



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 25, 2023

Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room,
477 Houston Street,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
4:00 PM

INVOCATION

Commissioner James Renninger, District 3, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE

Retired USMC Chief Warrant Officer Gayward Hendry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Betsy Condon said that former County Commissioner, Chief Warrant Officer Hendry is retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserves, where he served several tours as an Intelligence Officer with an F-18 Squadron and as a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. He retired after 20 years of service in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office with 17 years in the Intelligence Unit. CWO Hendry served as an investigator with the Duval County State Attorney's Office in a special prosecution division and as Chief Inspector for the Clay County Sheriff's Office - ultimately retiring after more than 44 years of service in law enforcement. He remains very active in his community and has served in numerous civic and fraternal organizations, including Clay County Farm Bureau - Historical Society - Lake Asbury Community Association - Military Museum of North Florida - 4-H Foundation, and the Scottish Military Society. CWO Hendry is a 16-year veteran of the FBI National Academy Associates Youth Leadership Program at Quantico, where he served as their director. He also established the Florida FBI Youth Leadership Academy at Camp Blanding in 2019.

Before leading the Pledge, CWO Gayward Hendry gave the history of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Betsy Condon called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Approval of Sole Source purchase and Agreement with Certified Control Systems for a HVAC retrofit project at the Emergency Operation Center in the amount of \$111,684.12.

Funding:

General Fund - Building Maintenance - M&E- Cap

The discussion for the Consent Agenda can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/BCC-Agenda-April-25,-2023, beginning at 53:12 and ending at 1:16:06. Below is a summary of the discussion and the vote.

Chairman Betsy Condon requested to pull item 5 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Mike Cella made a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda minus item 5, seconded by Commissioner Kristen Burke, which carried 5-0.

Chairman Betsy Condon had concerns regarding the College Drive resurfacing project budget. Following the discussion regarding the allocation of funds, Chairman Condon said her other concern was the Gun Range project.

There was discussion regarding the timeline for the project, the gopher tortoise survey, relocating the tortoise, the cost of relocation for the tortoises, contingency, and having a line item for removal on future bids.

Vice-Chairman James Renninger made a motion for approval of item 5, seconded by Commissioner Kristen Burke, which carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

13. Resolution approving the Community Redevelopment Plan for the Green Cove Springs Redevelopment Area and approving the Interlocal Agreement between the County, the City and the Green Cove Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (T. Nagle/C. Grimm)

The discussion for the Resolution regarding the Green Cove Springs CRA can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/BCC-Agenda-April-25,-2023, beginning at 2:52:57 and ending at 3:14:05. Below is a summary of the discussion and the vote.

Courtney Grimm, County Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the Resolution approving the CRP for the Green Cove Springs Redevelopment Area and the Interlocal

Agreement between the County, City, and GCS Community Redevelopment Agency. County Attorney Grimm said the City had created the Community Redevelopment Agency and wants to move forward with the redevelopment plan. However, based on the delegation of statutory powers from the county to the agency, which is set forth in the interlocal, for them to move forward, they need approval from the county for the delegation of those powers. Previously there was an interlocal they were presenting; however, staff has worked with their Council and feels we now have a much better product. They had previously approved the CRP, but it will also need to go back to their Council. That is why the interlocal still has some blanks; if it is approved tonight, they will fill those blanks in once those actions occur.

Steve Kennedy, Green Cove Springs City Manager, addressed the Board to give an overview of the CRP, Resolution, and Agreement and requested approval from the Commission.

Questions and discussions were had regarding percentages, funding, bonding, responsibility for bonding-equity type instruments pursued, timeline, performance, and partnership.

Commissioner Mike Cella made a motion for approval of the Resolution, Interlocal agreement, and giving authority to the BCC Chairman to execute documents as directed by the County Attorney, seconded by Vice-Chairman James Renninger. Commissioner Mike Cella said this is another step in the cooperation and partnership of the County and the City of Green Cove. Of course, in any relationship, there are some rough spots, but we look forward to CRA transforming Green Cove Springs into a place people want to live and visit. Vice-Chairman James Renninger commented that a CRA is an excellent tool to renovate -rejuvenate - rehab our properties in Clay County, and we need to use every tool we can to move this football down the field. The CRA will change the whole dynamic in Green Cove Springs. The motion carried 5-0.

TIME CERTAIN - 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

14. Public Hearing to consider ZON-0123-00002. (District 1, Comm. Cella) (M. Brown) Continued from March 28, 2023.

A rezoning of 9.56 acres from Agricultural Residential (AR) to Private Services (PS-3).

The discussion for ZON-0123-00002 can be seen at www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/BCC-Agenda-April-25,-2023, beginning at 1:16:10 and ending at 1:22:52. Below is a summary of the discussion and the vote.

Mike Brown, Zoning Chief, stated that the agent for the applicant desires to request another continuation for this item.