BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

M I N U T E S

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

5:30 P.M.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE ABOVE DATE.

PRESENT WERE LONNIE A. HOUCK, JR., CHAIRMAN, PATRICIA PATTERSON, MARK WIGGINS, MALCOLM PAGE AND PAM FEAGLE, A FULL BOARD BEING PRESENT. COUNTY ATTORNEY, CONRAD BISHOP, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

PAM FEAGLE LED THE BOARD IN PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. THE BOARD WAS THEN CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN HOUCK, AND BUSINESS TRANSACTED AS FOLLOWS:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE AMENDED AGENDA FOR THIS DATE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. ADD AS ITEM NO. 16-A., DAN SIMMONS, BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES, TO APPEAR ON BEHALF OF DR. LONNIE O. INGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, TO REQUEST A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR THE 2011 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ROBBIE G. HERRIN, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM COUNTY SERVICE, AS AGENDAED BY JOHN SINGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

MS. HERRIN WAS PRESENT AND THE BOARD CONGRATULATED HER ON HER SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD

ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JAMES I. FRANCIS, UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM COUNTY SERVICE, AS AGENDAED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDAED ITEMS:

NONE

CONSENT ITEMS:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED CONSENT ITEM NOS. SIX (6) THROUGH ELEVEN (11), AS FOLLOWS:

6. THE RENEWAL OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AIR METHODS CORPORATION, AS AGENDAED BY MELODY COX, GRANTS COORDINATOR:

7. THE APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (FDLE), AND CORRESPONDENCE APPROVING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDING TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DRUG ERADICATION TASK FORCE, AS AGENDAED BY THE GRANTS COORDINATOR.

DOCUMENTATION ON FILE WITH THE GRANTS COORDINATOR.

8. THE APPROVAL OF FY 2011-2012 SHIP FUNDING STRATEGIES SUMMARY FORM, TO ADVERTISE THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SHIP PROGRAM, AND TO SET ASIDE $75,000 OF REHABILITATION FUNDING AS MATCH FOR THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDING CYCLE, AS AGENDAED BY THE GRANTS COORDINATOR.

9. THE REMOVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS FIXED ASSETS FROM COUNTY INVENTORY, AS SUBMITTED BY TYSON HILL, TIS DIRECTOR:

10. THE RATIFICATION OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE DETAILED WORK PLAN BUDGET FOR STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL FUNDING, AS AGENDAED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR.

11. THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN, AS AGENDAED BY AND ON FILE WITH LATRINA HARVEY, HR DIRECTOR.

BIDS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

THE BOARD TO CONTINUE A PUBLIC HEARING FROM TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011, FOR THIS DATE AT 6:15 P.M., REGARDING THE PASSAGE OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2007-03, AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 78-WATERWAYS, AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS AUTHORIZED TO READ THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY TITLE.

ALL PERSONS PRESENT WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

NUMEROUS PERSONS PRESENT IN THE AUDIENCE APPEARED TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT HE HAS MET WITH CITIZENS, CRABBERS AND FISHERMEN TO WORK OUT COMMERCIAL ISSUES WITH BOAT RAMPS.

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN STEINHATCHEE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING BOAT RAMP ISSUES.

NO OTHER PERSONS PRESENT REQUESTED TO SPEAK REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, THEREFORE THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

AFTER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MADE A MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PAGE, TO ADOPT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-11.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER PAGE __X__YEA ____NAY

COMMISSIONER WIGGINS __X__YEA ____NAY

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE __X__YEA ____NAY

COMMISSIONER PATTERSON __X__YEA ____NAY

COMMISSIONER HOUCK __X__YEA ____NAY

THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

COUNTY ORDINANCE 2011-11 IS AS FOLLOWS:

HOSPITAL ITEMS:

RICHARD HUTH, CEO, DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DMH), APPEARED AND PRESENTED A FINANCIAL UPDATE TO INCLUDE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY, 2011, AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD.

RICHARD HUTH, CEO, DMH, APPEARED AND REQUESTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD FOR A GRANT/LOAN APPLICATION TO THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOSPITAL. THAT SAID EQUIPMENT WILL PROVIDE NEW SERVICES AT DMH AND WILL REPLACE OUTDATED AND/OR OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, AND

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

CHARLIE HOUDER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUWANEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SRWMD), AND RAY CURTIS, SRWMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPEARED AND PRESENTED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,967.43. MR. CURTIS ADVISED THE BOARD THAT SRWMD IS PROVIDING FUNDING ($250,000) TO THE BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY (BBWA), FOR CONNECTION FEES FOR RESIDENTS ALONG THE RIVER CORRIDOR TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM.

STEPHEN HOLLOWELL, GENERAL MANAGER, BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY (BBWA), APPEARED AND PRESENTED THE 2011-2012 BUDGET, PER THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

DAN SIMMONS, BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES, APPEARED ON BEHALF OF DR. LONNIE O. INGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, TO REQUEST A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR THE 2011 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY A 3-0

VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED EXECUTION OF THE LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT, AS REQUESTED.

COMMISSIONER HOUCK ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AS HE IS EMPLOYED BY BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES, AND FILED THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT:

COMMISSIONER FEAGLE ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AS HER HUSBAND IS EMPLOYED BY BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES, AND FILED THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT:

COUNTY STAFF ITEMS:

THE BOARD DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT(CDBG)ITEMS, AS AGENDAED BY THE GRANTS COORDINATOR.

o **MELODY COX TO SERVE AS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CDBG GRANT.**

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD

APPOINTED MELODY COX AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

- APPLICANT RANKING LIST.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RANKING LIST OF HOMEOWNERS.

- CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER AMOUNT UP TO 10%.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD SET THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FOR CHANGE ORDERS AT TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE PROJECT COST WITHOUT COMMISSION APPROVAL.

- LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING LOW BIDDER

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE LOW BIDDER FOR LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING, AS SUBMITTED BY PB03, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $300/UNIT.

- TITLE SEARCH SERVICES LOW BIDDER

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED THE LOW BIDDER FOR TITLE SEARCH SERVICES, AS SUBMITTED BY TITLE RESOURCES OF GAINESVILLE, IN THE AMOUNT OF $145/UNIT.

AT THE REQUEST OF JEFF MANNING, FIRE CHIEF, AND UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD LIFTED THE BURN BAN FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, ASADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011.

THE COUNTY STAFF PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE STEINHATCHEE BOAT RAMP PROJECT, AND ADVISED THAT THE GRAND OPENING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. THAT THERE IS A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,000, FOR LIMEROCK THAT WAS NOT IN THE CONTRACT. THAT A CHANGE ORDER IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE USE OF AN EXCAVATOR/LABOR. THAT ALL ARE WITHIN THE CONTRACT LIMITS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PAGE, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPROVED ADVERTISING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN EXTENSION OF THE SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011 AT 6:10 P.M.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PATTERSON, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD RESCINDED THEIR ACTION OF TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011, APPOINTING JACK BROWN TO THE TCDA DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE, AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REMINDED THE BOARD OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M. MR. BROWN ADVISED THAT HE HAS CONTACTED THE TAYLOR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE TAYLOR SOIL & WATER BOARD AND THE UNITED WAY, AS THESE AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED BUDGET CUTS.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDAED ITEMS:

STAN RIDGEWAY APPEARED AND DISCUSSED PLANS FOR PHASE II PARKING AT THE STEINHATCHEE BOAT RAMP. THAT THERE ARE LARGE OAK TREES IN THE PROPOSED AREA THAT THE RESIDENTS OF STEINHATCHEE WOULD LIKE SAVED. MR. RIDGEWAY SUGGESTED

LOOKING AT THE MAIN STREET AREA FOR PARKING IN LIEU OF REMOVING THE LARGE OAKS. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STATED THAT THERE IS TIME TO MAKE A DECISION REGARDING THE TREE REMOVAL.

BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

THE BOARD EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE THIS DATE.

AFTER EXAMINATION OF THE CURRENT BILLS BY THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MOVED, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FEAGLE, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD, THAT THE MONTHLY BILLS BE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

FUND	WARRANT NOS.
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	042632 THROUGH 042733
INCLUSIVE	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	5011667 THROUGH 5011692
INCLUSIVE	

AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE COUNTY WARRANTS COVERING SAME.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-07 WAS HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 17, 2011:

THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM TO LEASE BETWEEN DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. AND THE BOARD WAS HERETOFORE APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON JUNE 21, 2011:

THE HOUR BEING APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M., AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER PAGE MADE A MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WIGGINS, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD, SUBJECT TO CALL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:_________________________________

LONNIE A. HOUCK, JR.,

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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ANNIE MAE MURPHY, CLERK