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Minter reiterated that he is not vouching for that statement, but if anything like that is occurring, it is certainly not going to help the cause of the neighbors of the golf course property as far as pursuing some kind of nuisance action and that type of thing.

**Commissioners/Schools – (12.C.3.)** – Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, thanked the Board for talking to the School Board about the library issue. He opined that a library should not be on the same property as the school, which should be separate, noting there are some members within the community that cannot be close to children.
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and would prohibit them from using the library. Chairman McClain stated the Commission and School Board are talking about how to make it a joint use facility; where the school would use it during the majority of the day and the County will staff it on the weekends and evenings; however, there will be no access to the school from the library. He advised that student safety is of paramount importance.

Communications – (13.) – For information and record, the Chairman acknowledged receipt of the following Notation for Record correspondence, items A through C from Interim County Administrator Bouyounes, and items D and E from Clerk Ellspermann:

A. County Administrator Informational Items:
   1. Present DRC waiver request LDC 2.16.1.B(10) – Family division for the William & Waneta Fugitt property Parcel #15854-001-00, Application #17053 (Approved).
   3. Present letter dated October 26, 2015 to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) submittal for SW 95th Street.

B. Walk-On Items from Previous BCC Meeting: NONE.

C. General Informational Items:
   1. Present Marion County Health Department – For the latest health news and information, visit the website at http://marion.floridahealth.gov/

D. Clerk Ellspermann:
   1. Present regular report of utilization for Reserve for Contingencies.
   2. Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Forms authorizing changes in status, as follows: 36870 and 38746.
   3. Present memorandum from David R. Ellspermann, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, regarding the filing of Ordinance 15-19 (repealing Ordinance 13-27) with the Secretary of State’s Office.
   4. Present letter dated October 16, 2015 from the City Of Ocala regarding the West Ocala Redevelopment Area Plan.

E. Present for information and record, minutes and notices received from the following committees and agencies:
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10. Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) – for minutes and agendas, visit the website at http://www.wrwsa.org.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Stan McClain, Chairman

Attest:

David R. Ellspemann, Clerk