**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**
**OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

Present: Commissioner Lumon J. May, Chairman, District 3
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, Vice Chairman, District 5
Commissioner Robert D. Bender, District 4
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, District 1
Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, District 2
Sharon Harrell, Finance Director, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Kristin D. Hual, Deputy County Attorney
Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Agenda Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

**AGENDA NUMBER**

1. Call to Order

   Chairman May called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

   Commissioner Barry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

   The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the meeting was advertised on the County's website on November 22, 2022, and in an email blast on November 23, 2022.

4. Are There Any Items to be Added to the Agenda?

   Recommendation: That the Board adopt the agenda as prepared (or duly amended).

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| **Motion:** So moved<br>**For Information:** Commissioner May advised that he had an Add-On Item and that he would also like to briefly discuss Public Forum procedures. |
| **Made by:** Commissioner Barry<br>**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bender |
| **Disposition:** Carried unanimously |

5. Board Items

   I. Recommendation: That the Board discuss their Legislative Priorities that will be presented to the Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

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| **Motion:** Move the [FDOT] 5-Year Work Program with the Beulah Interchange as a subset in the work program, the Lift Station at OLF8, and work an overhaul related to the property insurance in the State<br>**For Information:** The Board also discussed various other projects, including Code Enforcement and derelict vessel related issues, concerns over the cost of housing State prisoners, the State's preemption related to littering fines, the Gulf Beach/Sorrento Road expansion, issues with the jail and programs to prevent incarceration, the front gate of NAS, and the gateway to the beach, and agreed to send letters of support for projects that did not make the top three Legislative Priorities list. |
| **Made by:** Commissioner Barry<br>**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bergosh |
| **Disposition:** Carried unanimously |
| **Speaker(s):** Larry Downs, Jr. |

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   II. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion concerning broadband.

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| **Motion:** I ask that the Board authorize moving forward with negotiating an MOU for Escambia River Electric Co-Op, with a $6 million allocation out of ARPA funds to be deployed in the footprint that they currently serve, which has been identified geographically and allow the Administrator to provide a letter of support for their application to DEO for the Broadband Grant Program and any assistance needed navigating any grants available<br>**For Information:** Commissioner Barry advised that he would bring the MOU back as soon as possible and that Phase 2, which will be the area south of the footprint of Phase 1, will begin as quickly as possible. The Board also discussed the procurement process as related to this project, the potential timeline and residents served with Phase 1, and the critical nature of bringing broadband to underserved citizens in addition to the unserved. |
| **Made by:** Commissioner Barry<br>**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bergosh |
| **Disposition:** Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Kohler voting "no" |
| **Speaker(s):** Larry Downs, Jr. and David Deliman |

6. Items Added to the Agenda

   I. Commissioner Lumon May, District 3

      1. Recommendation: That the Board approve funding in the amount of $5,000.00 to Neighborhood and Human Services from Commissioner Lumon May, District 3, discretionary fund.

         (Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Commissioner's Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201)

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| **Motion:** Move that the Board approve funding in the amount of $5,000 to Neighborhood and Human Services from Commissioner Lumon May, District 3, discretionary fund |
| **Made by:** Commissioner Barry<br>**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bergosh |
| **Disposition:** Carried unanimously |
| **Speaker(s):** Larry Downs, Jr. |

FOR INFORMATION**:** The Board discussed procedures for the Gary Sansing Public Forum and agreed that if the number of speakers causes public forum to run beyond the start time of the Regular Meeting, the remaining speakers would be held and given the opportunity to speak at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting to allow the meeting to start on time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman May declared the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: ______________________
Lumon J. May, Chairman

ATTEST:
Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESCAMBIA CO., FL SEAL

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Deputy Clerk

Approved: December 8, 2022