



# 2019-2020 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Proposal (this document) must be completed by the governmental entity applying for the grant and signed by either the chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the proposal carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

# **Governmental Entity Information**

Name of Governmental Entity:		
Primary Contact Name:		
Title:		
Mailing Address:		
Phone Number:		
Email:		
Secondary Contact Name:		
Title:		
Phone Number:		

# Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Pursuant to section 288.101, F.S., the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was created to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Eligible entities that wish to access this grant fund must submit public infrastructure proposals that:

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry. (<u>View Florida's Targeted Industries here.</u>)
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity.
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the Public.

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Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

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A.	Provide a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvement	nts.	
B.	Provide location of public infrastructure, including physical address a	nd county of p	roject.
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C.	Is this infrastructure currently owned by the public?	Yes	No
	If no, is there a current option to purchase or right of way provided to	the County?	
D	Provide current property owner.		
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E.	Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the	public?	
		Yes	No
F.	Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive beneft corporation or business entity?	it of any single	e company,
		Yes	No

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G.	Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed
	public infrastructure project will promote:

- Economic recovery in specific regions of the state;
- Economic diversification; or
- Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry (View Florida's Targeted Industries here.)
  - o Describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include the number of jobs that will be retained or created, and in which industry(ies) the new net jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System (<u>NAICS</u>) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or create jobs or make capital investment.
  - Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.

#### 2. Additional Information:

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

A.	Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete
	construction of the public infrastructure project.

<b>B.</b> What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure	project?
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C.	Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, deta these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits prioritized?		•
D.	What is the future land use and zoning designation on the propose improvements, and will the improvements conform to those uses?	d site of the	infrastructure
E.	Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a developm the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommo potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please	odate the inf	rastructure and
		Yes	No
F.	Is the project ready to commence upon grant fund approval and coplease explain.	ntract execu Yes	ution? If no, No
G.	Does this project have a local match amount?	Yes	No
	If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amou	ınt.	
Н.	Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered other supporting documents are encouraged.	for this prop	posal. Maps and

# 3. Program Budget

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

**Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding:** Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

1.)	<b>Total Amount Requested</b> Florida Job Growth Grant Fun	<b>\$</b> d	
A.	Other Public Infrastructure Pro	oject Funding Sources:	
	City/County	\$	
	Private Sources	\$	
	Other (grants, etc.)	\$	Please Specify:
	<b>Total Other Funding</b>	\$	
В.	Public Infrastructure Project C	costs:	
	Construction	\$	
	Reconstruction	\$	
	Design & Engineering	\$	
	Land Acquisition	\$	
	Land Improvement	\$	
	Other	\$	Please Specify:
	Total Project Costs	\$	

**Note:** The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total other public infrastructure project funding sources in A. from the total public infrastructure project costs in B.

C.	Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.		
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A.	If the governmental entity is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before it can execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (e.g., approval of a board, commission or council)?		
	If board authorization is not required, who is authorized to sign?		
В.	If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the governmental entity and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:		
	<ul> <li>i. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.</li> <li>ii. State whether entity is willing and able to hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.</li> </ul>		
C.	Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.		

# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROPOSAL

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the

above-described entity and to the best of my knowledge, that all data and information submitted in

proposal is truthful and accurate and no material fact has been omitted.

Name of Governmental Entity:		
Name and Title of Authorized Representative:		
Representative Signature:		
Signature Date:		

# **Location Map**

# **Site for New Hangar**



# Leonardo Press Release





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PRESS RELEASE

# Leonardo to open helicopter support center near NAS Whiting Field if selected for US Navy's Advanced Helicopter Training System TH-73

- Comprehensive customer support center will service TH-119 helicopter fleet
- Support center will create at least 40-50 local jobs in Northwest Florida
- William Hunt, Leonardo Helicopters Philadelphia: "Leonardo continuously makes investments that bring the Company closer to its customers. We hope to soon invest in Santa Rosa County."

Philadelphia, 25 September 2019 – Leonardo announced today that the Company will build a comprehensive customer support center adjacent to Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Northwest Florida's Santa Rosa County if selected for the United States Navy's Advanced Helicopter Training System TH-73. Leonardo is offering the Navy its purpose built, American made TH-119 IFR single engine helicopter to replace the Navy's aging fleet of TH-57 training helicopters. The Navy is expected to make its selection for the 130 helicopter tender by the end of 2019.

Leonardo's planned support center will create at least 40-50 jobs adding to Northwest Florida's robust aviation industry. Expanding customer support to enhance quality and proximity is a key part of Leonardo's Industrial Plan.

"Leonardo continuously makes investments that bring the Company closer to its customers. We hope to soon invest in Santa Rosa County," said William Hunt, Leonardo Helicopters Philadelphia. "The TH-119 helicopter is the ideal training platform for the Navy. With this announcement, exceptional aircraft performance and superior maintenance go hand-in-hand."

If selected by the Navy, and in partnership with the Santa Rosa County Economic Development Office and Space Florida, Leonardo will construct an approximately 100,000 sq. ft. facility in Whiting Aviation Park, a 269-acre planned development adjacent to Naval Air Station Whiting Field, where all helicopter pilots for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are trained. Planned as a Part 145 Repair Station, the facility will provide 24/7 service including spare parts, warranty processing and renewal, technical and product engineering and component and

airframe repair. Through a limited-access use agreement between Santa Rosa County and the US Navy, tenants of Whiting Aviation Park will be able to use the Navy's airfield facilities for efficient aircraft transfers which will reduce service time.

"Santa Rosa County is honored to be working with Leonardo to continue to support the military mission at Whiting Field, bring quality jobs in aviation to Santa Rosa County, and fulfil years of planning to make Whiting Aviation Park a reality," said Commissioner Don Salter.

"Space Florida congratulates Leonardo on its selection of Santa Rosa County for its support center near Naval Air Station's Whiting Field," said Space Florida President and CEO Frank DiBello. "Utilizing Space Florida's toolkit, Leonardo will contribute to an already thriving aerospace and aviation industry in Northwest Florida while also serving the needs of our nation's military."

For more information, visit AdvancedHelicopterTrainer.com

# Signature Authority \*\*Please see Page 7

Regular Meeting December 12, 2019 Milton, Florida

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, met in Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Don Salter, Sam Parker, Dave Piech, Robert A. "Bob" Cole, and Lane Lynchard. Also present were the County Engineer (Roger Blaylock), Public Works Director (Stephen Furman), Clerk of Court (Don Spencer), County Administrator (Dan Schebler), County Attorney (Roy Andrews), Assistant County Administrator (Mark Murray) and Budget Director (Jayne Nicholas). Salter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Rosa County Administrative Complex. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Steve Warren, Milton First United Methodist Church. Those present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Salter said Santa Rosa County lost a true "trooper" this week with the passing of John Broxson a former county commissioner, state representative, senator, and sheriff.

Lynchard said Broxson was always gracious and kind to him. He said Broxson was a friend and advocate for Santa Rosa County. Lynchard said Broxson served as Sheriff in 1957 when Sheriff Bart Broxson, Broxson's father, was killed by a drunk driver. He discussed Broxson's accomplishments and public service. Lynchard said he extends his condolences to Broxson's family.

Cole said Broxson was a fine man. He said he was one of the founding members of the University West Florida. Cole said he was a dedicated public servant.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes from the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Salter moved approval without objection of the minutes for the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Schebler said there are two items added which are the transit grant request and an update on the East Milton fire house property acquisition. He said he would like to add one more item which is an approval from the Board for Piech to be a representative to the Value Engineering Workshop with the courthouse.

Salter moved approval without objection.

# **Proclamations**

# 1) Holley-Navarre Elks Lodge 25th Anniversary

Piech read a proclamation proclaiming support of the Holley Navarre Elks Lodge as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and join in this special time of recognition for their contributions to the local community of Holley Navarre.

Ernest Dalle Molle said he thanks the Board for the proclamation. He said one of the neat things is going back in history to see how intertwined the lodge has been with the community.

#### **Presentations**

# 1) Whitney Gray, DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection

Gray made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. She said she heads the Florida Resilient Coastlines Program. Gray said the Florida Adaptation Guidebook gives communities a step by step approach to determine the county's vulnerabilities and what can be done about them. She said the Florida Resilient Coastlines Program's mission is to bring all the tools possible together to help coastal communities deal with erosion, flooding and habitat shifts. Gray said there have

been 60 projects funded across the state. She said in the past two years Florida Resilient Coastlines Program has distributed \$4.5 million in grants across the state.

Piech said he hopes this is the start of a long partnership.

#### 2) Update from the Panhandle Butterfly House

Jenny Weber (Panhandle Butterfly House) said after moving out of Navarre Park and considering other options to relocate, a property in Milton became available. She said the property was at over \$300,000.00 and it was offered to the Panhandle Butterfly House for \$125,000.00. Weber said the property is a little over 10 acres. She said the location is across the street and railroad tracks from the train depot. Weber discussed a map of the property. She said there are a lot of groups excited about helping with the project. Weber said the pavilion will be available for event rentals. She said there is an event coordinator who will take on the responsibility of scheduling, showing, clean up, and set up. Weber said the Milton City Council recently revoked a license on Jones Street. She said it is a county-maintained road. Weber said the exit will be through Jones Street. She said the only thing there now is the house. Weber said the fund raising will begin and Phase 1 will be moving into the Butterfly House and building the vivarium. She said she will be raising money for Phase 2, which is the learning center and pavilion. Weber said Phase 2 will happen when the funding is cleared. She said the entire project has to be approved at once. Weber said she is currently looking for funding to get up and running. She said the vivarium is three times the size of the one in Navarre. Weber said the Audubon Society wants to do a bird interpretive trail. She said the Santa Rosa Historical Society said the Butterfly House can use the grass lot for overflow parking. Weber said she thinks this will be a great addition to tourism and education. She said if the Board wants to make a motion for funding it would be acceptable.

Cole said he is glad to see this moving forward. He said he is not ready to obligate funding at this point, but he is glad to see this "come back to life" again. Cole said this adds to connectivity with Bagdad and the Bagdad Millsite Park. He said he is willing to continue listening but not willing to commit funding sources. Cole said he is confused, because he understands last night at the City Council meeting it was decided to open Jones Street. Weber said yes. Cole said his concern is this is not a county-maintained road and part of people's yard. He asked if this has been identified as a platted county right of way, and how did the Milton City Council become involved with voting whether to reopen it, if it is a county maintained or owned right-of-way. Furman said he looked at a plat of Bagdad and Jones Street is a platted right-of-way dedicated to the public on the face of the plat. He said he is not aware of any action of the county or the City of Milton that will affect the ownership or control of Jones Street. Furman said his initial assessment would be that it is a county platted unmaintained right of way. He said there may be actions that were taken at some point in the past that if they come to light would change his mind, but that is all he can find at this point.

Andrews said it was platted as part of the City of Milton, it is not county maintained, and it was dedicated to the public when that property was apportioned to the City of Milton. He said the county does not automatically have jurisdiction over streets inside the City of Milton. Cole asked if it is currently within the city limits. Andrews said yes. Cole said any improvements to the road would be upon the City of Milton unless the county decided to help with that. Andrews said yes.

Weber said she is working on the business plan. She asked if the business plan needs to go to the Board or the TDC (Tourist Development Council). Salter said the TDC.

#### 3) LDC (Land Development Code) - Land Clearing and Signs

- 1. Land Clearing
- 2. Signage
- 3. Dust Ordinance and Basketball Goals

Shawn Ward said he will present a draft LDC to the Board on February 27th. He said the draft will be presented to the Zoning Board on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Ward said he considered having a public meeting during the weeks of March 16th and 25<sup>th</sup>. He said he will come back to the Zoning Board on April 9<sup>th</sup> for a recommendation and then to this Board for adoption on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ward said the regulation of signs has never been an easy issue for the county. He said the Supreme Court indicated the county can regulate problems with safety, aesthetics, including size, building permits, lighting, moving parts and portability but the county cannot regulate speech. Ward said some issues have been snipe and flag signs. He said staff agrees that the number of snipe signs on a personal property should be limited. Ward said "they" are not allowed in the rights-of-way. He said he met with the Chamber of Commerce and discussed signs in general, and one of the issues was the placement of flag signs. Ward said staff's thought is to allow perhaps two flags per property.

Cole said he is a little concerned about basing the number of flag signs on per piece of property. He said maybe that can be tweaked. Cole said he agrees with Ward regarding snipe signs.

Lynchard asked Ward if the IMLA (International Municipal Lawyer's Association) model sign code in the back up is for reference or is he planning to use that as a basis for the large-scale amendment to the code. Ward said the language within the IMLA is a recommendation.

Parker said he would ask for consideration for staff to possibly pursue adding Highway 89 to 2,000 foot spacing for billboards. He said there is a list of four corridors that have been designated as scenic zones which prohibits off premise signs. Parker asked that the Pea Ridge connector road be added to that list.

Andrews said he has reached out to an expert regarding sign regulation to have her review the existing sign ordinance. He said she will get back with him regarding a proposal.

Phillips said staff picked up 2,487 snipe signs in the last fiscal year. He said between October 1<sup>st</sup> and today staff has picked up 1,258 snipe signs. Phillips said since snipe signs do not meet the criteria of being on a substantial structure, he would advocate not having them at all.

Cole asked if snipe signs are being picked up in rights-of-way. Phillips said yes. He said three property owners have given the county permission to go beyond the power pole to pick them up. Phillips said he has gone so far as to site repeat offenders.

There was continued discussion.

Schebler said he is following the Board's direction. He said the stay on any enforcement against feather flags will be a year. Schebler said he extended it because the review is still ongoing.

Piech said the flag signs are appearing in medians. He asked what the recommendation for that is. Phillips said the complaint portal is available all the time. He said if any citizens see a feather flag in the middle of a median, they will "have a word with those folks". Piech said a complaint can be submitted to Code Enforcement on the county website.

Ward said land clearing and erosion control is currently a huge issue. He said the existing LDC states permits are required and no development activity can be commenced without a building permit, which includes land clearing. Cole said the current LDC has a minor land clearing activity which is removing vegetative cover without disturbing the soil or removing any protected trees. He said major land clearing is clearing, cutting, moving soil, stump removal, root raking, excavation, filling and grating. Cole said the only way to clear property for major land clearing is to pull and obtain a single-family building permit. He said commercial developments must have a development order issued. Cole said a subdivision must have a construction plat issued. He said right now there is not a major land clearing disturbance application. Cole said a land disturbance permit will allow clearance prior to development. He said the other issue is erosion control. Cole said he is proposing a land clearing or land disturbance permit that will be required prior to the submittal of a single-family residential permit. He said that permit will take into consideration the best management practices for erosion control, consider flood plains, and consider if the property is developable in the forms of lots. Cole said he will specify the major part of erosion control is no sediment should be leaving property. He said best management practices need to be applied.

Phillips said he discussed large parcels being "chopped up on our dirt roads" on October  $8^{th}$ . He said he believes the NPDS permit has the right ideas and the county needs to be proactive on a local level with land clearing. Phillips said the backup provided for parcels from 1 to 5 acres, and

the county's permit would have some of the same characteristics as NPDS. He said the owner would provide an aerial or survey that shows the area they intend to clear. Phillips said "we" would help the owner identify the flow of the property so they can put up erosion control. He said this permit will in no way supersede any state or federal permits. Phillips said he does not know how this will work with the tree ordinance.

Parker asked where "we are at" regarding land clearing. Phillips said with Royals' help, he has created a bridge to be able to get from where "we" are to where "we" hope to be. He said he is looking for "them" to submit a building permit and get the site inspection fee paid. Phillips said there would be a zoning review, a look at the National Wetlands Inventory and a flood plain review. He said once the reviews are done and the fee is paid the lot would be able to be cleared. Phillips said if "we" go out there and find there is no erosion control that is when Code Enforcement steps in. He said if the erosion control is not in place, Building Inspections will not provide any building inspections.

#### There was continued discussion.

Dara Hartigan said she has a presentation regarding the public input. She said there was a link on the county website for people to put in comments and requests for the revision of the LDC. Hartigan made a PowerPoint presentation the Board.

Cole said he agrees with a lot of what Hartigan discussed. He said he has been told a lot of the clear cutting is necessary because the height of the property has to be raised because the water for the non-permeable surfaces that are being created has to stay on the property. Cole said it seems the county's rules and regulations cause the need for the clear cutting which some developers would rather not do.

Blaylock said every site will be different and there are different ways to address the county's ordinance. He said the county requires retention and detention volumes on any new development. Blaylock said it is up to the developer to meet those requirements. He said he does not agree on every case that the county's requirements require the clear cutting.

#### There was continued discussion.

Jack Bonney said any waterfront in all of Santa Rosa County cannot have red clay, which was put in the code in 2015. He said the way the code was written; red clay cannot be used as fill unless it is being used as a foundation and it must be capped within forty-five days. He said many homes were abandoned in Garcon Point after Hurricane Ivan, and the red clay was there as part of the foundation. Bonney said things have improved since Phillips has "got on the job". He said the one change he would like to see regarding sediment control is silt fencing backed by staked hay bales only. Bonney said Ward is working hard.

Carol Pulley said we are all detrimentally impacted by clear cutting. She said mature trees and vegetation play important part of our lives. Pulley said the Oregon Forest Resources Institute outlines the problems with clear cutting: habitat loss, lack of biological diversity, changes in CO2 levels, help with cleaning pollution out of the air, erosion and soil damage, and aesthetic concerns. She said people want mature trees; stop clear cutting and benefit all of us.

Elizabeth Major said there needs to be buffers for all waterways. She said the League of Women Voters has taken positions to intend to maintain the integrity of the usage of the land for future generations, which cannot be done when all native vegetation is removed.

Phillips said during the "lack of rain" there was a rise in dust complaints due to new construction. He said the portion of the LDC that addresses nuisance dust references DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) Chapter 62 of which they removed references of dust, so the county essentially does not have a dust ordinance. Phillips said he will be working toward a mechanism to receive and quantify complaints regarding dust and reacting appropriately from an environmental perspective. He said if there is a construction site that is dusting pools, cars and houses a mile away it is a problem. Phillips said he will bring something back to the Board regarding dust.

Phillips said there are hundreds of basketball goals in the right-of-way. He said the ordinance regarding what can be in the right-of-way prohibits specifically basketball goals, sort of. Phillips said he feels if the post is off of the edge of the pavement 30 inches or more and the speed limit is 25 mph or less, "we" should let those go.

Parker said he is concerned because he feels the county is saying it is ok for children to play basketball in the road. Andrews said any action the county takes can open it up to potential liability. He said the question would be whether it is reasonable in relation to the public health safety and welfare. Andrews said he thinks what Phillips is talking about is a restriction on the basketball goal that the county is essentially not enforcing at this point. He said not enforcing would give the county as much liability as allowing reasonable restrictions and stricter enforcement.

Cole said Phillip's department is being used as a tug of war between neighbors.

Salter asked if this is regarding construction dust. Phillips said yes. Salter said as this is addressed to be aware of the farmers. Phillips said this will relate to construction activity.

Debbie Gunnoe said on her way home she passes three basketball goals in the roadway. She said there is parking on the roadway, so now she is dodging cars and basketball goals. Gunnoe said she does not think there is any place for basketball goals to be permanently in the roadway.

Gunnoe said she is looking for a clarification about what was presented at last month's meeting. She said she believes it was stated no campers or RV's (Recreational Vehicle) could be used as residences on private property. Gunnoe said her concern is if someone purchases acreage to park an RV on during snowbird season, they should be able to do so. She asked if this will be put into the LDC and will it effect only urban areas.

Phillips said the discussions have revolved around the time the RV is in place. He said the seasonal use currently in the code is abused and impossible to regulate. Phillips said the discussion has been to allow someone to have an RV on their property if they have a permanent structure in place. He said if there is any instance where someone is renting an RV he will not allow it.

Ward said as of right now "we" do not allow tiny homes within areas without an existing structure. He said there are a lot of un-platted subdivisions within the county.

Parker said it is allowable on AG property five acres or larger. Ward said yes. Parker said in many ways he agrees with Gunnoe but he knows the Building Code is in place for a reason. He said if RV's are going to be allowed, he would move to stop regulation of pole barn structures or any sort of shed facility.

Lynchard said he see this akin to no mobile homes being allowed in R1 zoning district.

# 9:30 AM Public Hearing

1) Annual Resolution authorizing the uniform collection of Non-Ad Valorem assessments for projects which may include road paving, water, sewer, fire protection, etc. or any other purpose authorized by law.

Schebler said this is an annual resolution to allow use of the MSBU (Municipal Services Benefit Unit) vehicle to collect for a number of things such as lighting, road improvements, and fire assessments. Lynchard said there is always confusion when this is advertised. He asked if next year there can be a paragraph added that explains this relates to the MSBU's that are currently outstanding. Andrews said it relates to the existing MSBU but it is also necessary to impose any other MSBU's.

#### Salter moved approval without objection.

2) Proposed vacation of a portion of Welcome Church Road, Milton, Florida as requested by Splash RV Resort, LLC

#### Cole moved approval without objection.

3) Proposed vacation of a portion of Hemlock Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida as requested by Steven and Julie Decesare

Kerry Ann Schultz said her client is seeking to vacate a portion of Hemlock Drive. She said she supplemented the application with a survey that identified the legal description. Schultz said the Board has the most recent deed. She said the Decesares just acquired the property right next to it, so it will be east of that on Highway 98, which was the party that technically would have an objection. Schultz said she thinks she has talked to most people about any objection with respect to access. She said Hemlock Drive ends in a wooded area, but the two individuals who live in the neighborhood behind have access elsewhere. Schultz said the second objection was a financial objection regarding diminished property values. She said there is no expert testimony to indicated that. Schultz said the Hemlock Drive is a gravel road that backs up to a wooded area. She said Public Works had no objection to the request.

Steven Decesare said he initially spoke with Schultz regarding vacation of the property because there is an access road that leads through the property behind his, which is Skylar Road. He said Skylar Road connects to a dirt road that goes through the wooded area behind his property and gives those properties access. Decesare said this has also given people access to come down the dirt road and repetitively dump on his property. He said the dirt road currently goes onto the driveway of his property. Decesare said he has had multiple episodes of appliances and construction material being dumped on the property. He said after the second or third episode of dumping he had the Sheriff's Department come out and they stated there was nothing they could do but the appliances needed to be removed. Decesare said there was a "no dumping sign" put up which helped for a while, but someone knocked it down. He said it is difficult for him to make the financial commitment to improve his commercial business without being able to expand the property.

Lynchard asked if the people who are dumping are accessing through Highway 98. Decesare they are accessing through the dirt road onto his property. Lynchard said his concern deals with the property to the north of Decesare's property on Hemlock Drive because the only access for those properties will be from the north. Schultz said she has not seen anyone actually using Hemlock Drive for access.

Lynchard said the county owns property off of Hemlock Drive but he suspects if the county ever utilized the property the access will be through Skylar Drive.

Cole asked if Hemlock Drive is the road running north and south off of Skylar Drive. Decesare said Hemlock Drive is the road that runs next to his property then swerves to the west to connect to the dirt road which is the continuation of Hemlock Drive.

Lynchard said he has discussed this with Public Works and the Engineering Department, and they had no objections. Furman said there is no anticipated or planned extension of the road to Highway 98. He said he anticipated some of the undeveloped properties along Hemlock Drive might have some objections because the road is currently platted as a through street to connect to Highway 98, and if it is severed midway with the vacation of the southern portion there will not be room to construct a cul-de-sac. Furman said in his original comments back to the legal department he stated some of the property owners might raise some objections, which has come to light.

Parker said in the past the county has had to pay exorbitant fees for utility easements. He asked if it would it be prudent to maintain a 15-foot easement for future utilities. Furman said he does not anticipate the future need to run stormwater directly to Highway 98. He said when homes get constructed on Hemlock Drive the City of Gulf Breeze might consider the benefit of having a utility easement for water or sewer to run their utilities and possible communication utilities.

Lynchard moved approval of the vacation without objection.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Salter moved approval without objection.

#### **Economic & Tourist Development Committee - Lynchard & Salter**

None

# **Administrative Committee - Salter & Lynchard**

#### 1) Transfer of Woodbine Road to FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)

Recommend approval for the County Administrator to begin the process to review transfer of CR-197A (Woodbine Road), to FDOT.

#### 2) Event Requests

Recommend approval of the following requests:

- 1. Navarre Chamber Foundation's request to utilize county right-of-way near boat launch parking lot along Gulf Boulevard for 12th annual Run for the Reef and Kids Fun Run scheduled for October 10, 2020, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Life Line Screening's request to utilize the Tiger Point Community Center for stroke prevention ultrasound screenings for adults scheduled for March 20, 2020 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

#### 3) 2020 BOCC (Board of County Commissioners) Meeting Schedule

Recommend approval of 2020 BOCC Meeting Schedule.

#### 4) Committee Assignments and Board Appointments

Recommend approval of the Chairman's committee assignments and individual agency representative appointments.

#### 5) District Three Citizen Advisory Board Appointments

Recommend approval to appoint the following individuals:

- 1. Tim Wheat RESTORE Council
- 2. Scot Thomas Zoning Board
- 3. Janie Gomillion Library Board

# 6) Surplus Property

Recommend approval of declaration as surplus property items from the Santa Rosa County Tax Collector's office as recommended by the Clerk of Courts.

# 7) Donation/Transfer of Property

Recommend approval of request from the Santa Rosa County Emergency Department to donate/transfer a 4'x6' utility trailer to the Santa Rosa County School District.

# 8) LETF Application - The Big Gala

Recommend approval of request from the Sheriff's Office to use the LETF (Law Enforcement Trust Fund) in the amount of \$5,000 in support of Community Based Mentoring through The Big Gala at the request of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida.

#### 9) Grants and Special Programs - Consortium Subrecipient Agreement

Recommend approval of the subrecipient agreement between Santa Rosa County and the Gulf Consortium for Soundside Drive B Septic to Sewer and authorize execution by the Chairman.

# 10) Grants and Special Programs - Ranchettes Drainage Project

Recommend finalizing design revisions and moving forward with the purchase of property and easements as required to place this project in shovel ready status utilizing local funding that is currently obligated for this project.

# 11) Grants and Special Programs - Grants Manual Revisions

Recommend approval of changes to the Grants Manual including addition of County Administrator as authorizing official in limited circumstances.

#### 12) Amendment to Management Agreement with Navarre Youth Sports Association

Recommend approval of amendment to management agreement with Navarre Youth Sports Association (NYSA).

# Services & Development Committee - Piech & Cole

#### 1) Planning and Zoning - Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application

Recommend approval to designate Five Point Intersection as the TRIP application for submittal, using the unassigned fund balance as a source of match and to allow the Chairman to sign all related application documentation.

# Operations & Safety Committee - Cole & Lynchard

# 1) Public Works - District 1 Paving

Recommend approval to add Arpad Avenue and Kossuth Avenue to the District 1 Gas Tax resurfacing list. The estimated costs are approximately \$6000 each for a total of \$12,000.

#### 2) Public Works - Tractor Sale and Purchase

Recommend approval to sell 11 tractors and purchase 11 new tractors with Smith Tractor Co. at a total cost of \$132,500.

# 3) Public Safety - EMS Medical Director Renewal

Recommend approval to extend the contract for unified EMS Medical Director Services with Dr. Kim Landry, P.A.

#### 4) Engineering - Katie Ridge - Paved Road, Drainage and Maintenance

Recommend approval of the Paved Road, Drainage and Maintenance for Katie Ridge, a 65-lot public subdivision located in District 1.

#### 5) Engineering - River Woods Ranch - Preliminary Plat

Recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat for River Woods Ranch, a 154-lot private subdivision located in District 3.

#### 6) Engineering - Water's Edge - Preliminary Plat

Recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat for Water's Edge, a 43-lot public subdivision located in District 5.

#### 7) Engineering - Water's Edge - Construction Plans

Recommend approval of the Construction Plans for Water's Edge, a 43-lot public subdivision located in District 5.

#### 8) Engineering - Camden Drive Drainage Project

Recommend approval to purchase mitigation credits for the Camden Drive Outfall project for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documents.

#### 9) Engineering - Subdivision Review Time

Recommend approval of 15-day extension for a total of 30 business days to review the Pace Commons Preliminary Plat.

#### Budget & Financial Management Committee - Parker & Piech

# 1) Budget Amendment 2020 - 090 Derelict Vessel Removal

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 090 in the amount of \$22,750 to recognize FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) Derelict Vessel Removal grant award in the amount of \$17,062 and matching funds in the amount of \$5,688 from boater registration fee reserves to remove derelict vessel located in Yellow River south of Ward Basin Road and west of Brown's Fish Camp as approved at the November 14, 2019 meeting.

#### 2) Budget Amendment 2020 - 091 Central Tower Generator Replacement

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 091 in the amount of \$21,150 to carry forward ICP funds for the Central Tower Generator Replacement from ESSI Inc. The current generator is 27 years old and unreliable. This is an allowable ICP program expense.

# 3) Budget Amendment 2020 - 092 Community Transportation Grant

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 092 in the amount of \$178,103 to recognize the FY2018/2019 Community Transportation Grant (\$35,103), and FY2019/2020 Community Transportation Grant (\$125,000) with local match (\$18,000) from the General Fund and allocates for expenditure.

#### 4) Budget Amendment 2020 - 093 Property Appraiser Aerial Photography

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 093 in the amount of \$172,160 to carry forward excess funds from the Property Appraiser for aerial photography for the 2020 flight (\$114,360) and for two (2) drones and custom workstations for aerial navigation (\$57,800).

#### 5) Budget Amendment 2020 - 094 State Housing Initiative

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 094 in the amount of \$640,637 to recognize the 2019/2020 Funding from the FHFC 1st allocation (\$351,090) and the 2018/2019 Program Income received from repayments and interest on bank account (\$289,547) and allocate for expenditure in the housing cost center.

#### 6) Budget Amendment 2020 - 095 Health Department Drainage Improvements Project

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 095 in the amount of \$326,501 for Site and Utility LLC for the Health Department Drainage Improvements Project from LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) funding as approved in the FY18 Adopted Budget.

# 7) Budget Amendment 2020 - 096 County Extension Pickup

Recommend approval of Budget Amendment 2020 - 096 to carry forward funds in the County Extension department to purchase F-150 that was approved August 22, 2018.

#### 8) Check Register

Recommend approval of check register.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **Economic & Tourist Development Committee - Salter & Parker**

None

#### Administrative Committee - Parker & Salter

#### 1) Educational Facility Impact Fees

Discussion of approval to advertise a public hearing for Educational Facility Impact Fees and preview of the associated interlocal agreement.

Schebler said a group of attorneys have worked together and provided a revised ordinance which is included in the backup material. He said the public hearing will be advertised with the Board's approval of this item.

Cole said he would like to see this tabled until there can be an impact fee schedule. He there is currently a study of impact fees for the county underway. Cole said he feels it is ineffective to continue to look at one impact fee with a possibility of another. He said he feels uncomfortable with a set amount of \$5,000. Cole said would feel better if the amount was lower or the amount not be advertised so it can be discussed. He said he would like clarification of who could raise the impact fee. Cole asked if the Board would be able to put a moratorium on this or would it be a School Board action. Andrews said the ordinance is the county's and if it is to be amended or repealed it would be the decision of the Board. He said an increase or termination would come to this Board.

Schebler said he basically advertised the header of the ordinance. He said the amount is included in the draft ordinance. Schebler said those changes can be discussed at the public hearing or now. Andrews said the actual specific revisions of the ordinance will be subject to determination at the public hearing.

Cole said he feels the Board should encourage the School Board to table this until "we" can work together.

Parker said he asked this Board to consider moving this to the Certificate of Occupancy rather than permitting phase. He said he has spoken with Andrews and he has expressed the same thing. Parker said technically until it is passed at the public hearing in January this will not be locked in. He said one question was could there be an ordinance to collect it at a closing. Parker said he may advocate to collect the fee at the time of permit rather than Certificate of Occupancy. He asked if there has been consideration for square footage or number of bedrooms.

Boles said the methodology used to consider the student generation multiplier for single family, mobile home, and multi family is the most common approach. He said there would have to be a set of data that specifically allowed the bedroom concept to be evaluated in terms of creating a student generation connection. Boles said he has been involved in this process for twenty years and has not seen a study that attempted to do it in that way. He said impact fees are created by courts not legislation. Boles said study must be based on localized and recent data.

There was discussion.

Salter said the action for today is to move this for a public hearing.

# Lynchard moved approval. The motion passed with Lynchard, Salter, Piech and Parker in favor. Cole in opposition.

#### 2) Resolution Declaring Santa Rosa County a Second Amendment Sanctuary

George Teixeira said he does not know what this encompasses. He said he lives in an area that is bordered by undeveloped property. Teixeira said there are times it sounds like people are firing on a target range. He said he would not want to see something that encourages more of that. Teixeira said when the shooting begins, he has to go in the house because he does not know if they are being responsible or have a properly set up gun range. He said he does not think this is an issue this Board should decide, as much as it should be put to a referendum.

Parker said he would encourage Teixeira to call the Sheriff's Department if he ever feels in danger.

Parker said eight other counties have already adopted a nearly identical resolution with four more considering draft resolutions. He said this is essentially a resolution to declare the county a second amendment sanctuary in order to preserve the rights guaranteed by the constitution. Parker said the reason for that is a political climate that guns are evil, and the rights need to be stripped away from the citizens. He said what "we" are trying to do is send a unified message to the state and federal law makers that the county recognizes the second amendment and do not feel those rights should be stripped away from the citizens.

Salter said this is re-enforcing the constitution.

Bonney said he is familiar with guns and he is not an anti-gun person. He said there are people who do not have common sense. Bonney said he does not think the state makes restrictive gun laws unless there is a reason. He said he is asking to consider if there were negative repercussions in the other county's that have done this and table this. Bonney said this resolution gives the impression all federal and state weapon laws are kind of pushed to the side. He said there is no rush for this.

James Calkins said he appreciates the Board bringing up this issue. He said when his campaign started, he put out a poll regarding this issue and there were approximately 326 votes and 95% agreed with this. Calkins said he believes the overwhelming majority of the county believes in this issue. He said this is a start that will move the county in the right direction.

Jerry Couey said he thinks it is important to let people know what "we" think. He said he thinks the next logical step is to define what unlawful things are such as confiscation of weapons, taxes on ammunition and illegally defining what weapon citizens can have.

#### Salter moved approval without objection.

# 3) Update on East Milton Firehouse Property

Discussion of the status of negotiations with Milton Highway Property Investments, LLC for 3 acres of land for an East Milton Firehouse.

Andrews said as directed by the Board he has communicated with one of the owners of the LLC (Limited Liability Company) that owns the property. He said the appraisal for the property was \$205,000 and the owners asking price is \$250,000. Andrews said there has been an agreement to recommend a purchase price of \$220,000.00 in the form of reimbursement for the construction of

a road and utilities for a firehouse. He said he has not worked out the details of an agreement of when the construction will be completed. Andrews said the determination for the Board today is whether to move forward with negotiating the contract based on a \$220,000 compensation for the three acres.

# Cole moved approval. Lynchard seconded, and the motion passed. Cole, Salter, Lynchard and Piech in favor. Parker in opposition.

Cole said he recommends it be added to the contract that infrastructure be in place in a time period equal to what "we" expect "our" facility to be completed, or language to that effect.

#### 4) Meeting List

Meetings (unless otherwise noted the meetings below will be held in the Board Room of the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center):

December 23	Cancelled	Commission Committee
December 25	Cancelled	Bagdad Architectural Advisory Board
December 25	Cancelled	Parks and Recreation
December 26	Cancelled	Commission Regular
January 6	8:30 a.m.	Commission Committee
January 7	5:00 p.m.	Marine Advisory
January 8	8:30 a.m.	Tourist Development Council
January 8	Cancelled	Building Code Board of Adjustments
January 9	9:00 a.m.	Commission Regular
January 9	6:00 p.m.	Zoning Board

# Salter moved approval without objection.

# 5) Discussion of appointment of Piech to the Value Engineering Committee

Schebler said there is a Value Engineering Workshop with the design build team tentatively scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>. He said he would ask the Board to appoint Piech to the Value Engineering Committee.

# Salter moved approval without objection.

# Services & Development Committee - Cole & Piech

# 1) Section 5311 Rural Transportation Grant Application

Discussion of approval to submit a grant application for Section 5311 and Chairman to sign all related documents. The Section 5311 Rural Transportation Grant will continue to provide transportation to residents in the rural areas of the County.

Schebler said the county's share in this is \$1,500 per month which is budgeted in the Planning and Zoning Department. He said this grant provides transportation service for the rural areas of the county.

#### Cole moved approval without objection.

#### **Operations & Safety Committee - Lynchard & Cole**

# 1) Environmental - WPR Recyclables Hauling Agreement

Discussion of an agreement with WPR Inc. to haul recyclables from the County's Central Landfill in Milton to ECUA's (Emerald Coast Utilities Authority) Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Escambia County, FL.

Parker asked how much notice must be given if ECUA decides to cancel. Andrews said 15 or 30 days. Parker said this will be for one year which will be consistent with when the agreement with the waste haulers terminate. Andrews said September 2021 is the termination of the existing hauler agreements.

Schebler said when he received the notice of cancellation in April there was no forewarning or indication. Parker asked what the explanation was for cancelling the contract. Schebler said contaminated loads was the primary issue cited for cancelling the contract.

Bonney said this contract does not fix the problems that stopped "us" in the first place. He said his concern is what is being done to make sure "we" are not stuck with a \$60,000. bill. Bonney said he would like to see "more teeth" around the plan of how this is going to happen.

Lynchard said "we" are developing a public outreach program to educate the public on what is acceptable for recycling. He said if this does not work "we" will not be recycling in the county anymore. Lynchard said if this does not work, he does not know what the next step is besides terminating recycling in the county.

Parker asked if the Board decided not to pass this could there be renegotiation to reduce the number of trucks and the price to the citizens. Andrews said he does not think it is impossible to renegotiate. He said there would have to be an agreement with ECUA and so far the indication is that would not be acceptable.

Cole asked if the county decided not to do recycling where this leaves the county regarding a contract with ECUA for garbage hauling. Andrews said there are provisions in the contract that state there could be renegotiations based on the change of the scope of services. He said the county would either agree or not, and ultimately be involved in litigation in regard to the remainder of the contract. Andrews said if the county wants to move forward with recycling there are no other options other than ECUA.

Bonney said terms and modification can be made to the agreements at any time. He said if for some reason "we" stop being able to recycle then he expects the agreements to be changed and to stop paying additional charges.

Lynchard move approval without objection.

# Budget & Financial Management Committee - Piech & Lynchard

None

#### **Public Forum**

Jerry Couey asked if it is the intent of the Board to have a sales tax initiative on the 2020 ballot. Salter said that discussion will be held after the first of the year. Lynchard said the Board has not spoken about that at all.

Schebler said the existing half cent sales tax expires December 31, 2021. Lynchard said the only opportunity to get that sales tax renewed will be the general election of 2020. He said either it is on the November ballot or it goes away for at least a year. Couey said this was discussed by the LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) Committee. Parker said to his knowledge this Board has not spoken about it. He said that is a citizen advisory board and he would like their input.

Couey said Schebler is having discussions regarding this. He said he would appreciate knowing earlier in the year.

# **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned.

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
	By: Don Salter, Chairman
attest: Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Court	