

Monday, June 22, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.
Newberry City Hall
25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida

PRESENT: County Commission Chair Mike Byerly presiding; County Commissioners Paula M. DeLaney and Lee Pinkoson.

Newberry Mayor Pro-Tempore Alena Lawson; Commissioners Bill Conrad, Lois Forte and Joe Hoffman

ABSENT: County Commissioners Cynthia Moore Chestnut and Rodney J. Long

City of Newberry Mayor Harry Nichols and Commissioner Monty Farnsworth

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, County Attorney David Wagner, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey.

The meeting was videotaped and aired on the City of Newberry Channel.

Chair Byerly called the meeting to order at 5:41 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner DeLaney moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion carried 3-0.

City Commissioner Forte moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion carried 3-0.

Added Item:

Board approval of Amendment No. 3 to FDEP Contract GC620 for Petroleum Contamination Site Cleanup

John Mousa, Pollution Prevention Manager, presented the above item.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve revised Amendment No. 3 with Attachment H-3 and Attachment N to FDEP Contract GC620. The motion carried 3-0.

I. Request for Approval of Bed Tax

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Roland Loog, Tourist Development Council Director, presented the above item.

Chair Byerly recognized County Attorney David Wagner and City of Newberry Manager Keith Ashby who presented comments to the Board.

II. Discussion of Roads

City of Newberry Manager Keith Ashby presented the above item.

The City of Newberry requested an update on the status of the CR 337 project.

County Manager Reid stated that the project is scheduled to be repaved. The staff wished to alter the curves in the road for safety reasons however the discovery of caverns under the road have created some delays.

III. Discussion of Fire Contract

City of Newberry Fire Chief Rodriguez presented the above item.

Chief Rodriguez stated that the County intends to cut the City's fire contract by eleven percent. He further stated that the County is contemplating the closing of the Jonesville station for part of the year as a cost saving function which could create the need for additional services from the City of Newberry. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the increased need for service with a reduction in payment could lead to problems.

County Manager Reid stated that after the County Commission Retreat the cut to the fire contract will be less than eleven percent.

IV. Mobility Fee

Chair Byerly recognized City Manager Keith Ashby and City Planner Lowell Garret who presented the above item.

City of Newberry Manager Ashby stated that the City wishes to work through an Interlocal Agreement with the County for the implementation of a mobility fee.

Mr. Garret stated that the City of Newberry would be interested in working with the County towards the establishment of a Park and Ride Bus service to the City of Newberry.

V. Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)

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City of Newberry Planner Garret presented the above item.

Planner Garret stated that the City is interested in establishing a CRA for the downtown area and would like to know if the County would be receptive to the concept.

Chair Byerly stated that the City of Newberry should work with the County staff on the matter of the CRA.

Commission General and Informal Comments

Commissioner DeLaney stated that she hopes the City of Newberry will continue to work with the County on the Law Enforcement Issue in Newberry and eventually establish a City Police Department.

Citizen Comments

(There was no one present who wished to address the Board.)