

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 2, 2025

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Channing Dobbs, Chair

RECORDING: Reagan E. Robinson, Deputy Clerk

ATTENDING: Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner Donna Jackson; Commissioner Melissa McNeal; Commissioner Willie Croft; James Williams, County Coordinator; Russell A. Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jackson moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hearing no requests to speak, Chair Dobbs closed the floor to public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Jackson moved to adopt the Finance Report. Commissioner McNeal seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE LEASE FOR UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Williams explained it is a long standing lease agreement for \$694 monthly. Commissioner Jackson inquired about the term of the lease, which seems unclear. Discussion ensued regarding the renewal terms clause and the inclusion of an increase. **Commissioner McNeal moved to accept the lease agreement. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT OF \$823,805 FOR 92ND STREET/146TH LANE/152ND COURT & RESOLUTION 2025-05

Mr. Williams informed the Board that this is the additional funding for the SCRAP project. Commissioner Johns stated that Mr. Williams did an incredible job in obtaining this funding. **Commissioner Johns moved to accept the supplemental agreement and Resolution 2025-05. Commissioner McNeal seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF EMS POSTION

Mr. Williams explained that the EMS Hiring Committee interviewed candidates and selected their top two candidates, whom are present in the meeting to answer any of the Board's questions. Both Mr. Brent Allen and Mr. Andrew Metzler introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds, EMS experiences and goals for their futures. Chair Dobbs asked them each a question before noting the level of experience across all interviewees. He thanked everyone who sat in on the committee, especially Mr. Allen Parrish, as well as Sheriff Whitehead and Mr. Allen Parrish. Commissioner Johns shared with the candidates that the Hiring Committee was created in order to select the best candidate for the position and that the Board entrusted them to do so. **With that in mind,**

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Commissioner Johns moved to hire the committee's first pick, Mr. Brent Allen, as the new EMS Director if he accepts the negotiated salary. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Board offered Mr. Allen words of wisdom and support, as well as their aspirations for EMS and Fire. Commissioner Jackson clarified that the committee's recommendation was to select Mr. Metzler to serve in a second-in-command position. She offered her thoughts that that should be left to the director and Commissioner Johns agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY BIDS

Mr. Williams stated that they had two bids that came in, both in compliance. He shared that C.C. Borden came in at \$799,900 and V.S. Robinson Contracting came in at \$388,000. He recommended that the Board accept the low bid. Commissioner Jackson inquired about how much has been budgeted for this project. Mrs. Woodington stated that she would send those numbers to Commissioner Jackson the following day. **Commissioner Johns moved to accept V.S. Robinson Contracting's bid. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

REPORT FROM KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES, CPA, CLERK OF COURTS AND COMPTROLLER

Clerk Rhoades was absent. Mrs. Woodington thanked the Board for holding Regular Meetings bi-monthly.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners provided a few updates on happenings around the County and expressed their gratitude for the employees and excitement for the future of Union County.

Seeing no further business, Chair Dobbs adjourned the meeting by general consent at 5:42 P.M.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commission on June 16, 2025.