



MINUTES
BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2009
9:00 A.M. – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, PANAMA CITY HALL

I. Chairman Girvin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and all members of the Board were present as follows: Mike Nelson, District I; George B. Gainer, District II; William T. Dozier, District III; Jerry L. Girvin, District IV; and Mike Thomas, District V.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Don Hodges, Bay County Sheriff's Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SSgt. Jonathan Morris, United States Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base.

II. Addition of Emergency Items/Deletions

Commissioner Thomas requested to add to the agenda an update on the reef project and on the west end Fire Station (*see items XI.A.1. and 2.*).

County Manager Edwin Smith suggested the Board consider amending the agenda to move item VII.E.1. Request For Qualifications for Engineering Design and Development of an Alternative Well System Presentations to the end of the agenda. Chairman Girvin approved amending the agenda (*see item X.A.1.*).

III. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2009 Workshop Meeting and February 3, 2009 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27 and February 3, 2009. Commissioner Gainer seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

IV. Presentations

1. Florida Association of Counties Trust 20th Anniversary Presentation

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Ken Moneghan, Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT), introduced other FACT members in the audience and provided an update and history of the FACT program as a non-profit liability pool. He spoke on the instituting of a finance committee with a conservative management and investment style, working to ensure risk management program strength, providing workshops on lowering incidents of claims, and reviewing legislative issues affecting insurance premiums. He expressed appreciation for Bay County's membership in the program.

Commissioner Gordon Goodin of Santa Rosa County, Florida Association of Counties Trust Board of Trustees Chairman, spoke on FACT's tangible results as shown in reduced premiums, and presented a plaque to the Chairman and Board members commemorating the 20th anniversary of FACT.

2. Employee Retirement Presentations

Commissioner Dozier acknowledge the service of retiree Ernest Kenny Graves with a certificate for his 35 years of service, and a retirement certificate and County pin.

Commissioner Nelson presented retiree Sharon G. Caister with a certificate and County pin, and acknowledged her years of service with Bay County.

3. Youth Art Month Proclamation

Commissioner Gainer read and presented a proclamation to members of the Gulf Federation Women's Club (GFWC), and proclaimed March 2009 as Youth Art Month in Bay County.

4. Appreciation to Bay County Fire Services Presentation by the State Fire Marshall's Office

Lt. Les Nelson, State Fire Marshall's Office, spoke on the efforts of the Bay County Fire Department and State Fire Marshall's Office Detective Tommy Barron, and on their work on a task force and undercover operation during a rash of fires in 2006 and 2007. Those efforts resulted in the capture of an individual who admitted to setting over 50 fires, and was eventually charged with 12 arson fires and sentenced to State prison. Lt. Nelson then presented a certificate to the Bay County Fire Department in recognition of their work.

Chief of Emergency Services Mark Bowen spoke on the efforts of the State Fire Marshall's Office, and on the cost savings realized in equipment and personnel resources by its investigations into the causes and origins of fires in Bay County.

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V. Public Participation (Limited to items on BCC agenda, remarks limited to three (3) minutes)

Charles Walsh, 6505 Oak Shore Drive, spoke on the charging of fees for access or use of County funded structures.

Chairman Girvin stated that there were charges for use of soccer and softball fields, and Commissioner Thomas stated that the City of Panama City Beach had asked Bay County to review the issue of charging for use of M.B. Miller Pier, and that the fees would be used to retire the construction bond.

Chairman Girvin then closed the public participation portion of the agenda.

VI. Consent Agenda

County Manager Edwin Smith presented the Consent Agenda.

A. Budget Office

1. Budget Amendment – FY 2008-2009

Recommend: Board adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. (**RESOLUTION NO. 2907**)

2. Budget Preparation Schedule

Recommendation: Board adopt the schedule for the FY-2010 Budget Preparation Process.

B. County Attorney's Office

1. Amend St. Joe Timberland Company Right of Entry License

Recommendation: Board ratify execution of the St. Joe Timberland Company Amendment to Right of Entry License.

C. Public Works Department

1. Set 34th Place Participating Paving Project Initial Public Hearing

Recommendation: Board schedule and advertise a public hearing for the 34th Place Participating Paving Project on April 7, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

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2. Florida Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement for Video Wall System

Recommendation: Board: 1) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement and Local Funding Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to utilize the existing FDOT contract with World Fiber Technologies, Inc. to construct a video wall system at the new 11TH Street Administration Complex; and, 2) Authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements.

3. Pitts Road and Fowhand Road Drainage Improvement Project (NOV 32 and 19) Task Order

Recommendation: Board authorize staff to issue a task order for the Pitts Road and Fowhand Road Drainage Improvement Project for open grade hot mix stabilization to Triangle Construction Road Building, Inc. in the amount of \$210,000.

4. County Road 2302 and State Road 77 Intersection Improvement Project Design and Construction Contract

Recommendation: Board: 1) Award the Base and Additive proposal to Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. with David H. Melvin, Inc. in the amount of \$698,000 for Design and Construction of the C.R. 2302 and S.R. 77 Intersection Improvement Project; and, 2) Authorize testing funds in the amount of \$20,000 and contingency funds in the amount of \$35,000 (5%).

D. Utility Services Department

1. Hydrogeologic, Inc. Groundwater Modeling Agreement Amendment One

Recommendation: Board approve and authorize the Chairman to 1) Execute Amendment No. 1 to Groundwater Modeling Agreement with Hydrogeologic, Inc.; and, 2) Authorize additional costs related to additional work required by the Northwest Florida Water Management District Grant Agreement.

2. Rowe Drilling Well Field Development Test/Production and Monitor Wells Contract Amendment One

Recommendation: Board approve and authorize the Chairman to 1) Execute Amendment No. 1 to Bay County Well Field

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Development Test/Production and Monitor Well Agreement with Rowe Drilling Company, Inc.; and, 2) Authorize additional costs related to additional work required by the Northwest Florida Water Management District Grant Agreement.

E. Clerk of Circuit Court - Finance

1. Revenue and Expenditures Report.

Recommend: Board acknowledge receipt of the Revenue and Expenditures Report.

2. Tax Certificate Refunds and/or Cancellations.

Recommend: Board approve the refund totaling \$3,096.15.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

VII. Regular Agenda

A. County Attorney's Office

1. Bankruptcy Counsel Contract

Recommendation: Board authorize the County Attorney to contract with the law firm of Archer & Greiner to provide legal services to Bay County in the bankruptcy case filed by Smurfit-Stone.

County Attorney Terrell Arline presented the item before the Board and stated that Smurfit-Stone Container had filed for bankruptcy in January of 2009 in Delaware, and Bay County was added as a party to that case. He stated that it was prudent to have legal representation in the matter and that a firm had been located in Delaware to assist in monitoring the case. There would be a hearing in February in which Bay County would attempt to obtain a court order for utility bills to continue to be paid.

In response to Board member inquiries, County Attorney Arline advised that he had performed research and spoken with a member of the firm, and that the request before the Board included a cap on expenditures of \$10,000.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to authorize a contract for counsel in the Smurfit-Stone Container bankruptcy issue. Commissioner Gainer

seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Code Enforcement Division

1. Nuisance Abatement on Property Located at 8735 Tower Road

Recommendation: Board direct staff to have the household trash and garbage removed from the property, and impose a lien on the property for the costs of cleaning property.
(Property owner is Jerry K. Brown)

County Attorney Arline administered oath to Code Enforcement Manager Scott Hair, who presented the item before the Board and requested authorization for nuisance abatement.

Chairman Girvin opened the meeting for the property owner or representative to speak to the issue, and no one appeared before the Board.

In response to inquiry by Commissioner Thomas, Code Enforcement Manager Hair advised that the delay in final action was due to unusual ownership circumstances of incarceration and the naming of an agent working on the owner's behalf.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to abate the nuisance on the property located at 8735 Tower Road. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

C. County Manager's Office

1. Mexico Beach Community Development Council Board Appointment

Recommendation: Board review the name and materials submitted for Mexico Beach CDC Appointment and approve the individual for the available business seat.

County Manager Ed Smith presented the item before the Board and stated that correspondence had been received from Mexico Beach CDC President Lynn Marshall recommending filling the vacancy.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Lanny Howell to the Mexico Beach CDC. Commissioner Dozier seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

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D. Utility Services Department

1. Williams Bayou Pump Station Upgrade Project Contract Award

Recommendation: Board: 1) Award and authorize the contract with Royal American Construction Company for the Williams Bayou Pump Station Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,244,690.89; and, 2) Authorize contingency funds of \$224,469.08 (10%).

Utility Services Director Jamie Jones presented the item before the Board and stated that the action was the next step in the ongoing project to expand pumping capacity by placement of a sixth pump and pump structure at the Williams Bayou Pump Station.

In response to inquiries by Board members, Utility Services Director Jones advised that the project was on schedule for a planned drawdown in early 2010 with project completion expected in November 2009, and that eight (8) firms had responded to the bid request.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to award the Williams Bayou Pump Station Upgrade Contract. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Water Treatment Plant Dorr-Oliver Clarifier Drive Maintenance Purchase Order

Recommendation: Board approve and authorize a sole-source purchase order in the amount of \$112,390 for the rebuilding of an existing Water Treatment Plant Dorr-Oliver 80S1 Clarifier Drive to EIMCO Water Technologies.

Utility Services Director Jamie Jones presented the item before the Board and stated that the equipment was the drive mechanism that turned the flocculation paddles in the Water Treatment Plant. The drive was approximately 42 years old and was manufacture recommended for overhaul every 20 years, and the recommended vendor was the authorized representative for work on the drive equipment. The work was scheduled for the fall of 2009 in order to allow for the ordering of parts, and would not affect Water Treatment Plant operations.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to approve the Clarifier Drive Maintenance Purchase Order. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

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3. Northwest Florida Water Management District Inland Ground Water Source Development Grant Agreement

Recommendation: Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Northwest Florida Water Management District for a \$2,100,000 grant towards the Bay County alternate water supply project.

Utility Services Director Jamie Jones presented the item before the Board and stated that the grant agreement was funding for the alternate water supply project.

In response to inquiry by Chairman Girvin, Utility Services Director Jones advised that three (3) test/production sized wells had been drilled, and groundwater modeling was being performed, as well as groundwater monitoring and testing.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to authorize execution of the Grant Agreement. Commissioner Gainer seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

E. Purchasing Division

1. Request For Qualifications for Engineering Design and Development of an Alternative Well System Presentations

Recommendation: Board receive presentations, select a firm, and direct staff to begin negotiations to provide professional services to design, permit, and provide construction inspection to develop a groundwater well field as an alternate potable water supply for Bay County.

Item moved to the end of the agenda (see item X.A.1.).

VIII. Additional Presentations

1. International Marketing of Bay County Presentation by Hope Abbott, Counts Real Estate Group, Inc.

Hope Abbott, Counts Real Estate Group, Inc., read a statement regarding the downturn of the American real estate market and America's focal point for international investors. She stated that an international organization "America is For Sale" was holding an annual expo in Beijing, China, and that she had attended expos in Koln, Germany and in New York. Her wish was to attend the expo in China and she requested assistance in funding the trip to represent Bay County and the Florida Panhandle to new investors.

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In response to Board member inquiries, Ms. Abbott advised that the trip was scheduled for April 10-12, 2009 and that some funds had been raised.

Chairman Girvin noted that Bay County might not be in a position to provide funding.

Ms. Abbott spoke on the need to reach out early to international investors and responded to additional questions from the Board members by stating that she had not received funding from the Chamber of Commerce or the Board of Realtors, and that Bay County had property available on the market.

Chairman Girvin suggested the Board take time to consider the request and schedule discussion at a meeting in March 2009, and Commissioner Thomas commented on providing funds to one Real Estate firm and the legitimacy of the expense.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to deny the funding request. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Gainer dissenting.

IX. Public Hearings (Remarks limited to five (5) minutes)

A. County Attorney's Office

1. Amend Bay County Code Chapter 14, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Adopting Article VI. Tattooing

Recommendation: Board conduct a public hearing and amend the Bay County Code to require a person selling and applying temporary tattoos to post a certain notice.

County Attorney Terrell Arline presented the item before the Board and stated that the Bay County Health Department had previously made a presentation to the Board on the effects of temporary tattoos, and that legal staff had worked with Dr. Newsom on the ordinance. County Attorney Arline further stated that the ordinance was similar to that in effect in Okaloosa County and the City of Panama City Beach, and required a vendor to post a notice regarding possible adverse reactions to temporary tattoos.

Chairman Girvin opened the public hearing.

Dr. Newsom, Bay County Health Department, stated that he had reviewed the ordinance and approved its adoption.

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In response to inquiry by Commissioner Dozier, County Attorney Arline advised that the main differences in the ordinance as compared to other Counties was that other Counties required licenses and Bay County did not have a license requirement. The similarity to the City of Panama City Beach ordinance was in the requirement to post an 18 inch by 24 inch plaque on site, and Okaloosa County's ordinance was very similar.

The Board members expressed concern with the amount of verbiage on the sign, ensuring knowledge of the dangers and requiring a signed release document, and stating plainly that the temporary tattoo could end up permanent. They were provided information from Dr. Newsom that parental consent was not required for a temporary tattoo.

County Attorney Arline stated that proof of receipt of the information could be required.

Commissioner Gainer expressed the need for a disclaimer or form requiring signature regarding the risk, and Commissioner Thomas spoke on the previous information provided to the Board on scarring and allergic reactions to temporary tattoos.

County Attorney Arline advised that an amended draft ordinance would be brought back at next meeting.

An owner of temporary tattoo establishments spoke regarding temporary tattoos and the approved products used for that purpose, and he suggested placing a ban on products containing the probable irritants.

Chairman Girvin then closed the public hearing.

County Attorney Arline recommended tabling the item until the next meeting.

Commissioner Dozier made a motion to table action on the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Gainer seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Development Services Department

1. Small Scale Plan Amendment PZ 08-224, East Side of Hwy 77 North of Skunk Valley Road

Recommendation: Board conduct a public hearing to consider a proposal of a Small Scale Amendment to the Bay County Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map, Application No. PZ 08-224, located on the east side of Highway 77 just north of Skunk Valley Road.

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PZ 08-224: Request by James Maulden to change the land use of 9.53 acres from Agriculture to General Commercial.

Planning and Zoning Manager Martin Jacobson presented the item before the Board, stating that the property was adjacent to General Commercial property, and that the Planning Commission had conducted its hearing and recommended approval.

Chairman Girvin opened the public hearing and there were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Dozier requested that the information provided to the Board include the distance from the edge of pavement to the rear of the property.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adopt an ordinance approving Small Scale Amendment PZ 08-224. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0. (ORDINANCE NO. 09-07)

2. Zoning Change PZ 08-228, East Side of Hwy 77 North of Skunk Valley Road

Recommendation: Board conduct a quasi-judicial public hearing pursuant to Section 307 of the Land Development Regulations and take action on a proposed zone change from AG-1 General Agriculture to C-3 General Commercial, Application No. PZ 08-228, located on the east side of Highway 77 just north of Skunk Valley Road.

PZ 08-227: Request by James Maulden to change the zoning of 9.53 acres from AG-1 General Agricultural to C-3 General Commercial.

County Attorney Terrell Arline administered the oath to those who wished to speak on the matter, and the Board members provided their ex-parte disclosures.

Planning and Zoning Manager Martin Jacobson presented the item before the Board and stated that the depth of the parcel was 400 feet, and that the Planning Commission had conducted its public hearing and recommended approval.

Chairman Girvin opened the public hearing and there were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adopt an ordinance approving Zoning Change PZ 08-227. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0. (ORDINANCE NO. 09-08)

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C. Tourist Development Council

1. TDC Tax Rate Increase

Recommendation: Board approve an increase in the Tourist Development Tax rate and subsequent amendment to the Bay County Tourist Development Plan for FY 2009 and 2010.

Tourist Development Council (TDC) Executive Director Dan Rowe presented the item before the Board and stated that the Board had already approved a tax increase for marketing Bay County, and that strategies were being developed. He spoke on the TDC's previous approval of the 5th cent tax for product improvement, beach maintenance, beach safety, a capital reserve for sports, and for cooperative marketing in emerging markets with a low cost air carrier. Since that time, there had been work on the effort to secure low cost service to the airport. The TDC understood that the community was divided on the issue, and unanimously passed a resolution requesting dedication of the 5th cent to market Bay County tourism through low cost air service, with a limit on the tax of five (5) years.

TDC Executive Director Rowe responded to a query from Commissioner Dozier by stating that the 5th cent would be used to locate a low cost air carrier to Bay County and would be limited to 5 years, and they discussed the current need to travel out of the area as a result of costs, that the tax was not paid by Bay County citizens, that an airline carrier would have benefits to all Bay County, and that Walton County was working to increase its tax to the 5th cent to market the panhandle.

In response to Commissioner Gainer's inquiry regarding Walton County's intention, TDC Director Rowe advised that it had been discussed by the Walton County TDC last week and the article came out over the weekend.

Chairman Girvin opened the public hearing.

Julie Hilton, 16223 Habanero, spoke in opposition to the 5th cent increase, stating that the recently passed 4th cent could be used for airport marketing, and urged more efficient collection of the current bed tax.

Mary Sittman, 516 Bunkers Cove Road, spoke in opposition to increasing taxes and subsidizing airlines.

Billy Buzzett, 133 Camp Creek Parkway, encouraged the Board to consider the 5th cent tax and the County-wide benefits of a low cost carrier.

Ron Shaner, 5711 Kevin Circle, spoke in opposition to a tax increase for tourists to fund an airline carrier.

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Betty Spense, 8607 Laird Street, Casa Loma Hotel General Manager, spoke in opposition to the tourist tax increase and expecting hotel/motel guests to fund an airline carrier.

Joe Tannehill, Sr., 3060 W 30th Court, Airport Authority Chairman, spoke on the marketing efforts to attract legacy airline carriers, low cost carriers, and international carriers; the influx of tourists expected; and the need to market to obtain the air carriers.

There were no further comments from the public and Chairman Girvin closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Thomas spoke on the importance of the subject and on some of the issues of the speakers regarding marketing and advertising, low cost air carriers, area special events, the airport's stimulation of not only tourism, but jobs, and the dedication of the tax.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adopt an ordinance levying the 5th cent Tourist Development Tax, with no restrictions, and request the TDC to assist in locating a low cost air carrier. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Thomas amended his motion to adopt an ordinance levying the 5th cent Tourist Development Tax for a period of five (5) years and request the TDC to dedicate those funds necessary to secure an airline carrier. The motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Nelson spoke on the importance of the vote of the Board and noted that a low cost airline was critical to the area.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve Tourist Development Council Resolution 09-01 and adopt an ordinance levying the 5th cent Tourist Development Tax for a five (5) year period, with funds dedicated to attracting a low cost air carrier service, which when secured, would then be dedicated to destination marketing.

The Board members discussed the motion.

County Manager Smith spoke on the County's reduced economic outlook and forecast.

County Attorney Arline clarified that the Board would be adopting an ordinance levying the 5th cent Tourist Development Tax, and that the ordinance would establish the use of the tax. He further clarified Commissioner Nelson's motion to adopt the 5th cent tax for a period of five (5) years, with the first two years of funds earmarked to attract air service.

Commissioner Nelson then stated that securing the air service might take longer.

Chairman Girvin suggested that the Board pass the tax and allow the TDC to request redirection of the funds once the air carrier service had been secured.

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairman Girvin stated that the Board could adopt an ordinance levying the 5th cent Tourist Development Tax, and once the air carrier service had been secured, the TDC could come back before the Board for redirection of the remaining funds.

Commissioner Thomas noted that the TDC had committed to attracting a low cost airline carrier.

County Attorney Arline reminded the Board that they reviewed and approved the TDC budget each year, which would allow for discussion and redirection of funding.

Commissioner Gainer agreed that there was a problem, but that the tax was not the solution.

The roll was called and the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Gainer dissenting. (ORDINANCE NO. 09-09)

The second portion of the agenda item regarding amendment of the Bay County Tourist Development FY 2009 and 2010 Plan was not discussed by the Board.

X. Regular Agenda Presentations

A. Purchasing Division

1. Request For Qualifications for Engineering Design and Development of an Alternative Well System Presentations

Recommendation: Board receive presentations, select a firm, and direct staff to begin negotiations to provide professional services to design, permit, and provide construction inspection to develop a groundwater well field as an alternate potable water supply for Bay County.

Purchasing Director Jim Clawson presented the item before the Board and stated that the alternative water supply project had entered the stage that required an engineering firm for transmission and treatment infrastructure, and a Request for Qualifications had been advertised with five (5) firms responded. Bay County's Technical Review Committee had reviewed all submittals and recommended three

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(3) firms for the Board's consideration.

The Board then heard the following presentations:

1. Baskerville-Donovan, Inc. (BDI)

Fred Donovan, Baskerville-Donovan CEO, spoke on the engineering firm's local experience, its successful funding record, and its ongoing commitment to Bay County. Mr. Mark Shaffer spoke on BDI's experience with well fields and water transmission mains. Mr. Donovan concluded by speaking on suggested project cost savings, and repeating BDI's on-going commitment to Bay County.

In response to Commissioner Thomas' inquiry regarding the project's timeline, Mr. Shaffer estimated three (3) years to completion, and Mr. Donovan suggested further cost saving measures.

Chairman Girvin spoke on the diligence being taken in the project to ensure that there would be no effect to the Deer Point and Sand Hills areas.

2. Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM)

David Kozan, P.E., Project Manager, spoke on CDM's experience in the design of well fields and the numerous factors to consider in its design and construction, on CDM's project team and design/build experience providing cost savings, on CDM's partnership with McNeil Carroll Engineering and Southern Earth Sciences, and on experience in hydraulics and hydrology.

In response to inquiries by the Board Members, Mr. Kozan advised that CDM's Panama City office consisted of three (3) employees, and that a timeline estimate could not be provided until completion of the preliminary design phase.

3. HDR

Ray Risner, local office manager and project principal, introduced members of the HDR team and provided information on the history of HDR and its in depth local experience, and on project challenges and management cost savings. He stated that the HDR office consisted of 79 employees living and working in Bay County.

In response to Commissioner Dozier's inquiry, he advised on the required permitting long lead time and a project estimate of approximately one (1) year.

In response to Commissioner Gainer's question regarding the effect on a Deer Point Reservoir drawdown, County Manager Smith advised that the project was to provide an alternate water supply and the affect on the Reservoir would be negligible.

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Assistant County Manager Dan Shaw advised that the work on-going at the Williams Bayou Pump Station would allow for a drawdown to take place every year, and that the alternate water supply would feed to the northwest transmission main at Hwy 388 and mix with surface water, and discussion took place on “blending” water.

Utility Services Director Jamie Jones stated that there was the potential for a difference in chemistry in well and treated water, which could result in issues in distribution or transmission.

Assistant County Manager Shaw stated that it was the Board’s desire to have a redundant system, and Utility Services Director Jones stated that once the system was designed and constructed, it had to be operated.

Commissioner Gainer confirmed that the alternate water supply could replace the Reservoir in case of catastrophic failure, and Utility Services Director Jones stated that the well water could be pumped back through the same treated ground water transmission system.

In response to Chairman Girvin’s inquiry, Utility Services Director Jones stated that well and ground water chemistry would be kept in balance to reduce any issues with the blending of the water from the two (2) treatment processes.

The Board members then completed their rankings and forwarded the ballots to the Deputy Clerk.

XI. Chairman’s Report and Commissioners Comments

A. Commissioner Thomas

1. Bay County Reef System

Commissioner Thomas stated that he had met with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the reef system, and work was ongoing on mapping the area and preparing permitting documents. An informational forum would also be conducted in the upcoming weeks.

2. Fire Station Property

Commissioner Thomas spoke on the west end Fire Station and the purchase of additional property.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to direct staff to negotiate for the purchase of needed property for a west end Fire Station. Commissioner

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Nelson seconded the motion. The roll was called and the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Girvin then announced the tallied rankings from the Engineering Design and Development of an Alternative Well System Presentations, item X.A.1., as HDR (Number 1) and BDI (Number 2), and expressed his appreciation to the presenters.

XII. Public Participation (Open to any issue, remarks limited to three (3) minutes)

There were no comments from the public.

XIII. Adjournment (12:40) P.M.