

**Budget Supplement Public Hearing****March 26, 2018****5:15 P.M.**

Chairman Barber called the Public Hearing to order. Present at the Public Hearing were Commissioners Dexter Barber, Scott Phillips (appeared by phone), Dewayne Branch, James Sanders and Jim Johnson. Clerk Kathleen E. Brown, Deputy Clerk Mason Keever and County Attorney Robin Myers were present.

Commissioner Barber led prayer.

Commissioner Sanders led pledge.

**Audience Concerns:**

Sheriff White discussed reemployment/unemployment. Bret Phillips, Sheriff's Finance Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Phillips advised the Board that he met with the Department of Economic Opportunity on Friday and discussed the Sheriff's reemployment/unemployment tax. The Sheriff's plan is to file another dispute and appeal. Commissioners Johnson and Branch discussed concerns of the interest accruing on the unpaid amount. Attorney Myers addressed this with the Board. Sheriff White advised the Board that he does not have the money in his budget to pay this. Attorney Myers advised the Board that the line item for unemployment funds has been depleted this Fiscal Year and only approximately \$1000.00 is remaining. Sheriff White requested the Board advise him on a name of the legal counsel to be contacted to address future claims. The Board agreed to use the Litigation Attorney previously retained. Mr. Phillips agreed to inform the Board on the progress of the appeal.

The Board to approve the FY 2017/18 Supplemental Budget for Police Training Fund. Sheriff White and Lt. Summers addressed the Board to request these funds for a training exercise. Motion to approve the Supplemental Budget for FY 2017/18 Police Training Funds was made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Branch and carried.

Sheriff White thanked the Board for their new offices.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sanders and carried.



Dexter Barber, Chairman



Kathleen E. Brown, Clerk of Court

**Special Meeting****March 26, 2018****5:45 P.M.**

Chairman Barber called the Special Meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dexter Barber, Scott Phillips (appeared by phone), Dewayne Branch, James Sanders and Jim Johnson. Clerk Kathleen E. Brown, Deputy Clerk Mason Keever and County Attorney Myers were present.

Commissioner Branch led prayer.

Commissioner Johnson led pledge.

The Board to approve the FY 2017/18 Supplemental Budget for Police Training Fund. Motion to approve the Supplemental Budget for FY 2017/18 Police Training Funds was made by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

The Board to approve expenditure for the invoice from Marianna Truss for the Hosford Library Roof repairs. Motion to approve expenditure for Marianna Truss for \$9,480.13 for the Hosford Library Roof repairs was made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch, and carried.

Commissioner Branch discussed hiring policies and the recent hiring of the mosquito driver.

Stephen Ford, Mosquito Director, discussed hiring policies and requested the Board make the decision on the recent recommendation of the new hire for the mosquito driver. After extensive discussion by the Board, they affirmed the hiring decision of the mosquito driver, Timothy Brown.

Robin Myers, County Attorney, recommended that background checks be completed before the official hiring offer is extended. Motion to complete background checks on the top three candidates for each position be completed before hiring made by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Johnson and carried.

Commissioner Branch requested the Board schedule a workshop on the Board's Policies and Procedures for the May meeting at 5:00 P.M. Motion to schedule a workshop on the Board's policies and procedures for May 10, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. was made by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Johnson, and carried.

J.T. Hathaway, Road and Bridge Superintendent requested the Board affirm his hiring decision of the mowing operator, Dustin Gillenwater.

J. T. Hathaway, Road and Bridge Superintendent, discussed the buyback program with Capitol Truck. Capitol Truck will not be making any more dump trucks with standard transmissions. The cost to convert the dump trucks to automatic transmissions will be a one-time cost of \$12,000.00. Capitol Truck has agreed not to invoice Liberty County until Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Motion to continue contract on the buyback plan with Capital Truck with the one-time cost of \$12,000.00 to be paid Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch, and carried.

Monica Brinkley, Extension Director, discussed the security issues at the Veterans Civic Center with the Board. Mrs. Brinkley contacted Firehouse Lock and Key to get a quote. The quote she received for the wired speaker and buzzer is \$2685.00. She requested during work hours to only keep one door unlocked. Several options were discussed. Commissioner Johnson requested Ms. Brinkley contact Firehouse Lock and Key to see if they will accept the job for \$2450.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the \$2450.00 for the security system through Firehouse Lock and Key, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

Monica Brinkley, Extension Director, discussed the rental agreement for the civic center. She advised the Board that the Insurance Company requested the Board charge Special Event Insurance when the building is rented. Mrs. Brinkley presented an amended rental contract for Board approval that included the Special Event Insurance. The County Attorney discussed this with the Board. Motion to approve the amended rental agreement was made by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Sanders, and carried.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the ADA Wheelchair Ramp for the Courthouse. He talked to the Major and Assistant Warden at LCI and requested to use inmate labor to construct the ramp if the Engineers can provide them with a set of plans. Motion to send a letter to LCI to

use inmate labor and Josh Potter to build the handrails was made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch, and carried.

John Summers, with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, discussed the need to have a survey done for the old health department property. He has researched the Property Appraiser's website. Sheriff White wants to clean up the property. Commissioner Johnson requested to ask Dewberry Engineers to do a boundary search. If Dewberry can't do this then contact Frank Snowden to get a quote. The Board preference was to have Dewberry go do the survey at no cost if possible.

Robin Myers, County Attorney addressed the Board concerning emails from individuals received recently. He advised the Board not to discuss this.

Clerk Brown advised the Board that a bill in the amount of \$480.00 to James and Son Tree and Crane Service needs to be approved for payment. This cost was to lift the trusses onto the Hosford Library roof. Motion to approve this expenditure was made by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Branch and carried.

Commissioner Branch discussed the flags in Sumatra. J.T. Hathaway, Road and Bridge Superintendent will take care of these. Commissioner Johnson mentioned looking at the flags at the Estiffanulga boat landing.

Motion to approve grant applications and their applicable resolutions for, Resolutions 2018-06 (Cave-In Boat Ramp), 2018-07 (Bristol Boat Ramp), 2018-08 (Estiffanulga Boat Ramp) by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Sander and carried.

Clerk Brown stated that the Secure Rural Schools had been reinstated for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Clerk Brown discussed qualified opportunity zones that provide tax incentives to drive economic development.

Clerk Brown spoke for the new County Maintenance worker, requesting the use of the old water truck at the County Yard. The board was ok with the maintenance worker using this truck.

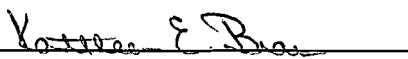
County Attorney Myers discussed the Bristol library relocation. It was noted that the fence had not been moved, and the permit had also not been completed. Attorney Myers thoughts were that this was not complete because the movers were not ready at this time.

Commissioner Phillips requested that lights be put under and around the flag pole at Hosford Park. Clerk Brown would speak with the Building Department Head, Dick Stanley.

3/26/2018				ADVSUP #1
<b>RESOLUTION 2018-05 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA</b>				
WHEREAS, the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida has additional revenue from previous fiscal years that resulted in a positive fund balance in the Police Training Fund;				
WHEREAS, said fund balance is needed to pay certain Law Enforcement Training & Education expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2017-2018,				
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:				
1. The fiscal year 2017-2018 budget be amended as follows:				
			<b>Present Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
				<b>Amended Budget</b>
<b>Police Training Fund</b>				
<b>Cash Balance Brought Forward:</b>				
	Cash Carry Forward		\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
			\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Law Enforcement</b>				
1-521-550	Law Enforcement Training & Education		\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
			\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners at a Public Hearing on this 26th day of March 2018.				
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA:			ATTEST:	
Dexter Barber Chairman			Kathleen Brown Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Liberty County, Florida	

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Branch, second by Commissioner Phillips and carried.

  
Dexter Barber, Chairman

  
Kathleen E. Brown, Clerk of Court