



Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes - Final

February 06, 2024 Regular BoCC meeting

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CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m. (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

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| Present: | Commissioner George Lindsey Commissioner Bill Braswell Commissioner Neil Combee Commissioner Martha Santiago Commissioner Rick Wilson |
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INVOCATION

Murphy Hanley, Polk County Fire Rescue Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

C. REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC/AUDIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

C.1. Comments.

Minutes: James Allen discussed where he lives in the Green Swamp and addressed the annexing of property. He said the Board knew about this 9 months ago. He said the only way the residents found out was due to the mailers sent out by a developer. He said this was a under handed way the city of Lake Alfred listed this property. He said he would like to know what the city needs with this wildlife lands. He said the vultures are looking north now for development. He discussed the development and said it has to quit somewhere. He discussed the traffic issues.

James Abercombie discussed the meetings he has attended and spoken at. He said he is here to file a complaint against the inspection and permitting departments. He

discussed his last discussions with county staff. He said he needs someone to tell him how these people are getting away with this. He said the Board is responsible and they have the final decisions. He said he can not take it to court without a final decision from the Board. He demanded to be put on the agenda, staff to make testimony and the Board to make a final decision.

Building Director Ben Dunn addressed the Board concerning Mr. Abercrombie's re-roof. He discussed the inspection process and it being failed 3 times for the shingles being put on when the roof pitch was less than a 2/12. He said a building official spoke with the contractor, worked out a resolution where the contractor would go out and tear the material off and replace it. He said when they tried to communicate that to Mr. Abercrombie he refused to let them on the property so they had to cancel the appointment. He said our process worked, they did what they could do and they failed the inspection. He said now they have an expired permit and a roof that has not been finalized.

Chair Braswell said we arranged for the builder to come back, fix the problem and he will not let him on his property.

Mr. Dunn said that is correct.

Tom Palmer discussed a zoning hearing sign he saw recently and he said the community does not understand. He said they need to communicate more clearly to the public. He discussed the redaction of TPO agendas online. He asked when the Efficiency Commission report will be available.

County Manager Bill Beasley said the report will be released on the 14th or 15th of this month.

D. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

D.1. Approve Consent Agenda.

Approve Consent Agenda and move item R. 23 to the Regular Agenda under the County Attorney.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | George Lindsey |
| SECONDER: | Neil Combee |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

E. COUNTY COMPTROLLER (STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA)

E.1. Disbursements.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

E.2. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held on January 23, 2024.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Martha Santiago |
| SECONDER: | Neil Combee |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

G. COUNTY ATTORNEY (RANDY MINK)

R. COUNTY ATTORNEY

R.23. Approve Agreement for Professional Services with Allen Norton & Blue for review of the management of the Fire Rescue Division. (Fiscal Impact Not to Exceed \$100,000).

Minutes: County Attorney Randy Mink discussed the agreement for Professional Services with Allen Norton & Blue for review of the management of the Fire Rescue Division. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey discussed the agreement and said the study will be completed in six months but the term is five years.

Mr. Mink said this occurs a lot in consultant agreements. He said they did this with the impact fee study incase they need to bring them in for additional services.

Commissioner Lindsey said those other consultant agreements operate under the authority of the county manager. He said this has been carved out. He said to bring it back one at a time because it also says that it can go into other divisions. He said it is an erosion of the county manager's authority. He said to limit it to the 6 month term for this study and if the future Chair decides to go into other divisions then they can bring it back to the Board at that time.

Chair Braswell suggested that it be limited to the term that he is Chair.

Commissioner Lindsey said he is okay with that.

Mr. Mink said he will tweak the language in the contract and send it to the contractor and the Board to resign. He said there are nine months left for the Chairman.

Upon question, Mr. Mink said the only study will be for Fire Rescue. He said once the study is released to the Chair at that point it will be a public record. He said there is language that we have to follow the public records law and they will release it upon request.

Commissioner Combee said you got to follow the law.

Mr. Mink he said the intent is that you do not automatically release it because it is a

draft but if someone does a public records request we have to release it at that time .

Commissioner Lindsey said on the bottom of page 24, the first paragraph is in conflict of that.

Mr. Mink said he can tweak that if they like.

Chair Braswell said all Board members will be allowed the discretion of the Chair .

Mr. Mink confirmed that the end date will be changed to 2024 and he will tweak the language of the public records request.

Chair Braswell said he sees this happening more in other divisions. He said he thinks this is a good idea to have an outside agency look at the county government structure and the way it operates.

Approve with changing the end date of the contract to December 31, 2024.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Rick Wilson |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

H. COUNTY MANAGER (BILL BEASLEY)

H.1. Approve the contract with The Haley Center, Inc. for the proposed purchase of a medical office building. (Total amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the term of the agreement)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the contract with The Haley Center, Inc., for the proposed purchase of a medical office building. He recommended approval.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

H.2. Approve Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Resolutions, CIP Amendment and Resolution to amend the FY 23/24 Budget to fund the construction phase of the Minor Streetscape Improvement Project for East Orange Avenue and East Crystal Avenue. (\$800,000.00 one-time revenue)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, resolutions, CIP Amendments and resolution amending the FY 2023/2024 Budget to fund the construction phase of the Minor Streetscape Improvement Project for East Orange Avenue and East Crystal Avenue. He recommended approval.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Rick Wilson |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

H.3. Approve construction contract with Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the Driftwood Drive drainage improvements project (\$558,436.20 one-time expense from American Rescue Plan Funds)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley reviewed the construction contract with Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., for the Driftwood Drive drainage improvements project. He recommended approval.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Rick Wilson |
| SECONDER: | Neil Combee |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

H.4. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 2022-025 with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. to provide professional engineering services for septage receiving stations (\$727,049.00 one-time expense from American Rescue Plan Funds)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the amendment to agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., providing professional engineering services for septage receiving stations. He recommended approval.

Upon question, Mr. Beasley discussed the site work. He said there is a window in the time frame allowing for ordering and delivery of equipment. He said they are prepping the site to have it ready for the equipment. He said summer/fall they should have the site work done.

Upon question, Utilities Director Tamara Richardson said they cannot get a delivery schedule until it is specified. She said some things they have available and it could be three months or it could be a year. She said they will start ordering equipment as soon as they get the specifications to get the manufacturing time shortened. She explained the formal process of the septage and she said they have to have those specifications.

Commissioner Combee said this is a big deal, he hopes we get it right, and it affects a lot of people. He discussed BS Ranch and their issues. He hopes this will be a solution. He said the county cannot wait and they need to get this done sooner than later. He thanked the Board and staff for continuing to move forward.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Rick Wilson |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

I. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (GEORGE LINDSEY)

I.1. Commissioner Lindsey Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Lindsey had no comments.

J. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (RICK WILSON)

J.1. Commissioner Wilson Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Wilson had no comments.

K. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (MARTHA SANTIAGO)

K.1. Commissioner Santiago Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Santiago had no comments.

L. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (NEIL COMBEE)

L.1. Commissioner Combee Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Combee discussed speed humps for Lewis Road and the needed change to consider speed humps for Lewis Road. He said to approve making the change to Lewis Road which would permit the staff to survey the folks to see if it will qualify and if it is supported by the neighborhood.

County Attorney Randy Mink said they have worked on language that they are planning to bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Santiago said she would like to see the policy change.

Move to change the policy to allow us to look at Lewis Road because it is classified as a major collector which prohibits us from doing that.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | George Lindsey |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

L.1. Commissioner Combee Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Combee said he wants to know if they keep crime statistics on arrests made on folks that are undocumented/illegal aliens. He discussed the border and the issues that are going on. He said things are getting crazy and said people need to be aware of what is going on in the county. He said this has a big impact on all of the residents.

Chair Braswell asked that Commissioner Combee give his request to Mr. Beasley and then the information is given to the Board.

Commissioner Combee requested that they let people know that the Board has no

authority to stop people annexing land in any city.

M. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

M.1. Chair Braswell Comments.

Minutes: Chair Braswell had no comments.

O. EXPEDITED HEARINGS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089

Minutes: County Attorney Randy Mink reminded the audience of the procedures of public hearings and expedited hearings; he swore in those who plan to speak.

O.1. Public Hearing (LDCT-2023-21 Graceway Thornhill INST Appendix E Text amendment) (First Reading) to consider an ordinance adopting a Land Development Text Amendment to amending Appendix E of the Land Development Code to remove the southern 30 feet of the subject site and the NAC in Appendix E (Parcel Specific Land Use). This case is related to LDCPAS-2023-20 which is a Future Land Use designation change on 5.8 +/- acres from Residential Low (RL), Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC), and Business Park Center (BPC) to Institutional (INST) and amend text in Appendix 2.135. (No Fiscal Impact)

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal showed slides and discussed the proposed text amendment. He said staff recommends approval. He said this is a first reading and no action is required.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

P. PUBLIC HEARINGS

P.1. Public Hearing (LDCT-2023-15 Mine and Mill Text Amendment) (First Reading) to consider the adoption of an applicant-initiated request to add additional property to a conditional Comprehensive Map Amendment in Appendix E of the Land Development Code (LDC) to allow the applicant to apply for a Conditional Use request for Construction Aggregate, Processing and Storage in an Industrial (IND) land use district.

Minutes: Amy Little, Land Development, showed slides and reviewed the proposed map amendment. She said this is a first reading and no action is required today. She gave an overview of the site and the surrounding areas. She said staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval.

Dave Carter, representing the applicant, discussed the legal description and the subject site. He said if this is approved it will be required to go back before the Planning Commission where the site plan will be looked at and evaluated. He said this use was discussed at a previous hearing six to seven years ago. He said the plant being proposed for this site is a portable plant and would come and go depending on the materials. He said they are required to comply with the Water Management District, FDEP and they are required to keep the pollutants on site. He discussed the forested area and said he doubts that will be developed due to the flood plain. He said there is

buffering between the neighbors. He discussed the letters of support they have received.

Upon question, Mr. Carter said the prior approval was September 6, 2016.

The Chair opened a public hearing.

David Shalof said he is close to this proposed atrocity. He said he is speaking for his neighbor Jim Sutting. He said a moral code is important. He said this project on this site is wrong and not compatible. He said this opposes the county's mission statement. He said it is wrong that this development be pushed into any community. He discussed the residents with respiratory issues. He said workers on this site are required to use respirators. He quoted Jiminy Cricket and asked that this not be allowed in any community.

Barbara Risk asked the Board listen to what they say today. She discussed their community. She said this business will make it harder for them to be outside due to the air quality. She discussed BS Ranch. She discussed the age of residents and the schools around this facility. She discussed her conversations with the schools. She said they were there first and they should get priority and this is one of the poorest areas in Polk County.

Deryak Bagg discussed the facility, dust and noise that will affect the residents. He said the citizens are at the top of the organizational chart. He discussed the mission statement and stewardship. He said he hopes the Board will make the correct choice for all the citizens.

Becky Chupek said she is also speaking for Martene Taylor. She discussed her home location and said she has a big concern. She said there are 207 homes in Skyview Estates. She discussed the outside activities they have in their area. She said she is on the HOA. She asked the Board and Mr. Mims if they have driven through Skyview Estates. She said they want to leave their property for their children and she wants to make sure the lakes are still clean. She discussed the dust in the air and asked that studies are done so that they are not affected. She discussed the increase to traffic and Pope Elementary. She asked the Board give them the respect to consider this and communicate with them. She asked that Mr. Mims find another location.

Albert Tubero asked if the Board would like to have this in their backyard. He said the Board's primary responsibility is to protect citizens. He discussed air and water quality issues. He said they have the right to wake up without concrete dust poisoning them. He said they know nothing about this company. He discussed the school in this area. He said this plant should not be in this area. He discussed the traffic issues. He said the Board must vote or they will be responsible for the citizens health.

Linda Bowman said the Board made a mistake with BS Ranch and asked that they not make another mistake. She said there are other places this can go. She said the park has been here since 1967.

Charlie Maidl discussed the pollution and said his biggest issue is the roads. He said

these roads cannot take the added traffic. He discussed the site location. He said they need to look at the big picture and it does not need to go here .

Susan Nease said this is so unfair that zoning was set up many years ago and encouraged houses and residential areas. She discussed the school in the area. She said this industry should not be allowed in this area. She said the Board needs to look at the history of this problem. She said Mr. Mims could find another place for this industry.

Susan Johnson discussed the proposed site location and how close this will be to the school. She discussed the dust particles and said it will linger in the air. She discussed health problems with breathing in the dust particles. She discussed how this will negatively affect the school.

John Jarrett said no one wants a rock crusher next to their house . He said no one thinks pollution is good. He asked if this business has given insurances that this facility will be safe for the surrounding area. He discussed the air permit. He spoke in opposition.

Sharon Lambert discussed her property. She discussed air pollution and diesel emission and the affects on human health. She discussed the truck traffic that is proposed for this facility. She discussed the issues of cement dust. She discussed the 200 feet setback and allowing it to mix with residential communities. She said they are not the only community fighting this kind of facility. She said it will be hard to breathe with this in their back yard.

Ward Taylor said he came to Skyview Estates after he retired . He discussed the limitations done in 2016 and said there is a reason for it. He said they cannot control traffic noise but a dust plant can be controlled. He discussed concerns with air pollution. He said this will negatively affect his life. He said if this is accepted he will have a lower property value and he will not be able to sell it.

Jean Hassebroek said they did not receive a letter from the county concerning this . She said they are very concerned about this facility. She read a letter from a resident who lives in Canada. She discussed the asthma capital of the world and said Lakeland is number 2. She said they are concerned about noise and pollution. She said this facility does not need to be here.

Bob Bohlen said they prayed about this and everyone should be looking out for one another. He said this should not be put in a community. He discussed the rock crushing and the dust particles. He said he is retired and now he has to worry he is going to lose value in his home. He said he cannot believe this could be approved. He discussed BS Ranch and the smell and said we will get stuck with toxins and the sounds.

Duane Witter discussed the schools and businesses in the area . He discussed noise and dust pollution. He said no wall is going to control noise. He discussed the environmental issues. He compared this situation to BS Ranch and said they have suffered. He asked why do they need to put this in a residential area. He asked if this is a case of money over health. He asked that they vote no.

Bonnie Shalof said Mr. Mims has asked for the additional acreage because he sold off the land that was originally identified with the CU entitlement. She said the Board knows all of their concerns and all the reasons they should not do this. She said it is not compatible for the area. She asked that they do not approve this and follow the mission statement.

Mr. Carter spoke in response to public comment. He said the Mims family has owned this property for 40 years. He discussed the land use and said it is already industrial. He discussed the proposed truck traffic flow and the school in the area. He said they have land use entitlements. He encouraged the Board to drive through the area and he said there is a salvage yard closer than the proposed facility.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

P.2. Public Hearing (LDCT-2023-7 Planned Development Text) (Adoption Hearing) to considered amendments to the current Planned Development (PD) requirements in Section 303 of the Land Development Code. This amendment includes changes to multiple chapters of the code including Chapters 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10.

Minutes: Erik Peterson, Land Development, showed slides and reviewed the proposed amendment. He said this was delayed by Senate Bill 250. He reviewed the locational eligibility. He discussed the open space recreation area requirements and the amenity plan. He discussed the additional parking requirements and the compatibility review criteria with neighboring properties.

Chair Braswell said it is important that it will keep some of the developments they have seen in the past that are isolated and they will not show up anymore if it comes in as a Planned Development.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Rick Wilson |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.3. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Allowing for the Installation of Two Traffic Calming Devices (Speed Humps) on Ware Avenue, Near Winter Haven. (estimated \$10,000.00 one-time expense)

Minutes: Amy Gregory, Roads and Drainage, showed slides and discussed the placement of two traffic calming devices on Ware Avenue. She said it meets the Board's traffic calming criteria and received the required number of votes. She recommended approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing.

Raymond Davis thanked county staff. He discussed the growth in the area and the

traffic. He asked that the Board approve these speed humps. He discussed the traffic issues.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | George Lindsey |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.4. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Allowing for the Installation of Four Traffic Calming Devices (Speed Humps) on Camp Gilead Drive, Near Polk City. (estimated \$20,000.00 one-time expense)

Minutes: Amy Gregory, Roads and Drainage, showed slides and discussed installing traffic calming devices on Camp Gilead Drive. She said it meets the Board's traffic calming criteria and received the required votes. She recommended approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing.

Chaplain Jill Bryan thanked the Board for this. She said she started this process three years ago. She discussed the campers who cross this road. She said she will be moving to North Carolina.

Chris Andrew said he works at Camp Gilead and said the camp utilizes both sides of the road. He discussed the speed issues and dangerous driving.

Jonathan Stewart thanked the Board for this consideration. He discussed the speed and volume data on this road and how it could be skewed with traffic off of I-4. He said there will be 20,000 kids attending this camp over the next four years. He asked they approve this.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.5. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution Allowing for the Installation of Four Traffic Calming Devices (Speed Humps) on Rocky Point Road, Near Lake Wales. (estimated \$20,000.00 one-time expense)

Minutes: Amy Gregory, Roads and Drainage, showed slides and reviewed the installation of traffic calming devices on Rocky Point Road. She said it meets the Board's traffic calming policy and received the required votes. She recommended approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing.

Milton Patrick discussed the school buses in this area. He said he has been to the substation multiple times concerning the speeding issues. He said there are kids in the area. He said they will aggravate his German Shepherds. He said they are racing up and down this road everyday. He said they are riding ATV vehicles on this road. He said he is in favor of the speed humps.

Pamela Slaughter discussed the speeding issues in this area. She said they are drag racing trucks on this road. She discussed her neighbor's dog getting hit by traffic. She said they retired and moved out there to be in the country. She said someone is going to get killed.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Rick Wilson |
| SECONDER: | Neil Combee |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.6. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution to vacate a portion of platted, unopened, and unmaintained right-of-way (alley) as shown on the map of Haskell, Highland City, Florida. (No fiscal impact)

Minutes: Wade Allen, Real Estate Services, showed slides and discussed the proposed vacation. He said there are no objections to the vacation. He said staff recommends approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | Martha Santiago |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.7. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to an expanding business, Publix Super Markets, Inc., and approval of a Performance Agreement with the company.

Minutes: Deputy County Attorney Sandra Howard discussed the adoption of an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Publix Super Markets, Inc., and approval of a Performance Agreement with the company. She said it meets all the requirements.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Martha Santiago |

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| SECONDER: | Rick Wilson |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.8. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to an expanding business, Novaphos Development, LLC, and approval of a Performance Agreement with the company.

Minutes: Deputy County Attorney Sandra Howard discussed the Ordinance granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Novaphos Development, LLC, and approval of a Performance Agreement. She said it meets all of the requirements.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | George Lindsey |
| SECONDER: | Rick Wilson |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

P.9. Economic Development Impact Fee Mitigation Agreement with Novaphos Development, LLC (estimated \$10,206 impact fee revenue loss)

Minutes: Deputy County Attorney Sandra Howard discussed the Impact Fee Mitigation Agreement with Novaphos Development LLC. She said staff recommends approval.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Neil Combee |
| SECONDER: | George Lindsey |
| AYE: | Lindsey, Braswell, Combee, Santiago, and Wilson |

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Minutes: Mr. Beasley discussed federal money that is headed to Polk County for the expansion of broadband services into rural areas and also a community facility in the Fort Meade area.

Deputy County Manager Todd Bond discussed the funding items announced by the Governor's office. He discussed the broadband area that will expand internet into low income areas. He said the areas that will be affected are Camp Mack, Frostproof, Fort Meade, Homeland, Nichols, Mulberry, Bowling Green, Wahneta, Bradley Junction, Socrum, Lakeland, Polk City, Lake Shore, Babson Park, Waverly and Davenport. He said the money will go to private vendors who will extend the fiber network into the communities. He said the County's IT division has worked with the state and providers on this request. He said this is the second round and this is for \$14 million.

Mr. Bond said Fort Meade will receive \$4 million for a multipurpose facility. He said this will serve as a library, hurricane shelter, and multi-uses. He said this was announced yesterday from the governor's office.

Mr. Beasley said Reverend Dr. Alex Harper has passed away. He said he served on the Community Relations Advisory Counsel for 22 consecutive years. He said he was appointed in 2002. He said serving for that length of time says a lot about someone. He said he brought wisdom and wit to this counsel. He discussed his time served and said the county was blessed to have him. He said he left a legacy, will be missed and always remembered.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.