

**SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUDICIAL ANNEX BUILDING
218 PARSHLEY STREET SOUTHWEST
LIVE OAK, FLORIDA 32064**

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR JULY 18, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.

**Invocation
Pledge to American Flag**

ATTENTION:

- The Board may add additional items to this agenda.
- Affirmative action on any item includes authorization of the Chairman's or designee's signature on all associated documents.
- Individual speakers from the audience will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak following recognition by the Chairman and must speak from the podium. Speakers may only make one (1) trip to the podium regarding each item they wish to speak on.
- Groups or factions representing a position on a proposition or issue are required to select a single representative or spokesperson. The designated representative will be allowed to speak for seven (7) minutes following recognition by the Chairman and must speak from the podium. Speakers may only make one (1) trip to the podium regarding each item they wish to speak on.
- For general updates or questions regarding County business, contact the County Administrator during regular business hours at (386) 364-3400.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. July 5, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

CONSENT:

2. Approval of payment of processed invoices.
3. Approval of an amendment to the existing agreement with Chmura and authorize staff to execute same.
4. Approval of Agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for a law enforcement salary assistance grant.
5. Adoption of Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

6. Adoption of Preliminary Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
7. Authorization to apply for a Department of Environmental Protection FRDAP grant for park development/renovation at Wellborn Park for \$200,000 and to approve and execute the resolution stating that the County will amend the CIP to include these projects if funded and allow staff to sign required documents.
8. Authorize County staff and Liberty Partners of Tallahassee to write/prepare the MPCF grant application and submit the same.
9. Declare miscellaneous equipment and vehicles surplus and approve the sale of same.
10. Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. for Interfacility Transports only from HCA Suwannee ER and all Skilled Nursing Facilities located in Suwannee County.

TIME-SPECIFIC ITEMS:

11. **At 5:35 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, **hold a public hearing** to consider Special Permit Request No. SP-23-07-01 by Sergio & Odalys Govea to be granted a special permit under Section 4.4.5 (B) (13) of the Suwannee County Land Development Regulations for a 40 site RV Park and Campground on property zoned Agriculture-1 (A-1). (Ron Meeks, Development Services Director)
12. **At 5:35 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, **hold the first of two public hearings** regarding LDR 23-04, an application by the Board of County Commissioners to amend Section 4.20.1 of the Land Development Regulations entitled Districts and Intent for ICS Industrial Catalyst Site, changing Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern to Rural Area of Opportunity and allowing expansion of a Catalyst Site to properties that are contiguous or adjacent to lands which have received that designation from the Governor. (Ron Meeks, Development Services Director)
13. **At 5:35 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, **hold a public hearing** to consider CPA 23-01, an application by The Board of County Commissioners to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-1 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 Acres) to INDUSTRIAL. (Ron Meeks, Development Services Director)

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ITEMS:

14. Set the proposed (not to exceed) millage rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
(Barry A. Baker, Clerk of Circuit Court)
15. Set date, time, and location for Tentative and Final Budget Hearings.
(Barry A. Baker, Clerk of Court)

STAFF ITEMS:

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS:

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

16. **Additional Agenda Items.** The Chairman calls for additional items.
17. **Public Concerns and Comments.** (Filling out of Comment Card required, and forward to Chairman or County Administrator. Individual speakers from the audience will be allowed three (3) minutes, and a single representative or spokesperson will be allowed seven (7) minutes to speak following recognition by the Chairman and must speak from the podium – one (1) trip to the podium.)
18. **Administrator's comments and information.**
19. **Board Members Inquiries, Requests, and Comments.**

5:30 p.m.

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners met on the above date and time for a regular meeting and the following were present: Chairman Franklin White; Commissioner Don Hale; Commissioner Maurice Perkins; Commissioner Travis Land; and Commissioner Leo Mobley. Barry A. Baker, Clerk of Court; Eric Musgrove, Deputy Clerk; Greg Scott, County Administrator; and Adam Morrison, County Attorney, were also present.

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and asked Commissioner Perkins to lead the invocation and Commissioner Mobley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MINUTES:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 CDBG Grant Administration Tabulation meeting; June 20, 2023 Workshop; and June 20, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Commissioner Land moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 CDBG Grant Administration Tabulation meeting; June 20, 2023 Workshop; and June 20, 2023 Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Perkins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT:

Item seven was pulled for discussion.

The second item on the agenda was to approve payment of \$3,745,876.20 in processed invoices.

The third item on the agenda was approval of TDC recommendations.

The fourth item on the agenda was acceptance of the resignation of James Sutter from the Tourist Development Council Board and approve the appointment of Mark Edquid to complete his term.

The fifth item on the agenda was approval, adoption, and posting of the updated Title VI Policy and Plan on the official County website and the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Assurance as presented and as required as part of Suwanee County LAP Certification.

The sixth item on the agenda was approval of appointments to the Value Adjustment Board: two (2) County Commissioners as regular members, one (1) County Commissioner as an alternate, one (1) citizen as a regular member, and one (1) citizen as an alternate.

The seventh item on the agenda was authorization for the County Administrator to award Bid No. 2023-12 Chip Seal Road Surface Treatment to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. to be used on an as-needed basis. (Bids were opened June 20, 2023)

This item was pulled for discussion.

The eighth item on the agenda was authorization to advertise for bids for the installation of the Suwanee County Courthouse Generator/ATS with site work.

The ninth item on the agenda was authorization to piggyback on the agreement for professional services between North Florida Economic Development Partnership and VisionFirst Advisors. (**Agreement No. 2023-70**)

Commissioner Land moved to approve consent items 2-6, 8, and 9. Commissioner Mobley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The seventh item on the agenda was authorization for the County Administrator to award Bid No. 2023-12 Chip Seal Road Surface Treatment to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. to be used on an as-needed basis. (Bids were opened June 20, 2023)

County Administrator Scott stated that the prices had changed and it had to be rebid, with the same company bidding on the property. He recommended that the Board award the bid and the discuss roads.

Commissioner Perkins asked if Asphalt Paving Systems was the only bidder. County Administrator Scott stated that the bidder was the only one who typically bid on the projects.

Commissioner Perkins moved to authorize the County Administrator to award Bid No. 2023-12 Chip Seal Road Surface Treatment to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. to be used on an as-needed basis. (Bids were opened June 20, 2023). Commissioner Land seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreement No. 2023-71)

County Administrator Scott discussed the difference in prices that made it impossible to complete all the originally selected roads and would cost some \$54,000 more.

County Attorney Morrison further explained the difference in price and reasons for adjusting the road selections.

Commissioner Land believed that the County could find \$54,000 to complete the chip sealing, especially since the County had already prepped the roads and the citizens had been promised that they would be chip sealed.

After questioning by Commissioner Land, County Administrator Scott stated that he had funding available.

Commissioner Land moved to approve the chip seal projects (155th Lane and Loop from 104th Street to 155 Lane; Railroad Street from 139th Drive to 147th Road; and Railroad Street from 139th Drive to 137th Road) at the final amount of \$253,029.76 (\$54,700.64 more than originally anticipated). Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Agreements No. 2023-72 – 2023-74)

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The tenth item on the agenda was to hear a legislative and appropriations update by Mike Grissom.

Mr. Jimmy Norris, Economic Development Director, noted that Commissioners Perkins and Mobley received the 2022-2023 Advocacy Award from the Florida Association of Counties at the conference the previous week.

Mr. Mike Grissom, County Lobbyist, updated the Board on Legislative appropriations and that the County's major projects had been approved in the amount of \$24 million. He also discussed legislation that took into account rural economic projects, negating the requirement to pay money upfront and be reimbursed later and also eliminating some requirements for rural infrastructure grants.

Chairman White read off a list of appropriations awarded from the Florida Legislature to Suwannee County in the latest legislative session.

The Board thanked Lobbyist Grissom for his work assisting Suwannee County with appropriations.

County Administrator Scott stressed the importance of having the County Commission behind the lobbyist, and that this Board had shown that. He thanked Lobbyist Grissom for his work.

Economic Development Director Norris thanked Lobbyist Grissom for his work, especially after Catalyst Site projects were initially removed from the State budget but he had been able to add them.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to hear a presentation about the Home Rule Community Resolution by Moses Clepper, Representative of the American Patriots.

Mr. Clepper resubmitted a Home Rule Community Resolution after tweaking verbiage with the County Attorney. The resolution had been submitted on April 4, and since then, with the replacement of the word "oppose" with "object".

County Attorney Morrison stated that he had worked with Mr. Clepper to reword the proposed resolution. He added that Florida was a home rule state, but since the County was not a charter county, it was wholly subservient to the State of Florida and Federal government. The change in wording clarified the County's intent and that it would not actively oppose the State, but merely agreed with the assertions found within the resolution.

Commissioner Mobley asked if adopting the resolution would cause problems for Suwannee County. County Attorney Morrison stated that the resolution was not creating policy and was simply a political statement, but there could be some possible ramifications in the future.

Commissioner Mobley moved to approve a Home Rule Community Resolution.

Commissioner Hale stated that due to the holidays, he had not been able to contact others to gather their input on the proposed resolution. He suggested more time to research the issue and perhaps discuss it again at the next meeting.

After questioning by Mr. Clepper, Commissioner Hale replied that he had spoken to two attorneys on the proposed resolution, and he had received two different opinions. He desired more time to research the issue.

Discussion ensued on the change in wording, the legal meaning of the change, and that as far as Mr. Clepper knew, no other County had adopted such a resolution yet.

Commissioner Land stated that if Commissioner Hale needed more time, he was fine with that, but he was also fine with approving the modified resolution tonight if that was the wish of the Board.

Mr. Shannon Roberts, 1232 Irvin Ave SW, Live Oak, approved of the language but was concerned with the amount of funding received from the State and Federal governments and how that would be affected by such a political statement. He suggested considering the ramifications first.

Mr. Clepper further discussed his opinion on the resolution and that it would empower the people of Suwannee County. He stated that the Board had plenty of time to review the resolution, even with the minor wording changes, and suggested the Board decide.

Commissioner Hale stated that he had been focused on other projects and wished to have more time to review the new wording with others whose opinions he trusted before making a decision that could affect the entire County. He simply wanted to do what was right.

After further discussion, Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Hale opposed (Resolution 2023-27).

The twelfth item on the agenda was to hear a presentation about Visit Suwannee's new marketing campaign assets by Economic Development Director Jimmy Norris and Charissa Setzer.

Economic Development Director Norris briefly discussed the work done for marketing purposes and then turned over the discussion to Mrs. Charissa Setzer, Marketing Specialist.

Mrs. Setzer noted that Madden Media had been working with the Tourism Development Council (TDC) on marketing, and a new series of videos and pictures had been prepared to help market Suwannee County to the rest of the country. She then noted some of the specific work done by Madden Media before playing a marketing video.

Economic Development Director Norris thanked Mr. Rob Bosserman, Mr. Guy Bryant, Recreation Director Jason Furry, and many others for their assistance with the videos and photographs.

Mrs. Setzer showed marketing photographs and then played another marketing video.

Chairman White thanked staff for their work on the marketing campaign and he enjoyed helping with it.

Mike McWaters, CEO of Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC), updated the Board on the fiberoptics program for rural residents that had begun the year before and whose first phase was more

than halfway completed. He hoped to release the schedule for going live within sixty days, with the first residents to be live within ninety days.

Commissioner Land pointed out that SVEC had been in favor of giving fiberoptics to rural areas when no other power company desired to.

The Board thanked Mr. McWaters and SVEC for their work with Suwannee County.

CONSITUTIONAL OFFICERS ITEMS:

There were none.

STAFF ITEMS:

Mr. Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Engineering, updated the Board on various projects that were in progress, including road work in Branford and 139th. He asked for approval to advertise for bids for road work on 139th.

After questioning by Chairman White, County Attorney Morrison stated that the Board could make a decision on advertising for bids even though it was not on the agenda, contingent upon Department of Transportation (DOT) funding.

Commissioner Hale moved to advertise for bids for road work on 139th, contingent upon DOT funding. Commissioner Land seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey discussed work on 76th Street, around Marybelle Baptist Church and Express Street, asking for permission to advertise for the latter, assuming DOT funding.

Commissioner Hale moved to advertise for bids for Express Street in Branford, contingent upon DOT funding. Commissioner Land seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey noted that the Greenway Trail was ready for advertising for bids and asked for approval, assuming DOT funding.

Commissioner Perkins moved to advertise for bids for work on the Greenway Trail, contingent upon DOT funding. Commissioner Land seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey noted that work on 153rd Road was being held up due to some land acquisition issues. He also discussed proposed work on 184th Street, and options for development on and around 68th Terrace off US 129 and Interstate-10.

After questioning by Chairman White, County Administrator Scott stated that the Board had originally set aside \$350,000 for the project.

After questioning by Chairman White, Mr. Bailey stated that he would recommend the most expensive option for the work on 68th Terrace because of the rapid growth in that area of the County.

Commissioner Hale noted that the Board had recently moved the fire station that was proposed to cover that area to the area around the Catalyst Site that would not allow for quick access to the US-129/I-10 interchange.

Discussion ensued on moving the proposed fire station, the current interlocal agreement with the City for fire services only, the anticipated growth in the area, and sources of funding for the difference in what the County had set aside and what was required.

Clerk Baker suggested that the Board know the specific line item from which the money was being funded, and it would probably take a few days to determine that.

Discussion continued on future development, available grants, and funding sources.

The Board agreed by consensus to discuss further work on 68th Terrace at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Bailey stated that design work was being continued on the new proposed fire station and the CV Building, and that the firm was continuing work on CR 137 and the railroad spur, utilities, and 169th Road at the Catalyst Site.

By consensus, the Board agreed to the revised work at the Catalyst Site as proposed by Mr. Bailey, contingent upon DOT funding.

Mr. Bailey also discussed progress on the proposed master plan for the Catalyst Site.

Brief discussion ensued on the fact that the projects were contingent upon DOT funding.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS:

There were none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to enact a resolution giving the County Administrator authority to negotiate with landowners to move forward with County projects.

County Attorney Morrison briefly discussed the reasoning behind the proposed resolution and updates made to it since the last meeting. The proposal would allow the County Administrator to hire a Land Acquisition Agent for no more than \$15,000 per project, with any higher expenses to be authorized by the County Commission. The proposed resolution would streamline the land acquisition process.

Brief discussion ensued on the wording of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Land moved to approve a resolution giving the County Administrator authority to negotiate with landowners to move forward with County projects. Commissioner Mobley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 2023-26)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, the determination of rates for the Solid Waste assessment program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

County Administrator Scott noted that the Board had discussed at a recent workshop a shortfall in revenue for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

After questioning by Chairman White, County Administrator Scott stated that \$225 per residence would allow a surplus of approximately \$150,000 this year, but a shortfall of some \$530,000 the next year.

Discussion ensued on possible additional revenue from house sales, that the County would probably need to use the current solid waste disposal provider for the next three years, and of ways to move forward with a different disposal plan.

After questioning, County Attorney Morrison stated that shifting some of the disposal from the current provider would lead to immediate litigation that would probably not rule in favor of Suwannee County.

Commissioner Land discussed the number of users of the County's solid waste and that by his estimates, there were some 1,100 users that had not yet paid their current assessment, and the actual annual shortfall may be \$250,000 less than currently anticipated. However, the County would not be able to continue accepting a shortfall. Commissioner Land suggested increasing the amount over \$225 only as much as necessary and was not in favor of \$245. He also noted that even though the solid waste stickers were not popular, they had saved Suwannee County a large amount of money.

Chairman White suggested the possibility of closing down some collection sites to reduce costs. He agreed that there would need to be an increase next year, at best.

Mr. Bo Hancock, Wiggins Road, suggested that the Board set the proposed millage at 10 mils and it would take care of the shortfall.

The Board did not agree with raising the millage rate to 10 mils.

Mr. Hancock suggested incremental increases every year as the assessment was designed, instead of no increases for several years followed by one large increase that brought much negative reaction from the community. He added that one way or another, the County would be paying for the assessment.

Commissioner Perkins understood the desire to completely fund solid waste, but he knew many people who already struggled to pay their taxes. He asked Clerk Baker if additional revenue that had been received would help fund the solid waste shortfall. Clerk Baker replied that if Commissioner Perkins could let him know which fund, he could tell him, but otherwise he would have to get with his Finance Department.

After questioning by Chairman White, Clerk Baker stated that by law, the County was required to budget at 95% of anticipated funds due to emergencies, disasters, and unforeseen changes, and the final revenue would not be known until the Tax Collector turned over the funds.

Commissioner Land suggested a small incremental increase of perhaps \$10 to help offset the solid waste shortfall, although he did not really like it. He asked for public input.

Mr. Wayne Hannaka, 11883 93rd Road, had some questions about the misleading nature of the \$150,000 overage in the current fiscal year, which actually included a \$500,000 transfer from the General Fund. The reality was that the solid waste fund had a \$350,000 shortfall. He was fine with a \$10 increase, but nothing more without a lot of outrage from the public.

Chairman White noted that even with changes made by the County Commission to save expenses related to solid waste, there was still a proposed shortfall in revenue.

Mr. Hannaka briefly discussed the master site plan for the Catalyst Site and believed that it was not based upon the funding available.

Commissioner Land moved to increase the Solid Waste assessment for FY 2023-2024 to \$235 per unit, an increase of \$10 over the current year. Commissioner Mobley seconded, and after further

discussion about the hesitancy to increase the assessment and options to decrease expenses, the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Hale opposed.

Commissioner Hale hoped that the County Attorney would be able to negotiate with the current solid waste disposal contractor.

County Attorney Morrison again discussed the language of the current contract and that he believed that the current contractor, Waste Management, would sue the County if any solid waste was transferred elsewhere.

Discussion ensued on the drastic cost increases for solid waste transport and disposal.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to discuss, with possible Board action, determination of rates for the Fire Protection assessment program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

County Administrator Scott noted that the Board had discussed at a recent workshop a shortfall in revenue for Fire Protection at the current rate of \$120 per household.

Commissioner Mobley and Commissioner Land suggested leaving the assessment at the current rate.

Chief Eddie Hand stated that Fire Protection was underfunded and recommended increasing the assessment. He reminded the Board of the major adjustment of nearly \$100 made to Solid Waste assessments two years before, but Fire Protection had only gone up \$20 at the same time despite a need for a greater increase. Chief Hand added that just the average annual increase in salaries would create a further shortfall in revenue. An increase to \$145 would grant approximately \$187,000 in overage and allow no adjustments for the next few years, unless the County wanted a higher service.

After questioning by Chairman White, Chief Hand stated that he had been using COVID-related contingency funds to help balance his budget, without using it for its original purpose of new equipment.

Commissioner Land pointed out that funding was built in and remained for equipment leases and then discussed several expense line items that were lower than what was budgeted.

Chief Hand stated that the Fire Assessment did not adequately cover fire services, and eventually contingency and other funding would be spent unless the Board wished to supplement it with General funds. He added that there was very little budgeting that could be lowered without lowering training, maintenance, and other risky activities. Chief Hand stated that the surrounding counties had much higher fire assessments, even with less fire stations or services.

Discussion ensued on services provided by surrounding counties and their related assessments.

Chairman White stated that Emergency Management Services (EMS) had \$1.5 million in contingency and asked why some of that could not help subsidize the Fire side. Chief Hand stated that every year, he heard that Medicare may be funded differently, and the contingency was to help fund that possible change and also to replace vehicles. He again commented his desire not to use COVID funding for annual costs.

Discussion continued on the number of units being assessed for Fire, the 27%/73% salary funding between Fire/General Revenue, and understaffing.

Commissioner Land realized that lives were important but was concerned that people would not be able to provide for their families if the Fire assessment went up too much.

Commissioner Perkins moved to increase the Fire Assessment for FY 2023-24 by \$10 to \$130 per household. Carolee Howe, 7408 169th Drive, was puzzled with the Board's inability to increase the Fire Assessment on something so important when they raised the Solid Waste Assessment \$10. She suggested that the Board do the right thing. **Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Land opposed.**

Chief Hand mentioned a recent cardiac event in Winn Dixie in which the patient would make a full recovery due to the CPR of the manager of Winn Dixie, Ana Gienger, and a bystander, Stephan Little, before Fire Rescue arrived on the scene.

The sixteenth item on the agenda was Additional Agenda Items.

There were none.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was public concerns and comments.

Mr. Hancock suggested that Economic Development Director Norris update the public at a meeting once per month on economic development within the County.

Some discussion ensued on the updates given by Economic Development Director Norris.

Economic Development Director Norris updated the Board on recent work done but noted that there were many things that he could not talk about.

Mr. Hancock expressed dissatisfaction with how economic development was sometimes discussed, or not discussed.

Commissioner Land noted that the County was bound to withhold much information through Non-Disclosure Agreements.

Chairman White believed that the County was doing a much better job about getting information to the public, including through additional staff reports every meeting.

Mr. Walter Lowe, 8504 200th Street, McAlpin, discussed the amount of non-residential traffic on the road, especially of tractor-trailers, and suggested reducing the traffic by not grading the road as often, putting up a “no thru trucks” or lower speed limit sign, or putting 4-way and 3-way stop signs at several locations along the road.

Chairman White agreed to contact Mr. Lowe about the issue since 200th Street was in his district.

The eighteenth item on the agenda was Administrator’s comments and information.

County Administrator Scott asked that the Board review the purchasing policy and get recommended changes back to him. He stated that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) meeting the previous week had gone well and he thanked the commissioners who were present.

County Attorney Morrison reminded the Board of the joint workshop with the School Board the following Wednesday and that information was provided to them for review in preparation. He added that redistricting was necessary due to a difference in population between a couple of the districts.

The nineteenth item on the agenda was Board Members' inquiries, requests, and comments.

Commissioner Perkins discussed a recent death and his attendance at the God and Country Day at Westwood Baptist Church.

Commissioner Mobley noted a recent loss and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Land had nothing to discuss.

Commissioner Hale thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Chairman White stated that he had enjoyed the FAC meeting the previous week and discussed the Fourth of July event in Branford.

Commissioner Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Perkins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

_____, DC
BARRY A. BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

FRANKLIN WHITE, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item No. 2

Approval of payment of processed invoices.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Administration

Executive Summary

Objective: Approval of amendment to existing agreement with Chmura and authorize staff to execute same.

Considerations: The original agreement had a term ending date in August. In order to make the term end in accordance with our fiscal year we need to amend the agreement.

Budget Impact: Budgeted item

Recommendation: Approval of amendment to existing agreement with Chmura and authorize staff to execute same.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6/27/2023

Jimmy Norris
Economic Development Director



**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE
JOBSEQ® SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SUWANNEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND
CHMURA ECONOMICS & ANALYTICS, LLC**

This Second Amendment (“Amendment”), effective upon the date of final signature below (“Effective Date”), is between Suwannee County Economic Development Office (“Client”), and Chmura Economics & Analytics, LLC (“Chmura”). This document amends the JobsEQ® Subscription Agreement between the parties dated August 28, 2015 (the “Agreement”). Client and Chmura agree as follows:

The Agreement is amended, as of the Effective Date, as follows:

- a. The Term of the Agreement is extended through September 30, 2023 (“Extension Term”), unless earlier terminated in accordance with the Agreement. Chmura shall send an invoice to Client on or before the end of the then-current Term for a subsequent annual Term of one year (“Renewal Term”). If Client pays such invoice within sixty (60) days of the invoice date, the Renewal Term shall automatically be effective for one year beyond the then-current Term. If Client does not pay such invoice within the aforementioned sixty (60) day period, then the Agreement and Client’s subscription shall terminate.
- b. The License Fee for the Extension Term is \$894.17.
- c. The parties hereby reinstate the Agreement, as amended hereby, and agree and confirm that from and after the Second Amendment Effective Date, the Agreement, as so amended, is and shall be in full force and effect and binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns in accordance with its terms.



This Amendment shall be construed in connection with and as part of the Agreement and shall modify and supersede all provisions contained in the Agreement relating to the subject matter set forth herein. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions stipulated in the Agreement are hereby ratified and shall remain in full force and effect. In the case of any conflict between this Amendment and any applicable Agreement, this Amendment will govern. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, including via PDF or other electronic means, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and which together shall constitute one in the same instrument.

Suwannee County Economic Development
Office

Chmura Economics & Analytics, LLC

Date: _____

Leslie Peterson
C.S.O. & President
Date: _____



Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

SHERIFF SAM ST JOHN

Item No. 4

July 12, 2023

Board of County Commissioners

RE: Grant Number 5V025

Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties

To Whom It May Concern,

Please add the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office to the next agenda. In order to execute our 2023-2024 grant award from FDLE, the contract requires a signature from The Board of County Commissioner Chairperson. Once signed by Mr. White, FDLE will then have their Bureau Chief sign off on the document as well and a copy of the document will be emailed back to me for our records.

This grant was established in the 2022-2023 FY by Governor DeSantis for Fiscally Constrained Counties to help with pay raises and starting pay increases for Certified/Sworn Law Enforcement and Corrections employees. A grant award contract is processed and signed by our Board Commissioner in order to receive these funds. The 2023-2024 FY Grant was passed with an increase from last FY for Fiscally Constrained Counties Certified/Sworn Law Enforcement and Corrections employees.

Sincerely,

Heather Henderson

Heather Henderson,
Finance Director
386-364-3445

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Finance & Civil: 200 S Ohio/MLK Ave, Suite 105, Live Oak, FL 32064 • (386) 208-1575 Main Line • (386) 364-1953 Fax

Email the Sheriff: Sam.StJohn@SuwanneeSheriff.com

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**State of Florida
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308**

GRANT AWARD

Recipient: Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners
Project Title: Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties
Project Start Date: July 1, 2023
Project End Date: June 30, 2024
Grant Number: 5V025
Catalog Number: 71.067
Grant Amount: \$794,717.00

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (herein referred to as "FDLE" or "Department") and Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners (herein referred to as "Recipient") on behalf of Suwannee County Sheriff's Office (herein referred to as "Recipient's Sheriff") and

WHEREAS the Department has the authority pursuant to Florida law and does hereby agree to provide state financial assistance to the Recipient's Sheriff in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement, and

WHEREAS the Department has available funds resulting from a specific appropriation in The General Appropriations Act, 2023 Legislature, Section 4, Specific Appropriation 1275, intended to provide funding for costs of allowable activities as defined in the agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the Recipient represents that it is fully qualified, possesses the requisite skills, knowledge, qualifications and experience to carry out the state project identified herein, and, through the Recipient's Sheriff, does offer to perform such services,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto agree as follows:

The General Appropriations Act contains the following proviso language and provides information on the legislative intent for the use of these funds:

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1275, \$20,713,800 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by sheriff's office or boards of county commissioners in fiscally constrained counties, as defined in section 218.67(1), Florida Statutes, as follows:

Baker County Sheriff's Office	\$292,754
Bradford County Sheriff's Office	\$703,809
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office	\$434,740
Columbia County Sheriff's Office	\$1,378,388
Desoto County Sheriff's Office	\$521,994
Dixie County Sheriff's Office	\$690,634
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	\$539,122
Gadsden County Sheriff's Office	\$657,697
Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office	\$486,422
Glades County Sheriff's Office	\$384,974
Gulf County Sheriff's Office	\$246,637
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	\$271,011
Hardee County Sheriff's Office	\$361,259
Hendry County Sheriff's Office	\$786,812
Highlands County Sheriff's Office	\$1,243,984
Holmes County Sheriff's Office	\$835,559
Jackson County Sheriff's Office	\$1,303,272
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	\$342,814
Lafayette County Sheriff's Office	\$388,927
Levy County Sheriff's Office	\$1,085,884
Liberty County Sheriff's Office	\$626,077
Madison County Sheriff's Office	\$640,569
Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office	\$1,082,591
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	\$1,481,134
Suwannee County Sheriff's Office	\$794,717
Taylor County Sheriff's Office	\$379,704
Union County Sheriff's Office	\$388,663
Wakulla County Sheriff's Office	\$859,538
Washington County Sheriff's Office	\$785,234
Jackson County Board of County Commissioners	\$610,220
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners	\$108,660

Funds shall be distributed in quarterly advances and reconciled at the conclusion of each state fiscal year. By October 2, 2023, the sheriff's offices shall report to the Florida Sheriff's Association how funds were distributed to officers."

This award is subject to the following special conditions:

- S0001** Prior to distribution of any funding under the terms of this agreement, the Recipient's Sheriff must provide to FDLE's Office of Criminal Justice Grants a Spending Plan which details how salary increases funded under this agreement shall be distributed to officers.
- S0002** The Recipient's Sheriff shall provide to the Florida Sheriff's Association, no later than October 2, 2023, a report detailing how funds were distributed to officers
- S0003** The Recipient's Sheriff must provide to FDLE's Office of Criminal Justice Grants, on a quarterly basis, a completed "Quarterly Payroll Certification Form."

Section I: Definitions

Expenditure Tracking: The actual expenditures made using funds extended under this agreement. Expenditures made with these funds must be tracked separately from other funds, including other salary dollars, and be easily identifiable within the Recipient Sheriff's payroll system.

Payroll Register: A ledger report from the Recipient Sheriff's payroll system detailing the amount of salary and benefits paid to each employee impacted under the terms of this agreement.

Proof of Payment: Proof of payment may include pay stubs, payroll registers, and timesheets, and must be maintained and made available to the Department upon request and/or during monitoring.

Quarterly Payroll Certification Form: A report certifying payroll amounts paid to each employee whose salary is impacted under the terms of this agreement. The Recipient's Sheriff shall use the Quarterly Payroll Certification Form provided by FDLE. The payroll report must provide all information requested, including:

1. The gross amount of salary and benefits paid to each affected employee from funds allocated in the local operating budget.
2. The gross amount of salary and benefits paid to each affected employee from funds advanced under the terms of this contract which support a salary increase over and above that paid from the agency's local operating budget.

Quarterly Reporting Periods: For purposes of this agreement, Quarterly Reporting Periods are based upon the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the State of Florida, which begins July 1, 2023 and ends June 30, 2024.

Spending Plan: A document provided by the Recipient's Sheriff detailing the manner in which the salary increases funded under this agreement shall be distributed to officers.

Section II: Project Overview

Project Title: Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties

Recipient Organization: Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners

Project Period: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Purpose and Scope:

The 2023-24 budget for the State of Florida, passed by the Florida Legislature and signed by Governor Ron DeSantis on June 15, 2023, includes an appropriation of \$20,713,800 in recurring funds to FDLE to provide "for salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by sheriff's offices or boards of county commissioners in fiscally constrained counties, as defined in section 218.67(1), Florida Statutes."

The amount provided to each fiscally constrained county is established by the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act and the funds received by FDLE as a result of this appropriation will be passed through to those counties in the prescribed amounts. Disbursements will be made in equal, quarterly distributions, provided that contract conditions are met.

In accordance with statute, funds advanced under the terms of this agreement must be utilized by the Recipient's Sheriff for salary increases to deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by the Sheriff's Office of the Recipient. The Recipient, through its Sheriff's Office, shall perform all tasks and activities, and provide budget, expenditure, performance, and other reports as prescribed herein or required by statute.

The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, and subject to any modification in accordance with Chapter 216, Florida Statutes or the Florida Constitution.

Expenditures of state financial assistance shall be compliant with laws, rules, and regulations specified in Florida Statutes including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Single Audit Act, Chapter 215.97, Florida Statutes;
- Agreements Funded with State Financial Assistance, Chapter 215.971, Florida Statutes; and
- Transparency in Government Spending, Chapter 215.985, Florida Statutes.

Recipient and Recipient's Sheriff Responsibilities:

Through its Sheriff's Office, the Recipient shall provide county law enforcement and corrections services on a regular and ongoing basis during the 2023-2024 contract period.

The Recipient Sheriff's Office will strive to maintain adequate staffing levels and services based upon the specific needs of the community it serves and in accordance with established policies and procedures.

The Recipient shall provide a copy of the current year's annual budget for the Sheriff's Office with the executed copy of this agreement. In addition, the Recipient's Sheriff must provide a copy of the Recipient Sheriff's spending plan for distribution of this funding. No funds will be advanced prior to receipt of these items. Additionally, a copy of the 2023-2024 budget for the Sheriff's Office must be provided at the beginning of the Recipient's fiscal year, but no later than November 1, 2023.

Funding provided to the Recipient will not exceed the amount specified in the 2023-24 General Appropriations Act. Allowable costs are limited to salaries and benefits for deputy sheriffs and corrections officers employed by the Recipient Sheriff's Office.

Deliverables:

As stated in the scope and responsibilities above, the Recipient will provide, through its Sheriff's Office, ongoing law enforcement and corrections services, where applicable, to the community it serves. The Recipient's Sheriff shall ensure files are maintained to substantiate the hours of law enforcement and corrections services provided and the amounts paid for those services. Expenditures paid under this agreement are intended to provide increases to salaries currently paid by Recipient's Sheriff to deputy sheriffs and corrections officers who provide those services. Supporting documentation for the deliverables and use of funds must be made available to FDLE in accordance with specifications and deadlines prescribed herein.

For payment purposes, the Recipient will receive a quarterly advance initiated by the Department after its return of this executed agreement, Spending Plan, and current Sheriff's Office budget.

Any state funds provided to the Recipient under this agreement that are determined to be utilized for ineligible expenditures, or which remain unspent at the end of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2024), must be returned to the Department no later than July 31, 2024. The Department's determination of acceptable expenditures shall be conclusive.

Financial Consequences and Other Requirements:

If the Recipient's Sheriff's Office fails to provide law enforcement or corrections services as outlined in this Agreement, additional distributions of cash will be withheld. Future funding under this program may also be jeopardized.

In the event the Recipient's Sheriff's Office ceases provision of law enforcement or corrections services during this contract period, a final report shall be submitted to the Department which includes the actual salary costs of impacted employees from the beginning of this contract through the date the provision of services ceased. The actual costs will be compared to the distributions to date, and any state funds in excess of eligible funds expended must be refunded to the Department by July 31, 2024.

Section III: Payments and Financial Reports

Funds will be disbursed to the Recipient based upon the amount specified in the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act for this purpose. Prior to any distribution of funding, the following must be provided to the Department: copy of this fully executed contract; and

- A Spending Plan detailing the method of distribution for these salary dollars; and
- A copy of the current fiscal year budget for the Recipient's Sheriff.

Upon execution of this agreement and provision of the required items detailed above, the Recipient shall be eligible to receive quarterly payments as outlined in this agreement. Advance payments will be issued in equal, quarterly disbursements, no earlier than July 1, 2023. Funding provided under this program is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The Recipient and Department agree that quarterly certification reports and payroll registers shall be provided by the 15th day of the month following the end of each fiscal year quarter, specifically:

- October 15, 2023
- January 15, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- July 15, 2024

The Recipient may only retain funds up to an amount equal to the actual amount of salary increases paid to deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by the Sheriff's Office between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. After the close of the 2023-2024 state fiscal year, the amount distributed under this agreement will be compared to the actual amount of payroll expenditures as disclosed in the required "Quarterly Payroll Certification Form." Any state funds received in excess of the supplemental salary amount paid, as well as any balance of unobligated funds, must be refunded to the Department no later than July 31, 2024 or 31 days after notification by the Department.

Expenditures incurred outside the agreement period (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) are not eligible to be paid with these funds.

The Recipient and the Recipient's Sheriff must establish procedures to accept payments during the contract period and maintain supporting documentation including payroll registers, general ledgers, paystubs, and timesheets as proof of payment for all expenditures made with state funds distributed under the terms of this agreement.

No request for payment shall be made, nor shall any such request be honored, for any activity not covered by this agreement; and no monies distributed to the Recipient shall be used for any purpose or to fund any operations unrelated to this agreement.

Appendix A: Administration

Changes to the following points of contact and chief officials below must be submitted to FDLE Office of Criminal Justice Grants in writing.

Grant Manager

Name Heather Henderson
Title Finance Director
Address 200 S Ohio Ave Ste 105
City/ST/Zip Live Oak, Fl. 32064
Phone 386-364-3445
Email heather.henderson@suwanneesheriff.com

Chief Official Contact

Name Franklin White
Title County Commission Chairperson
Address 13150 80th Terrace
City/ST/Zip Live Oak, Fl. 32060
Phone 386-249-1738
Email commissioner5@suwcountyfl.gov

Chief Financial Officer

Name Heather Henderson
Title Finance Director
Address 200 S Ohio Ave Ste 105
City/ST/Zip Live Oak, Fl. 32064
Phone 386-364-3445
Email heather.henderson@suwanneesheriff.com

Alternative Point-of-Contact

Name Sam St. John
Title Sheriff
Address 1902 Duval St NE
City/ST/Zip Live Oak, Fl. 32064
Phone 386-364-3443
Email sam.stjohn@suwanneesheriff.com

Official Payee

Name Suwannee County BOCC
Title
Address 906 N. Ohio Ave
City/ST/Zip Live Oak, Fl. 32064
Phone 386-362-0547
Email keithg@suwgov.org
FEID # 59-6000873

Grant Manager: This individual serves as the primary point of contact for the grant, project activities, responsible for all performance and financial reporting, and overall compliance with the grant agreement.

Chief Official: This individual is the head of the recipient agency. **Note:** If using a Chief Official Designee, the application must include a copy of the written authorization of signature authority (official letter from the chief official, ordinance, charter, etc.) approving the individual for signature authority.

Chief Financial Officer: This individual is responsible for the entity's accounting system, financial and records management, and certifying the financial claim reports that are submitted for payment.

Alternative Point-of-Contact: This individual serves as the alternative point-of-contact for this award if the primary point-of-contact is unavailable.

Official Payee: This individual is the person to whom payments will be remitted on behalf of the Recipient.

Appendix B: State Financial Assistance Standard Conditions

The following terms and conditions will be binding upon approval of the grant award and completion of the Certificate of Acceptance by the Recipient. The Recipient will maintain required registrations and certifications for eligibility under this program.

The Department and the Recipient agree that they do not contemplate the development, transfer or receipt of intellectual property as a part of this agreement.

The Recipient certifies with respect to this agreement that it possesses the legal authority to receive the funds to be provided under this agreement and that, if applicable, its governing body has authorized, by resolution or otherwise, the execution and acceptance of this agreement with all covenants and assurances contained herein. The Recipient also certifies that the undersigned possesses the authority to legally execute and bind Recipient to the terms of this agreement.

I. PAYMENTS

Overpayments

Any funds paid in excess of the amount to which the Recipient is entitled under the terms and conditions of the agreement must be refunded to the Department.

Any balance of unobligated cash that have been advanced or paid that is not authorized to be retained for direct program costs in a subsequent period must be refunded to the state.

II. PROJECT AND GRANT MANAGEMENT

Personnel Changes

In the event there is a change in Chief Officials or Project Director for the Recipient or any contact information to include mailing address, phone number, email or title change, the Recipient must notify the FDLE grant manager.

Obligation of Grant Funds

Grant funds shall not under any circumstances be obligated prior to the effective date, or subsequent to the termination date, of the period of performance. Only project costs incurred on or after the effective date, and on or prior to the termination date of the Recipient's project are eligible for reimbursement. All payments must be completed within thirty (30) days of the end of the grant period of performance.

Financial Management

The Recipient must have a financial management system in place that is able to record and report on the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds. An adequate accounting system must be able to

separately track receipts, expenditures, assets, and liabilities for awards, programs, and subrecipients. The Recipient shall maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices.

Recipient must have written procedures for procurement transactions.

Travel

Costs for travel are not allowable under this grant agreement.

Subcontracts

Subcontracts are not allowable under the terms of this agreement.

Grant Adjustments

Grant adjustment under this agreement are limited as all of the funds are intended for one purpose. Recipients must submit a grant adjustment to the FDLE grant manager for substantive changes to its Spending Plan, implementation schedules, or Project Director as set forth in the approved agreement.

Adjustments are required when there will be a change affecting 10% or more of the total budget as outlined in the Spending Plan.

Under no circumstances can transfers of funds increase the total award.

Requests for changes to the grant agreement must be signed by the Recipient or implementing agency's chief official or the chief official's designee.

All requests for changes must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to grant expiration date.

III. MANDATORY DISCLOSURES

Conflict of Interest

The Recipient will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

Recipients must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Department.

Violations of Criminal Law

The Recipient must disclose all violations of state or federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity violations potentially affecting the grant award.

Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Similar Misconduct

The Recipient must promptly refer to the Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Grants

any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a claim for grant funds that violates the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds.

Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters

Recipients or contracts/subcontracts under this award may not require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits, restricts or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting of waste, fraud or abuse in accordance with law, to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The Recipient certifies that if is informed or notified of any subrecipient, or contractor/subcontractor has been requiring their employees to execute agreements or statements that prohibit the reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse that it will immediately cease all further obligations of award funds to the entity and will immediately notify the Department. The Recipient will not resume obligations until expressly authorized to do so from the Department.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

In performing its obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall without exception be aware of and comply with all State and Federal laws, rules and regulations relating to its performance under this Agreement as they may be enacted or amended from time-to-time, as well as any court or administrative order, judgment, settlement or compliance agreement involving the Department which by its nature affects the services provided under this Agreement. The following are examples of rules and regulations that govern Recipient's performance under this Agreement.

Civil Rights

The Recipient agrees to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.) and shall not discriminate against any employee (or applicant for employment) in the performance of this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or marital status. These requirements shall apply to all contractors, subcontractors, subgrantees or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to clients or employees in connection with its programs and activities.

E-Verify

The Department shall consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act.

Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this contract. Pursuant to F.S. 448.095, the Contracting Party and any subcontractors are required to register with and use the E-Verify system operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security beginning on January 1, 2021. The Contracting Party and any subcontractors are prohibited from entering into contracts with one another unless all parties register and use the E-Verify system. Subcontractors who enter into contracts with the Contracting Party are required to provide a certification that the subcontractor does not employ or use unauthorized aliens as defined in the statute, a copy of which the Contracting Party must maintain. The Contracting Party and any subcontractors are required to terminate a contract if a party has a good faith belief that another party is in violation of F.S. 448.09(1), prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens. If a public employer has a good faith belief that the subcontractor has violated these requirements, but that the Contracting Party has otherwise complied, the public employer must notify the Contracting Party to terminate its contract with the subcontractor. A party may challenge a contract termination in accordance with these requirements. A penalized Contractor is prohibited from obtaining another contract with a public employer for at least one year.

Lobbying Prohibited

The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of sections 11.062 and 216.347, Florida Statutes, which prohibit the expenditure of funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, judicial branch, or a State agency. No funds or other resources received from the Department in connection with this agreement may be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the Florida Legislature or any state agency.

Public Records

As required by section 287.058(1)(c), Florida Statutes, the Recipient shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other public records as defined in section 119.011(12), Florida Statutes as prescribed by section 119.07(1) Florida Statutes, made or received by the Recipient in conjunction with this Agreement, except that public records which are made confidential by law must be protected from disclosure. It is expressly understood that the Recipient's failure to comply with this provision shall constitute an immediate breach of contract, for which the Department may unilaterally terminate this Agreement.

Legal Authorization

The Recipient certifies with respect to this agreement that it possesses the legal authority to receive the funds to be provided under this agreement and that, if applicable, its governing body has authorized, by resolution or otherwise, the execution and acceptance of this agreement with all covenants and assurances contained herein. The Recipient also certifies that the

undersigned possesses the authority to legally execute and bind Recipient to the terms of this agreement.

Independent Contractor, Subcontracting and Assignments

In performing its obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall at all times be acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Florida. Neither the Recipient nor any of its agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it is an agent of or has the authority to bind the Department by virtue of this Agreement, unless specifically authorized in writing to do so.

Notice of Legal Actions

The Recipient shall notify the Department of potential or actual legal actions taken against the Recipient related to services provided through this Agreement or that may impact the Recipient's ability to complete the deliverables outlined herein, or that may adversely impact the Department. The Department's Grant Manager will be notified within 10 days of Recipient becoming aware of such actions or potential actions or from the day of the legal filing, whichever comes first.

Property

The purchase of or improvements to real property are not allowable under this agreement.

Background Check

Whenever a background screening for employment or a background security check is required by law for employment, unless otherwise provided by law, the provisions of Chapter 435 Florida Statutes, shall apply.

All employees in positions designated by law as positions of trust or responsibility shall be required to undergo security background investigations as a condition of employment and continued employment. For the purposes of the subsection, security background investigations shall include, but not be limited to, employment history checks, fingerprinting for all purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal and juvenile record checks through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and federal criminal record checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and may include local criminal record checks through local law enforcement agencies.

V. RECORDS, AUDITS AND DATA SECURITY

Records, Retention

Retention of all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this Agreement shall be maintained by the Recipient during the term of this Agreement and retained for a period of five (5) years after completion of the Agreement or longer when required by law. In the event an audit is required under this Agreement, records shall be retained for a minimum period of five

(5) years after the audit report is issued or until resolution of any audit findings or litigation based on the terms of this Agreement, at no additional cost to the Department.

Upon demand, at no additional cost to the Department, the Recipient will facilitate the duplication and transfer of any records or documents during the term of this Agreement and the required five (5) year retention period. No record may be withheld, nor may the Recipient attempt to limit the scope of any of the foregoing inspections, reviews, copying, transfers or audits based on any claim that any record is exempt from public inspection or is confidential, proprietary or trade secret in nature; provided, however, that this provision does not limit any exemption to public inspection or copying to any such record.

These records shall be made available at all reasonable times for inspection, review, copying, or audit by State, or other personnel duly authorized by the Department.

Audits

The Recipient shall comply and cooperate immediately with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by The Office of the Inspector General (section 20.055, Florida Statutes).

In the event that the Recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such Recipient, the Recipient must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with section 215.97, Florida Statutes; applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the Recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, other state agencies, and other non-state entities. State financial assistance does not include Federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a non-state entity for Federal program matching requirements.

The schedule of expenditures should disclose the expenditures by contract/agreement number for each contract with the Department in effect during the audit period. All questioned costs and liabilities due the Department shall be fully disclosed in the audit report package with reference to the specific contract number.

If the Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, Florida Statutes, is not required. In the event that the Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year and elects to have

an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from other than State entities).

Pursuant to section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, State agencies may conduct or arrange for audits of state financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the State awarding agency must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.

Pursuant to Section 216.1366, Florida Statutes, in order to preserve the interest of the state in the prudent expenditure of state funds, the Department shall be authorized to inspect the (a) Financial records, papers, and documents of the Contractor that are directly related to the performance of the Contract or the expenditure of state funds, and (b) Programmatic records, papers, and documents of the Contractor which the Department determines are necessary to monitor the performance of the Contract or to ensure that the terms of the Contract are being met. The Contractor shall provide such records, papers, and documents requested by the Department within ten (10) business days after the request is made.

Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to this agreement shall be submitted within nine (9) months after the end of the Recipient's fiscal year or within 30 days of the recipient's receipt of the audit report, whichever occurs first, unless otherwise required by Florida Statutes:

Copies of financial reporting packages required by of this Agreement shall be submitted by or on behalf of the Recipient directly to each of the following:

The Department of Law Enforcement at:

ATTN: Cody Menacof
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
Post Office Box 1489
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489

The Auditor General's Office at:

Auditor General's Office
Room 401, Pepper Building
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

Monitoring

The Recipient agrees to comply with the Department's grant monitoring guidelines, protocols, and procedures; and to cooperate with the Department on all grant monitoring requests, including requests

related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, site visits, and/or Florida Department of Financial Services contract reviews and Expanded Audits of Payment (EAP).

The Recipient agrees to provide the Department all documentation necessary to complete monitoring of the award and verify expenditures in accordance with section 215.971, Florida Statutes. Further, the Recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by the Department for providing requested documents. Failure to cooperate with grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the Recipient's award, including, but not limited to: withholding and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to funds, and/or referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review.

Property Management

The purchase of property and equipment is not allowable under the terms of this agreement.

Recipient's Confidential and Exempt Information

By executing this Agreement, the Recipient acknowledges that, having been provided an opportunity to review all provisions hereof, all provisions of this Agreement not specifically identified in writing by the Recipient prior to execution hereof as "confidential" or "exempt" will be posted by the Department on the public website maintained by the Department of Financial Services pursuant to section 215.985, Florida Statutes. The Recipient agrees that, upon written request of the Department, it shall promptly provide to the Department a written statement of the basis for the exemption applicable to each provision identified by the Recipient as "confidential" or "exempt", including the statutory citation to an exemption created or afforded by statute, and state with particularity the reasons for the conclusion that the provision is exempt or confidential.

Any claim by Recipient of trade secret (proprietary confidentiality for any information contained in Recipient's documents (reports, deliverables or work papers, etc., in paper or electronic form) submitted to the Department in connection with this Agreement cannot be waived, unless the claimed confidential information is submitted in accordance with the following two paragraphs.

The Recipient must clearly label any portion of the documents, data, or records submitted that it considers exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law as trade secret. The labeling will include a justification citing specific statutes and facts that authorize exemption of the information from public disclosure. If different exemptions are claimed to be applicable to different portions of the protected information, the Recipient shall include information correlating the nature of the claims to the particular protected information.

The Department, when required to comply with a public records request including documents submitted by the Recipient, may require the Recipient to expeditiously submit redacted copies of documents marked as trade secret in accordance with this section. Accompanying the submission shall be an updated version of the justification, correlated specifically to redacted information, either confirming that the statutory and factual basis originally asserted remain unchanged or indicating any changes affecting the basis for the asserted exemption from public inspection or disclosure. The redacted copy must exclude or obliterate only those exact portions that are claimed to be trade secret. If the Recipient fails to promptly submit a redacted copy, the Department is authorized to produce the records sought without any redaction of proprietary or trade secret information.

VI. PENALTIES, TERMINATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, LIABILITY AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Penalties for Failure to Take Corrective Action

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance under this Agreement. Penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans.

Termination

The Department reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this agreement for refusal by the Recipient to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Recipient in conjunction with this agreement, unless the records are exempt pursuant to Article I, Section 24(a), of the Florida Constitution and section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes

The Department shall be the final authority as to the appropriation, availability and adequacy of funds. In the event the Recipient fails to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Department may terminate the Agreement upon written notice. Such notice may be issued without providing an opportunity for cure if it specifies the nature of the noncompliance and states that provision for cure would adversely affect the interests of the State or is not permitted by law or regulation. Otherwise, notice of termination will be issued after the Recipient's failure to fully cure such noncompliance within the time specified in a written notice of noncompliance issued by the Department specifying the nature of the noncompliance and the actions required to cure such noncompliance. In addition, the Department may employ the default provisions in Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., but is not required to do so in order to terminate the Agreement. The Department's failure to demand performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such performance. The Department's waiver of any one breach of any

provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and neither event shall be construed to be a modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The provisions herein do not limit the Department's right to remedies at law or in equity. The validity of this agreement is subject to the truth and accuracy of all the information, representations, and materials submitted or provided by the Recipient in this agreement, in any subsequent submission or response to Department request, or in any submission or response to fulfill the requirements of this agreement, and such information, representations, and materials are incorporated by reference. The lack of accuracy thereof or any material changes shall, at the option of the Department and with thirty (30) days written notice to the Recipient, cause the termination of this agreement and the release of the Department from all its obligations to the Recipient. This agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Florida, and venue for any actions arising out of this agreement shall lie in Leon County. If any provision hereof is in conflict with any applicable statute or rule, or is otherwise unenforceable, then such provision shall be deemed null and void to the extent of such conflict, and shall be deemed severable, but shall not invalidate any other provision of this agreement.

No waiver by the Department of any right or remedy granted hereunder or failure to insist on strict performance by the Recipient shall affect or extend or act as a waiver of any other right or remedy of the Department hereunder, or affect the subsequent exercise of the same right or remedy by the Department for any further or subsequent default by the Recipient. Any power of approval or disapproval granted to the Department under the terms of this agreement shall survive the terms and life of this agreement as a whole.

The agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, any one of which may be taken as an original.

In the event of termination, the Recipient will be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed through the date of termination or an earlier date of suspension of work.

Disputes and Appeals

The Department shall make its decision in writing when responding to any disputes, disagreements, or questions of fact arising under this agreement and shall distribute its response to all concerned parties. The Recipient shall proceed diligently with the performance of this agreement according to the Department's decision. If the Recipient appeals the Department's decision, the appeal also shall be made in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days to the Department's clerk (agency clerk). The Recipient's right to appeal the Department's decision is contained in Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and in procedures set forth in Fla.

Admin. Code R.28-106.104. Failure to appeal within this time frame constitutes a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. After receipt of a petition for alternative dispute resolution the Department and the Recipient shall attempt to amicably resolve the dispute through negotiations. Timely delivery of a petition for alternative dispute resolution and completion of the negotiation process shall be a condition precedent to any legal action by the Recipient concerning this Agreement.

Liability

Unless the Recipient is a state agency or subdivision, the Recipient shall be solely responsible to parties with whom it shall deal in carrying out the terms of this agreement, and shall save the Department harmless

against all claims of whatever nature by third parties arising out of the performance of work under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, Recipient agrees that it is not an employee or agent of the Department, but is an independent contractor.

Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect in any way the Recipient rights, privileges, and immunities under the doctrine of "sovereign immunity" and as set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes

Signatures

In witness whereof, the parties affirm they each have read and agree to the conditions set forth in this agreement, have read and understand the agreement in its entirety and have executed this agreement by their duty authorized officers on the date, month and year set out below.

Corrections on this page, including strikeouts, whiteout, etc. are not permitted.

**State of Florida
Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants**

Signature: _____

Typed Name and Title: Cody Menacof, Bureau Chief

Date: _____

**Recipient
Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners**

Signature: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Administration

Executive Summary

Objective:

Adoption of Preliminary Rate Resolution provided by Nabors Giblin & Nickerson associated with Fire Protection Services.

Considerations:

During the July 5, 2023, regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board voted to increase fire protection services to \$130.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The Resolution is prepared and adopted annually.

Recommendation:

Respectfully request the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners to approve and adopt the Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 18, 2023

Greg Scott,
County Administrator

SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION
FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

ADOPTED JULY 18, 2023

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE SUWANNEE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSED COST AND THE ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2023 DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATED FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT ROLL ; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR INDIGENCY RELIEF, VACANCY ADJUSTMENT, AND A PROCEDURES FOR ADJOINING TAX PARCELS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida (the "Board"), has enacted Ordinance No. 2005-04 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the annual reimposition of annual Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services, facilities or programs against certain Assessed Property within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services;

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment for fire protection services, facilities or programs for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Fire Protection Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reimpose an annual Fire Protection assessment program within the County, using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ordinance, the reimposition of Fire Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023, requires certain processes such as the preparation of the Fire Protection Assessment Roll;

WHEREAS, annually a Preliminary Rate Resolution describing the method of assessing Fire Protection Assessed Cost against Assessed Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, directing the preparation of an assessment roll, authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof is required by the Ordinance for the reimposition of the Fire Protection Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services to adopt this Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2005-04), the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-39), the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-46), Article VIII, section 1 of the Florida Constitution, sections 125.01 and 125.66, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.

(A) This resolution constitutes the Preliminary Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the annual process for updating the Fire Protection Assessment Roll and directs the reimposition of the Fire Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023.

(B) All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number, include the plural number, and vice versa.

(C) As used in this resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context hereof otherwise requires:

SECTION 3. PROVISION AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

(A) Upon the reimposition of a Fire Protection Assessment for fire protection services, facilities, or programs against Assessed Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, the County shall provide fire protection services to such Assessed Property. All or a portion of the cost to provide such fire protection services, facilities, or programs shall be funded from proceeds of the Fire Protection Assessments. The remaining cost, if any, required to provide fire protection services, facilities, and programs shall be funded by available County revenues other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds.

(B) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for

Fire Protection Services will be benefited by the County's provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Protection Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 4. IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS. Unless otherwise exempted as provided herein, Fire Protection Assessments shall be imposed against all Tax Parcels within the Property Use Categories within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. Fire Protection Assessments shall be computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT.

(A) The legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

(B) The legislative determinations affirmed in paragraph (A) above are hereby supplemented with the following legislative determination, which shall supersede and replace the legislative determination set forth in Section 4(W) of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution:

In accordance with Section 125.01(1)(r), Florida Statutes, the County is required to exempt the following from the Fire Protection Assessment: (i) Land classified as agricultural land pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida

Statutes and (ii) Buildings of Non-Residential property on lands classified as agricultural lands pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, it is fair and reasonable not to impose Fire Protection Assessments upon such Land classified as agricultural and such Buildings of Non-Residential property.

SECTION 6. COST APPORTIONMENT AND PARCEL APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGIES. The Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment methodologies as explained and calculated in Section 7 and 8 of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution and the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution are hereby affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 7. DETERMINATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSED COST; ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and the Parcel Apportionment for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, is \$2,840,003.00.

(B) The estimated Fire Protection Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Fire Protection Assessed Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, are hereby established as follows for the purpose of this Preliminary Rate Resolution:

Residential Property Use Categories	Rate	Billing Unit
Residential	\$130.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Property Use Categories		
Non-Residential	\$0.13	Per Square Foot
Land Property Use Categories		
Parcel (≤ 160 acres)	\$25.31	Per Tax Parcel
Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640)	\$0.24	Per Acre

(C) As authorized in the Ordinance, the Maximum Assessment Rates that can, but are not required to, be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels in future fiscal years without additional notice to Owners of the Tax Parcels as required by the Ordinance shall continue to be as follows:

Residential Property Use Categories	Rate	Billing Unit
Residential	\$336.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Property Use Categories		
Non-Residential	\$0.29	Per Square Foot
Land Property Use Categories		
Parcel (≤ 160 acres)	\$57.78	Per Tax Parcel
Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640)	\$0.53	Per Acre

(D) The following exemptions shall apply to the Fire Protection Assessment Program:

(1) No Fire Protection Assessment shall be imposed upon a parcel of Government Property; however, Government Property that is owned by federal mortgage entities, such as the VA and HUD, shall not be exempted from the Fire Protection Assessment.

(2) No Fire Protection Assessment shall be imposed on Buildings categorized as Institutional Property whose Building use is wholly exempt from ad valorem taxation under Florida law.

(3) No Fire Protection Assessment shall be imposed on Agricultural Buildings.

(4) No Fire Protection Assessment shall be imposed against any Land that is classified as agricultural land pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida Statutes, or Buildings of Non-Residential Property located on a Tax Parcel that is classified as agricultural land pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida Statutes.

(E) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any reduction or exemption from payment of the Fire Rescue Assessments required by law or authorized by the Board shall be supplemented by any legally available funds, or combination of such funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Fire Protection Assessments. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines any exemption or reduction by the Board is improper or otherwise adversely affects the validity of the Fire Protection Assessment imposed for this Fiscal Year, the sole and exclusive remedy shall be the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment upon each affected Tax Parcel in the amount of the Fire Protection Assessment that would have been otherwise imposed save for such reduction or exemption afforded to such Tax Parcel by the Board.

(F) The approval of the estimated Fire Protection Assessment rate schedule by the adoption of this Preliminary Rate Resolution determines the amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Cost. The remainder of such Fiscal Year budget for fire rescue services, facilities, and programs shall be funded from available County revenue other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds.

(G) The estimated Fire Protection Assessments specified in the Fire Rescue Assessment rate schedule in subsection (B) above are hereby established to fund the

specified Fire Rescue Assessed Cost determined to be assessed in the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023. No portion of such Fire Protection Assessed Cost is attributable to impact fee revenue that funds capital improvements necessitated by new growth or development. Further, no portion of such Fire Protection Assessed Cost is attributable to Emergency Medical Services.

(H) The estimated Fire Rescue Assessments established in this Preliminary Rate Resolution shall be the estimated assessment rates applied by the County Administrator in the preparation of the updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, as provided in Section 8 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 8. FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT ROLL .

(A) The County Administrator is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, in the manner provided in the Ordinance. Unless otherwise exempted as provided herein, the Fire Protection Assessment Roll shall include all Tax Parcels within the Property Use Categories. The County Administrator shall apportion the estimated Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through Fire Protection Assessments in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

(B) A copy of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, documentation related to the estimated amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through the imposition of Fire Protection Assessments, and the updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll shall be maintained on file in the office of the County Administrator and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed

to require that the updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Fire Protection Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by the use of a computer terminal available to the public.

(C) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the method of determining the Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services as set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Fire Protection Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING. There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, at Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, at which time the Board will receive and consider any comments on the Fire Protection Assessments from the public and affected property owners and consider reimposing Fire Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and collecting such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 10. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. The County Administrator shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 9 hereof in the manner and time provided in Section 2.04 of the Ordinance. The notice shall be published no later than August 15, 2023, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

SECTION 11. NOTICE BY MAIL.

(A) If the circumstances in Section 2.08(F) of the Ordinance so require, the County Administrator shall also provide notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 9 hereof by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of Assessed Property in the manner

and time provided in Section 2.05 of the Ordinance, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Such notices shall be mailed no later than August 15, 2023.

(B) For Tax Parcels with exempt “home addresses” pursuant to Section 119.071(4), Florida Statutes, the County Administrator shall work with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector for provision of notice.

SECTION 12. INDIGENCY RELIEF. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to continue to assist Indigent Persons who are Owners of homesteaded Residential Property with the financial burden created by the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment in the manner set forth in Section 11 of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 13. VACANCY ADJUSTMENT.

(A) As a consequence of the transient use and potential for significant numbers of vacancies within Mobile Home Parks and Recreational Vehicle Parks and the potential sustained lack of demand for fire protection services for spaces not occupied by a recreational vehicle or a mobile home, each Owner of Mobile Home Park and Recreational Vehicle Park property shall be afforded the opportunity to demonstrate, in the manner described in Section 12 of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, the vacancy rate in space occupancy within such property and receive a vacancy adjustment to the Fire Protection Assessments imposed upon such property.

(B) The County Administrator is directed and authorized to adjust, or cause to be adjusted, any Fire Protection Assessment imposed for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, upon a parcel of Mobile Home Park or Recreational Vehicle Park property whose Owner timely and satisfactorily demonstrates by affidavit that such parcel has experienced

vacancies by multiplying the vacancy rate (expressed as a decimal) by the Fire Protection Assessment attributable to the entire parcel of Mobile Home Park or Recreational Vehicle Park property and reducing the assessment by an equivalent amount.

(C) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any adjustment for vacancy shall be supplemented by any legally available funds and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from Fire Protection Assessments.

SECTION 14. PROCEDURE FOR ADJOINING TAX PARCELS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP. Each Owner of Adjoining Tax Parcels may apply to the County Administrator to combine such parcels into a single Tax Parcel for purposes of the imposition of the Fire Protection Assessment imposed herein in the manner set forth in Section 13 of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 15. APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS. Proceeds derived by the County from the Fire Protection Assessments shall be used for the provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and used only to fund fire protection services, facilities, and programs.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Preliminary Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

(SEAL)

By: _____
Franklin White, Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Barry A. Baker, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By: _____
Adam Morrison, County Attorney

APPENDIX A

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

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FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

To Be Published by August 15, 2023

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AN PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the reimposition of annual fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the boundaries of the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, which includes all of the unincorporated areas of the County, for the fiscal beginning October 1, 2023, and future fiscal years.

The hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an

interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment schedules.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2023-23

Residential Property Use Categories	Rate	Billing Unit
Residential	\$130.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Property Use Categories		
Non-Residential	\$0.13	Per Square Foot
Land Property Use Categories		
Parcel (≤ 160 acres)	\$25.31	Per Tax Parcel
Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640)	\$0.24	Per Acre

MAXIMUM FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

Residential Property Use Categories	Rate	Billing Unit
Residential	\$336.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Property Use Categories		
Non-Residential	\$0.29	Per Square Foot
Land Property Use Categories		
Parcel (≤ 160 acres)	\$57.78	Per Tax Parcel
Acres (> 160 acres capped at 640)	\$0.53	Per Acre

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection Services, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, the Preliminary Rate Resolution and the updated Fire Protection Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator located at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2023, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

[INSERT MAP OF THE COUNTY]

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

APPENDIX B

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED

APPENDIX B

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED

******* NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER *******

Suwannee County
[Address]
[City], Florida [zip code]

<p>SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023</p>

Owner Name
Address
City, State Zip

Tax Parcel # _____
Legal Description: _____

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is given by Suwannee County that an annual assessment for fire protection services using the tax bill collection method may be levied on your property. This is not a new program; the County has imposed this assessment since 2005. This notice is being sent to you because the County is considering increasing the rate to more fully fund the cost of providing fire protection services. The purpose of this assessment is to fund fire protection services benefiting property located within the unincorporated area of the County. The total annual Fire Protection Assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$2,840,003.00 for fiscal year October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024. The annual fire protection assessment is based on the classification of each parcel of property and number of billing units contained therein.

The above parcel is classified as _____.

The total number of billing units on the above parcel is _____.

The type of billing units on the above parcel is _____.

The annual Fire Protection Assessment for the above parcel is \$_____ for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and future Fiscal Years.

The maximum Fire Protection Assessment that can be imposed without further notice for future fiscal years for the above parcel is \$_____.

A public hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County

Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of County's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator located at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The fire protection service non-ad valorem assessment amount shown on this notice will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed by the Suwannee County Tax Collector in November. Failure to pay the assessment could result causing a tax certificate to be issued against your property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your fire protection assessment, please contact the County Administrator's Office at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

******* THIS IS NOT A BILL *******

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Administration

Executive Summary

Objective:

Adoption of Preliminary Rate Resolution provided by Nabors Giblin & Nickerson associated with Solid Waste Services.

Considerations:

During the July 5, 2023, regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board voted to increase solid waste services to \$235.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The Resolution is prepared and adopted annually.

Recommendation:

Respectfully request the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners to approve and adopt the Preliminary Rate Resolution for Solid Waste Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 18, 2023

Greg Scott,
County Administrator

SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION
FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

ADOPTED JULY 18, 2023

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE SUWANNEE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE SUWANNEE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ROLL ; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR INDIGENCY RELIEF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida (the "Board"), has enacted Ordinance No. 2005-04 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the annual reimposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs against certain Residential Property within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services;

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Solid Waste Service Assessment for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Solid Waste Cost among parcels of Residential Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reimpose an annual Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal assessment program within the County, using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ordinance, the reimposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2023, requires certain processes such as the preparation of the Solid Waste Assessment Roll;

WHEREAS, annually a Preliminary Rate Resolution describing the method of assessing the Solid Waste Cost against Residential Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services, directing the preparation of an assessment roll, authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof is required by the Ordinance for the reimposition of the Solid Waste Service Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services to adopt this Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2005-04) (the "Ordinance"), the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-40), the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2021-47), Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, sections 125.01 and 125.66, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.

(A) This resolution constitutes the Preliminary Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the annual process for updating the Solid Waste Assessment Roll and directs the reimposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023.

(B) All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number, include the plural number, and vice versa.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT. The legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, and the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. PROVISION AND FUNDING OF SOLID WASTE AND RECOVERED MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.

(A) Upon the reimposition of Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs against Residential Property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services, the County shall cause Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services to be provided to such Residential Property.

(B) It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each parcel of Residential Property will be benefited by the County's provision of Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Service Assessment upon such parcel computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 5. DETERMINATION OF SOLID WASTE COST; ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The Solid Waste Cost to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, is \$3,850,475.00. The approval of this Preliminary Rate Resolution determines the amount of the Solid Waste Cost. The remainder of such Fiscal Year budget for Solid Waste and Recovered Material collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs shall be funded from available County revenue other than Solid Waste Service Assessments.

(B) For the Fiscal Year in which Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs are reimposed, the Solid Waste Cost shall be allocated among all parcels of Residential Property within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste and Recovered Material collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs, based upon each parcel's classification as Residential Property and the number of Dwelling Units for such parcels. A rate of assessment equal to \$235.00 for each Dwelling Unit for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs is hereby approved for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Such Solid Waste Service Assessment for each parcel of Residential Property shall be computed by multiplying the assessment rate by the

number of Dwelling Units on such parcel. As authorized in the Ordinance, the Maximum Assessment Rate that can, but is not required, to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels of Residential Property in future fiscal years without additional notice to Owners of the Tax Parcels as required by the Ordinance shall continue to be \$493.05 per Dwelling Unit.

(C) The rate of the Solid Waste Service Assessments established in this Preliminary Rate Resolution shall be the rates applied by the County Administrator in the preparation of the updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, as provided in Section 6 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

SECTION 6. SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

(A) The County Administrator is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, in the manner provided in the Ordinance. Unless otherwise exempted, the Solid Waste Assessment Roll shall include all Residential Property within the MSBU. The County Administrator shall apportion the estimated Solid Waste Cost to be recovered through Solid Waste Service Assessments in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

(B) A copy of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, documentation related to the estimated amount of the Solid Waste Cost to be recovered through the imposition of the Solid Waste Service Assessments and the updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll shall be maintained on file in the office of the County Administrator and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to

require that the updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Solid Waste Service Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by use of a computer terminal available to the public.

(C) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the foregoing method of determining the Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs (1) is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Solid Waste Cost among parcels of Residential Property and (2) is an equitable and efficient mechanism to address payment delinquencies and recover funds advanced for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs which are allocable to specific parcels of Residential Property.

SECTION 7. AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING. There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, at which time the Board will receive and consider any comments on the Solid Waste Service Assessments from the public and affected property owners and consider reimposing Solid Waste Service Assessments for Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and collecting such assessment on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 8. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION. The County Administrator shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 7 hereof in the manner and time provided in Section 2.04 of the Ordinance. The notice shall be published no later than August 15, 2023, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

SECTION 9. NOTICE BY MAIL.

(A) If the circumstances outlined in Section 2.08(F) of the Ordinance so require, the County Administrator shall also provide notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 7 hereof by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of Residential Property in the time and manner as required by Section 2.05 of the Ordinance, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Such notices shall be mailed not later than August 15, 2023.

(B) For Tax Parcels with exempt "home addresses" pursuant to Section 119.071(d), Florida Statutes, the County Administrator shall work with the Property Appraiser and/or Tax Collector for provision of notice.

SECTION 10. INDIGENCY RELIEF. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to continue to assist Indigent Persons who are Owners of homesteaded Residential Property with the financial burden created by the imposition of a Solid Waste Service Assessment in the manner set forth in Section 8 of the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 11. APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS. Proceeds derived by the County from the Solid Waste Service Assessments shall be used for the provision of Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and used only to fund Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Preliminary Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18th day of July, 2023.

SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL)

Franklin White, Chair

ATTEST:

Barry A, Baker, Clerk

APPROVED FOR FORM
AND CORRECTNESS

By: _____
Adam Morrison, County Attorney

APPENDIX A
FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

To Be Published by August 15, 2023

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR
COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider reimposing solid waste special assessments against certain improved residential properties located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services to fund the cost of Solid Waste and Recovered Materials collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs provided to such properties for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and future fiscal years, and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's office at (386) 364-3400, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessments will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel of residential property by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year shall be \$235.00 per dwelling unit. The maximum rate of assessment that can be imposed in future fiscal years without additional notice is \$493.05 per dwelling unit. Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Amended and

Restated Final Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll, showing the amount of the assessment to be reimposed against each parcel of property are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2023, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

[INSERT MAP OF SUWANNEE COUNTY]

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

APPENDIX B

FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED

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******* NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER *******

**Suwannee County
ADDRESS
Live Oak, Florida**

SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE
FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS
NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023

**Owner Name
Address
City, State Zip**

Tax Parcel # _____
Legal Description: _____

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is given by Suwannee County, Florida, that an annual assessment for solid waste services using the tax bill collection method, may be levied on your property. The purpose of this assessment is to fund solid waste services benefiting residential property located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Service. The total annual solid waste assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$3,850,475.00 for fiscal year October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024. The annual solid waste service assessment is based on the number of residential dwelling units contained on each parcel of property.

The total number of residential dwelling units on the above parcel is _____.

The solid waste service assessment for the above parcel is \$_____ for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The maximum solid waste service assessment that can be imposed without further notice for future fiscal years for the above parcel is \$_____.

A public hearing will be held at 5:05 p.m. on September 5, 2023, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parshley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the

Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the reimposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll are available for inspection at the County Administrator's office at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The solid waste service non-ad valorem assessment amount shown on this notice will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November 2023. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste service assessment, please contact the County Administrator's office at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

******* THIS IS NOT A BILL *******

SUWANNEE

Parks & Recreation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective:

To request permission to apply for a Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant for park development/renovations at Wellborn Park for \$200,000; to approve and execute a resolution stating that the County will amend the CIP to include the project if funded and to allow staff to sign the required documents.

Consideration:

This grant is funded 100% by the State and is not a matching grant but a reimbursable grant.

The grant would be received in 2024-25.

This resolution will help the State to look more favorably at our application by granting additional points.

This resolution is merely confirming that the County will include funding in its five-year Capital Improvements Schedule portion of the County's Comprehensive Plan providing the State funds are received.

Recommendation:

Suwannee Parks & Recreation respectfully requests the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners to grant permission to apply for a Department of Environmental Protection FRDAP grant for park development/renovation at Wellborn Park for \$200,000 and to approve and execute the resolution stating that the County will amend the CIP to include these projects if funded and allow staff to sign required documents.

Respectfully submitted:

Dated: July 18, 2023

Jason Furry, CPRP
Parks & Recreation Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, there is a present and growing need for outdoor recreation opportunities among persons of all ages within Suwannee County,

WHEREAS, Suwannee County recognized this need for additional recreational opportunities, and,

WHEREAS, meeting the increasing demand for recreation opportunities of the community park can best be met with the development and renovation of a County park;

WHEREAS, Suwannee County is duly constituted and qualified to meet the needs of its citizens, its neighbors and its visitors; and,

WHEREAS, Suwannee County has previously demonstrated its commitment to complying with all State laws, rules and regulations; therefore, now let it be

RESOLVED, that Suwannee County shall include a development/renovation project for Wellborn Park for \$200,000 in plans for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 to be included in its five-year Capital Improvements Schedule portion of the County's Comprehensive Plan providing the State and/or Federal grants to fund such development are received.

Adopted this _____ day of July, 2023, by Suwannee County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Franklin White, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARRY BAKER
Clerk of Circuit Court

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Administration

Executive Summary

Objective:

Approval for staff and other resources to prepare and submit grant application

Considerations:

- The Department of Commerce (formerly DEO) has announced a grant funding opportunity to construct or improve buildings designated as Multi-purpose Community Facilities (MPCF) designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.
- After a review of the MPCF grant application/guidelines and discussions with community anchor institutions regarding critical needs, the County Administration grant staff delivered a presentation to the County Local Technology Planning Team (LTPT) on 7/11/2023 regarding the MPCF grant funding opportunity.
- County LTPT discussed the MPCF opportunity and decided to formally recommend that County staff and external resource engage right away to compile application information, prepare the grant application and submit the application(s) by the 10/5/2023 deadline.
- As time is of the essence, grant writing services and guidance from Liberty Partners of Tallahassee for the MPCF grant application offers key resources to not only complete the application on schedule but also positively impact the potential for an award.

Budget Impact:

- No budget impact

Recommendation:

- Approval for County staff to engage with various LTPT members, anchor institution entities, local municipal or town staff, and other resources necessary to prepare and submit the grant application by the stated deadline.
- Approval for Liberty Partners of Tallahassee to write/prepare the MPCF grant application and submit the same by the stated deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Scott,

County Administrator

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MPCF Grant Opportunity Overview

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Overview

U.S. Treasury Department assumes that the Covid-19 pandemic highlights the lack of access to affordable and high-quality internet creates disadvantages for rural areas that prevents full participation in workforce, education, and health. The purpose of funding in the Multi-purpose Community Facility program supports construction of or improvements to facilities designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. Applicants can compete for grant funding to build a new facility or renovate an existing facility to provide education for work/professional development, digital literacy programs and health monitoring to public at large.

Application Period

- Window is open to submit July 5th and closes on October 5, 2023

Award Information

- No fund matching requirement
- \$4M limit for single application (one facility)
- \$6M cumulative limit for multiple applications (more than one facility)
- Waiver could be offered by DEO to increase limits depending on application score
- Awards will be announced in Dec 2023
- Anticipate grant agreement available 3-6 months after award notice (Apr-Jun 2024)
- Expenditures that occur before the grant agreement effective date not eligible for reimbursement
- Project(s) must be completed prior to the grant expiration of 12/31/2026

Build vs. Renovate

- Building a new facility will require environmental review due to the use of federal funds. Last review took nearly 15 months to complete.
- Architectural/engineer design can require 15+ months
- Renovations do not require an environmental review and could be completed faster
- Renovation approach is recommended versus trying to build new and run out of time
- The LTPT is proposing to renovate three buildings.
 - Douglass Center (County owned)
 - Hale Park Bldg (county & City owned)
 - Warehouse in Branford (paid for by grant funds) located at 511 HWY 27 across from Dollar General & Tractor Supply
- CRA Architects has offered to create design concepts and costs estimates for the building renovations in the grant application at no cost

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Administration

Executive Summary

Objective:

Declare miscellaneous equipment and vehicles surplus and approve the sale of same.

Considerations:

County Departments no longer utilize miscellaneous equipment and vehicles. See the attached list.

County staff feels it best to sell the subject equipment and vehicles at a public auction.

Recommendation:

Respectfully request that Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners declare miscellaneous equipment and vehicles surplus and authorize the sale of same at a Public Auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 18, 2023

Greg Scott,
County Administrator

On Yard for Auction Held on _____

Fleet No.	Make	Model	VIN	Property Card No.
T-8	DODGE	D-150	1B7HC16X1X5192998	2310
5200	STERLING	BOOM TRUCK	2FZAASBV61AG08588	T-5200
V-2	FORD	E-350	1FBNE31L26HB08734	B349002
FLAT BED	FORD	F-350		
FLOADER	JOHN DEERE	544 G	DW544GB542984	L-10
T-100	CHEVY	1500	3GCEC14VX6G138772	4307
T-7	FORD	F-150	2FTRX17W83CB00735	
T-114	FORD	F-150 4X4	1FTRX18W9XNB42281	
T-112	FORD	F-350	1FDWF36P85EA37351	3147
T-10	FORD	F-150	1FTRW08682KD27512	
OLD T-111	FORD	F-450	1FDXF46F8YEB05198	5394
T-123	FORD	RANGER	1FTYR15E81PB53138	
M-111	LAY MOORE	BROOM6HC	27461005	
T-118	FORD	F-150 4X4	1FTRF18W1YNB75277	
V-8	FORD	E-350	1FB5531L46HA33160	304770
M-32	BANDIT 250	CHIPPER	13882	
SCFM-8	FORD	F-150	2FTRX17W53CA48156	305177
	ALUMNE	TRAILER GN945	GF2027WP243125	GOOSENECK
	TANK	STORAGE		
	TANK	STORAGE		
	TANK	SPRAY TANK		
	BROWN TREE CUTTER	TCO-2605C	T605C0349	4612
	GASBOY	9L52AX CXFL	474852	
	TOOLBOXES X4			
SCFM-12	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMYU02ZX6KD17280	4540
T-68	EAGER BEAVER	LOWBOY TRAILER	112HGB226GT350124	
L-14	CAT	924 G	CAT0924GTDDA00720	4037
T-105	FORD	F-800	1FDYF80C45VA79278	304359
SHOULDER MACHINE	HTC	209230	BAP0845806	
T-91	VOLVO	DUMP TRUCK	4V5JC8UF11N305925	
T-90	VOLVO	DUMP TRUCK	4V5JC8UF31N305926	
T-113	FORD	F-750	3FDXF75H1YMA65660	5445
	HOMEMADE	ROOTRAKE		
T-117	FORD	F-150	1FTRX18W7NB32689	
ADMIN-1	CHEVY	MALIBU	1G1ZS52825F304865	4258
A/P DUALY	FORD	F-350	AFDWF36PO3ED28326	5377
T-116	FORD	F-150	1FTRX18W74NB32690	
SPR 13	CHEVROLET	2500 HD	1GCHC29U06E207897	305015
	GRAVELY	2802	000127774	5136
	CLUBCAR	CARRYALL	RG0214-135785	02910
	STARMAX	FRYER	FE530D0408A0126	305104
	KUBOTA	G1800		3159
	BUNN	CRTF5-35	CRTF017254	2090
SCFR 009	Dodge	3500	3D6W24E10BG605056	5488
SCFR 017	Dodge	3500	3C7WDTBL1CG175819	1394
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Suwannee County Fire Rescue

13530 80th Terrace Live Oak, FL 32060

Eddie Hand, Fire Chief

Executive Summary

Objective:

Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. for Interfacility Transports.

Description:

Century Ambulance Service, Inc. currently holds a COPCN for interfacility transports originating in Suwannee County. Century Ambulance is in the process of being Purchased by RG Ambulance Service, Inc. This request is to update Century Ambulance's COPCN with the new name of their company RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc.

Requested Action:

We respectfully request Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners issue RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. a COPCN limited to Interfacility Transport only, from HCA Suwannee ER and all Skilled Nursing Facilities located in Suwannee County.

Budget Impact:

None

Respectfully submitted:

Dated: July 18, 2023

A blue ink signature of Eddie Hand, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a cursive 'H' and 'A'.

Eddie Hand
Fire Chief

SUWANNEE COUNTY AGREEMENT NO. _____

**SUWANNEE COUNTY
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

WHEREAS, RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. has requested authorization to provide non-emergency medical and transportation services that originate within Suwannee County; and,

WHEREAS, RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. has demonstrated, and County concurs, that there is a need to provide these essential services to the residents of Suwannee County; and,

WHEREAS, RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. affirms that it will maintain compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Medical Services Act (Chapter 401, F.S.), Rules (Chapter 64J, F.A.C.), and Suwannee County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. has indicated that it does not desire to conflict with current level of pre-hospital emergency services being provided by the Suwannee County Fire Rescue Department.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County hereby issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. to provide non-emergency medical services subject to the following conditions and limitations as prescribed herein.

1. RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. will provide scheduled non-emergency/non-911 ambulance transportation originating from a Licensed General Hospital, or a Free-Standing Emergency Facility, as defined in Chapter 64J, F.A.C.

2. RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. will provide for non-emergency/non-911 ambulance transportation originating from licensed nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

3. RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. will provide emergency interfacility ambulance transportation, as requested by the Suwannee County Fire Rescue Department.

4. RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. will provide mutual aid when requested to do so by the Suwannee County Fire Rescue Department.

5. No reference to "Suwannee County" or "County" shall be permitted on either the ambulance or the employees, nor shall the words "Rescue" be found on the vehicle.

6. Failure of RG Ambulance Service, Inc. DBA Century Ambulance Service, Inc. to fully comply with any of the terms, conditions, limitations, or provisions contained herein may result in immediate suspension, termination, or revocation of this Certificate by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

7. This Certificate shall be reviewed annually.

Effective Date: _____

Date of Expiration: Until Suspended, Terminated or Revoked

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: _____

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Planning & Zoning

Executive Summary SP-23-07-01 Govea

Objective: Application for Special Permit requests to construct a 40 site RV Park and Campground on Property zoned A-1.

Considerations: The use is allowable by Special permit per section 4.4.5 (B) (13) of the Land Development Regulations. The site is located of of an Arterial road (US 129). The site is at least 5 miles from known RV Parks and Campgrounds. The site is in close proximity to an Intensive Agriculture Operation of poultry houses.

Recommendation: Recommendation is approval of the Special Permit in accordance with the site plan submitted as part of the request.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Meeks,

Development Services Director

APPLICATION FOR
ZONING SPECIAL PERMIT

Name of Title Holder(s): Sergio Govca & Odalys Govca

Address: 18870 US Highway 129 City, State, Zip: Mcalpin, FL 32062

Phone Number: 305-554-4140 / 780-277-1226

Agent's Name & Address (if applicable): _____

_____ Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information:

1. Legal Description: Parcel: 30-045-14E-03238-003000

Leg 8.00 Acres for POB COM AT the SE COR of said
section Trance RUN N 89 DEG 20'32" W Attach separate sheet if necessary.) Along the S line of said section
(see attached)

2. Driving Directions to Subject Property: Highway 129 North of Brantford 12
miles, South of Live Oak 16 miles

3. Describe the proposed use, including, where applicable, size of buildings, number of employees, expected average daily traffic, and any other data pertinent to this use: Owner Operated R.V. Park,
office, bathroom/laundry, supply barn. Sizes based on
approvals and engineering. Variable daily traffic. 40 Sites

4. Has a zoning application been applied for on the subject property in the past? NO. If so, please provide the Application No.: _____

5. List the specific special permit and section number from the Land Development Regulations for which you are applying: 4.4.5 (B) (13) RV Parks & Campground

IF REPRESENTED BY AN AGENT, A LETTER OF CONSENT FROM THE TITLE HOLDER(S) MUST BE ATTACHED.

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN ANY PAPERS OR PLANS SUBMITTED HERewith ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.



Signature of Title Holder(s)

06/01/2023.

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Zoning District: _____ Land Use Plan Map Category: _____

Date Filed: _____ Special Permit Request No. _____

Fee amount: \$650 _____

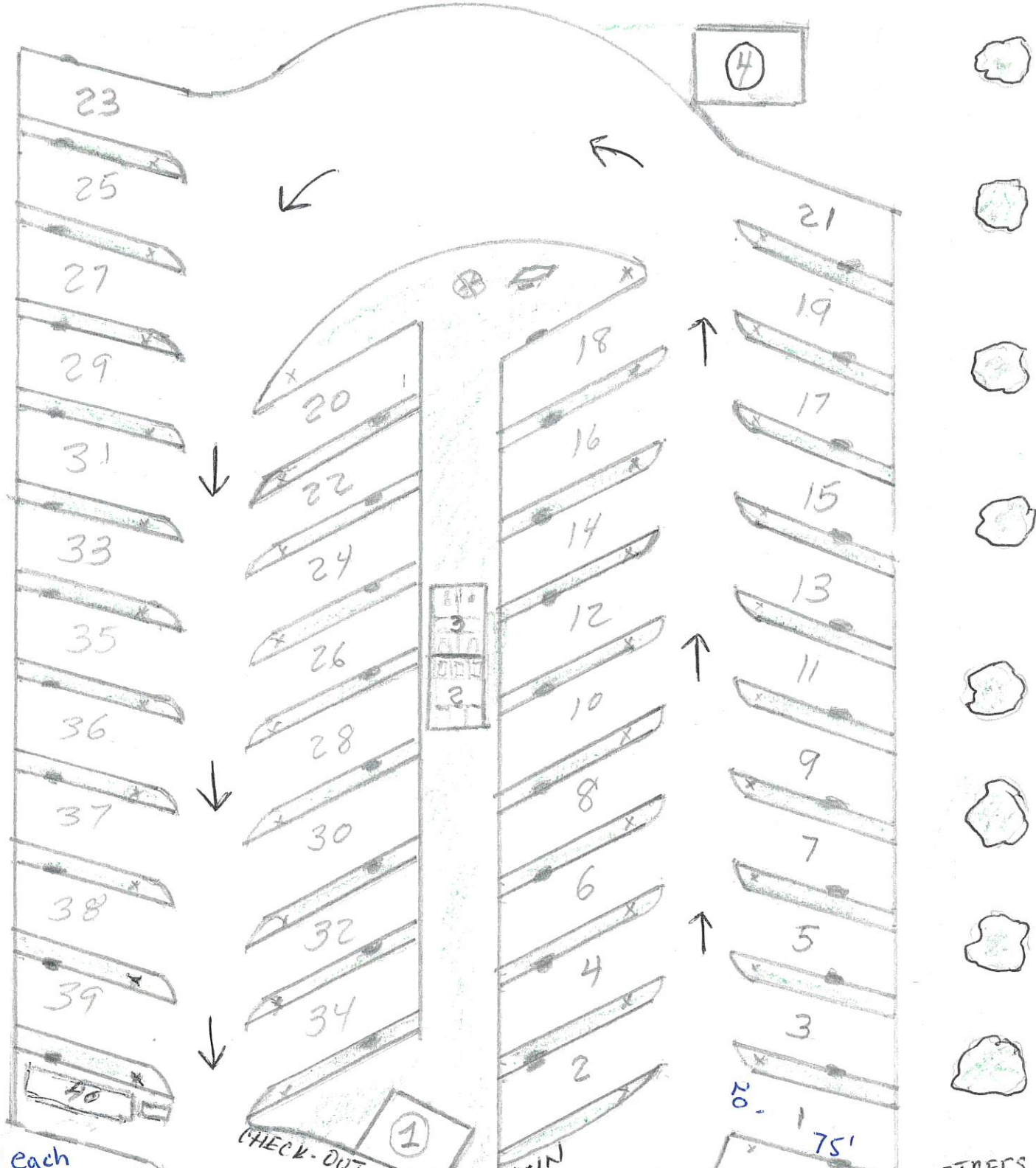
Date hearing held: _____

Action by Board: _____
(Granted, Denied, etc.)

Additional Comments: _____

Planning & Zoning Director
Suwannee County, Florida

Date



- 1,500 Sq Ft each
- X = FLOOR LIGHT
 - = UTILITY CONNECTION.
 - ① = OFFICE
 - ② = LAUNDRY
 - ③ = BATHROOM
 - ④ = SUPPLIES

Parcel: 30-045-14E
 03238-00300
 Govea Sergio & Odaly

US Hwy 129 S

N



Suwannee County Property Appraiser Ricky Gamble | Live Oak, Florida | 386-362-1385

PARCEL: 30-04S-14E-03238-003000 | VACANT (0) | 8.00 AC
 LEG 8.00 ACRES FOR POB COM AT THE SE COR OF SAID SECTION THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 20'32" W ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 532.39 FT TO

GOVEA SERGIO & ODALYS
 Owner: 18870 US HWY 129
 MCALPIN, FL 32062

Site: ,
 Sales Info 2/20/2020 \$107,000 V (0)

2022 Working Values			
Mkt Lnd	\$42,400	Appraised	??
Ag Lnd	\$0	Assessed	\$36,080
Bldg	\$0	Exempt	\$0
XFOB	\$0	Total	\$42,400
Just	??	Taxable	

NOTES:



Suwannee County, FL

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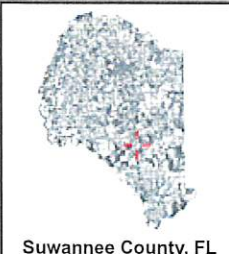
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GOVEA SERGIO & ODALYS
 Owner: 18870 US HWY 129
 MCALPIN, FL 32062

Site: ,

Sales	2/20/2020	\$107,000	V (0)	XFOB	\$0	Total	\$78,204
Info	3/1/1993	\$100	V (0)	Just	??	Taxable	

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Govea Sergio & Odaly

2. Findings. Before any special permit shall be granted, the Board of County Commissioner shall make a specific finding that it is empowered under these land development regulations to grant the special permit described in the application, and that the granting of the special permit would promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or the general welfare. Before any special permit shall be granted, the Board of County Commissioners shall further make a determination that the specific rules governing the individual special permits, if any, have been met by the applicant and that, further, satisfactory provision and arrangement has been made concerning the following matters, where applicable:
 - a. Ingress and egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire or catastrophe.
 - b. Offstreet parking and loading areas, where required, with particular attention to the items in (a) above economic, noise, glare, or odor effects of the special permit on adjoining properties generally in the district.
 - c. Refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items in (a) and (b) above.
 - d. Utilities, with reference to locations, availability, and compatibility.
 - e. Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions, and character.
 - f. Signs, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effects, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district.
 - g. Required yards and other open space.
 - h. Considerations relating to general compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district including but not limited to:
 - (1) Conformity with the County's Comprehensive Plan and the effects upon the County's Comprehensive Plan;
 - (2) The existing land use pattern;
 - (3) The impact of the proposed use upon the load on public facilities such as schools, utilities, and streets;
 - (4) Changed or changing conditions which find the proposed use to be advantageous to the community and the neighborhood;
 - (5) The impact of the proposed use upon living conditions in the neighborhood;

- (6) The impact of the proposed use upon traffic congestion or other
- (7) The impact of the proposed use upon drainage;
- (8) The impact of the proposed use upon light and air to adjacent areas;
- (9) The impact of the proposed use upon property values in the adjacent area;
- (10) The impact of the proposed use upon the improvement or redevelopment of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations; and
- (11) The impact of the proposed use with regard to the scale of needs of the neighborhood or the County.

- 3. Limitations on subsequent written petition for a special permit. No written petition by an owner of real property for a special permit for a particular parcel of property, or part thereof, shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator until the expiration of twelve (12) calendar months from the date of denial of a written application for a special permit for such property, or part thereof, unless the Board of County Commissioners specifically waives said waiting period based upon a consideration of the following factors.
 - a. The new written application constitutes a proposed special permit different from the one (1) proposed in the denied written application.
 - b. Failure to waive said twelve (12) month waiting period constitutes a hardship to the applicant resulting from mistake, inadvertence, or newly discovered matters of consideration.

SUWANNEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GRANTING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 4.4.5 (B) (13) OF ORDANCE NO. 92-11, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED SUWANNEE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; APPROVING A SPECIAL PERMIT TO A 40 SITE RV PARK AND CAMPGROUND ON PROPERTY ZONED AGRICULTURE-1 ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 92-11, entitled Suwannee County Land Development Regulations and hereinafter referred to as County's Land Development Regulations, empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, to approve, approve with conditions or deny special permits, as authorized under Section 14.6.1.1 of the County's Land Development Regulations; and

WHEREAS, an application, Special Permit Request No. SP-23-07-01, for a special permit for a 40 site RV park and campground has been filed with the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found that it is empowered under Section 14.6.1.1 of the County's Zoning Regulations to approve, deny, or conditionally approve the petition for an RV Park and Campground on property zoned A-1; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that the granting of the petition for the above stated special permit would promote the health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that:

- a) The petitioner has proposed ingress and egress to the property and proposed structures thereon for automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, in a manner that will not have an undue adverse impact on traffic flow or control, and access in case of fire or catastrophe;
- b) The petitioner has proposed off street parking and loading areas, where required, with particular attention to the items in and above the economic, noise, glare, or odor effects of the special permit on adjoining properties and properties in the district
- c) The petitioner has proposed refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items

- d) The petitioner has proposed utilities, with reference to locations, availability, and compatibility.
- e) The petitioner has proposed screening and buffering, with reference to type, size, and character which meets the minimum requirements for screening and buffering
- f) The petitioner has proposed signs, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effects, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district
- g) The petitioner has proposed yards and other open space which meet s the minimum requirements for yards and other open space

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that the special permit is generally compatible with adjacent properties, other property in the district, and natural resources, and

- WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that
- a) The proposed use would be in conformance with the County's Comprehensive Plan;
 - b) The proposed use is compatible with the established land use pattern;
 - c) The proposed use will not materially alter the population density pattern and thereby increase or overtax the load on public facilities such as schools, utilities, and streets
 - d) Changed or changing conditions make the proposed use advantageous to the community and the neighborhood
 - e) The proposed use will not have an undue adverse influence on living conditions in the neighborhood;
 - f) The proposed use will not create or excessively increase traffic congestion or otherwise affect public safety
 - g) The proposed use will not create a drainage problem
 - h) The proposed use will not seriously reduce light and air to adjacent areas
 - i) The proposed use will not affect property values in the area
 - j) The proposed use will not be a deterrent to the improvement or development of adjacent property in accord with existing regulations
 - k) The proposed use is not out of scale with the needs of the neighborhood or the community

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT

Section 1. Pursuant to a petition by Sergio & Odalys Govea for a 40 site RV Park and Campground on property zoned A-1 on certain lands within the County as described as follows:

8.00 ACRES FOR POB COM AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH RANGE 14 EAST SUWANNEE COUNTY FLORIDA THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 20'32" W ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 532.39 FEET TO THE E R/W LINE OF US HWY 129 THENCE RUN

N 4 DEG 11'41" W ALONG SAID E R/W LINE A DISTANCE OF 615.66 FEET
THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 22'27" E TO THE E LINE OF SAID SECTION THENCE
RUN S TO THE SE COR OF SAID SECTION & POB

AND

18.62 ACRES FOR POB COM AT THE SE COR OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION
29 TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH RANGE 14 EAST SUWANNEE COUNTY FLORIDA AND
RUN N 1 DEG 48'38" E ALONG THE E LINE OF SAID SW1/4 OF SW1/4 A
DISTANCE OF 612.61 FEET THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 22'27" W TO THE W LINE
OF SAID SW1/4 OF SW1/4 THENCE RUN S TO THE SW CORNER OF SAID SW1/4
OF SW1/4 THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 25'50" E ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID SW1/4
OF SW1/4 A DISTANCE OF 1328.08 FEET TO POB

The Board of County Commissioners approves a special permit for a 40 site RV Park
and Campground for said property, subject to the conditions if any listed-on
Attachment 1.

Section 2. All resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the
extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the board of
County Commissioners.

DULY ADOPTED in session this 18th day of July 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Franklin White, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barry Baker, Clerk

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Planning & Zoning

Executive Summary LDR 23-04

Objective: Text amendment number LDR 23-04 to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations to Section 4.20.1 by deleting Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern and adding Rural Area of Opportunity. Also adding property contiguous and adjacent to property with the Catalyst Site designation can be zoned to Industrial Catalyst Site "ICS"

Considerations: The application and supporting documentation is a result of trying to expand the boundary of the Catalyst Site. The Catalyst Site term is still located in the Statutes, however the State no longer designates a property a Catalyst Site. And there are no guidelines to expand an existing site. To assist with Economic Development, this amendment will allow properties that are contiguous or adjacent to the original Catalyst Site designation to be included in the Industrial Catalyst Site zoning district.

Recommendation: This will be the First of Two public hearings regarding this text amendment. No action of the Board is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Meeks,

Development Services Director

SUWANNEE COUNTY
LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT
APPLICATION

Name of Applicant(s): Suwannee County _____

Address: 224 Pine Avenue _____

City, State, Zip Code: Live Oak, FL 32064 _____

Telephone: 386-364-3401 _____

Name of Applicant's Agent (if applicable): Ronald Meeks _____

Address: 224 Pine Avenue _____

City, State, Zip Code: Live Oak, FL 32064 _____

Telephone: 386-364-3401 _____

Please complete the following for proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas.
For amendments to the text of the Land Development Regulations, which do not require an
Official Zoning Atlas amendment, please omit responses to Part I and complete Part II of this
Application.

PART I

Legal Description: N/A

Total acreage of land to be considered under this amendment: _____

Present Use: _____

(commercial, industrial, residential, agricultural, vacant, etc.)

Zoning District:

Present: _____

Requested: _____

Future Land Use Plan Map Category: _____

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT
OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

PART II

For amendments to the text of the Land Development Regulations, please provide in the space provided below (or on separate pages to be attached and made a part herewith) the text of the proposed amendment.

SEE ATTACHED

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT
OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

A previous application for amendment to the Land Development Regulations:

_____ was made with respect to these premises, Application No.

X was not made with respect to these premises.

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and statements contained in any documents or plans submitted herewith are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If title holder(s) are represented by an agent, a letter of such designation from the title holder(s) addressed to the Land Development Regulations Administrator must be attached.

Ronald Meeks
Applicant/Agent Name (Type or Print Name)

[Signature]
Applicant/Agent Signature

6-2-23
Date

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Date Filed: _____
Application No: _____
Fee Amount: _____
Receipt No. _____
Date of Planning and Zoning Board Public Hearing: _____
Date notice published: _____
Newspaper: _____
Date of Local Planning Agency Public Hearing: _____
Date notice published: _____
Newspaper: _____
Date(s) of Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing(s): (1) _____ (2) _____
Date(s) notice published: (1) _____ (2) _____
Newspaper: _____
Date Notice of Enactment of Ordinance published: _____
Newspaper: _____
Board of County Commissioners decision: _____

(Granted/Denied)

Proposed changes with LDR 23-04 text amendment

4.20.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The “ICS” district is intended to accommodate heavy and light industrial uses such as, but not limited to, manufacturing, processing, warehousing, wholesaling, and distribution. This zoning district shall be restricted only to property located within the ~~Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern~~ Rural Area of Opportunity Catalyst Site as designated by the Governor, or lands that are contiguous or adjacent to property with such designation.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SUWANNEE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 23-04, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.20.1 ENTITLED DISTRICTS AND INTENT FOR "ICS" BY ADDING EXCEPT WHERE A LOT HAS BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE SOLELY BECAUSE OF A DELETING RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN AND ADDING RURAL AREA OF OPORTUNITY AND ADDING OR LANDS WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS OR ADJACENT TO PROPERTY WITH SUCH DESIGNATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, to prepare, adopt and enforce land development regulations;

WHEREAS, Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Community Planning Act, requires the Board of County Commissioners to prepare and adopt regulations concerning the use of land and water to implement the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, an application for an amendment, as described below, has been filed with the County;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Planning and Zoning Board, has been designated as the Local Planning Agency of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Local Planning Agency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Land Development Regulations, the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, held the required a public hearing, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing concerning said application for an amendment, as described below, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners approval of said application for amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Board of County Commissioners, held the required public hearings, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearings, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearings, including the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, concerning said application for an amendment;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that a need and justification exists for the approval of said application for an amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described below, is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the comprehensive planning program and the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described below, will further the purposes of the Land Development Regulations and other ordinances, regulations, and actions designed to implement the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described below, would promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to an application, LDR 23-04, by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations, Section 4.20.1 entitled Districts and Intent, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

4.20.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "ICS" district is intended to accommodate heavy and light industrial uses such as, but not limited to, manufacturing, processing, warehousing, wholesaling, and distribution. This zoning district shall be restricted only to property located within the ~~Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern~~ Rural Area of Opportunity Catalyst Site as designated by the Governor, or lands that are contiguous or adjacent to property with such designation.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, as amended, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Department of State.

Section 5. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, and Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended.

PASSED UPON FIRST READING on this _____ day of _____ 2023.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Barry A. Baker, County Clerk

Franklin White, Chairman

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Planning & Zoning

Executive Summary CPA 23-01

Objective: Future Land Use Amendment for 82.58 acres owned by Suwannee County (McCook Property) to change the Land Use classification from Agriculture-1 to Industrial.

Considerations: The application and supporting documentation involves a Land Use amendment to the old McCook property now owned by Suwannee County containing 82.58 acres from Agriculture-1 to Industrial. The land is contiguous to the original Catalyst Site boundary.

Recommendation: Recommendation is for approval. This will provide additional land that can be developed for Economic Development purposes at the Catalyst Site.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Meeks,

Development Services Director

SUWANNEE COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
APPLICATION

Name of Applicant(s): Suwannee County _____

Address: 224 Pine Avenue _____

City, State, Zip Code: Live Oak, FL 32064 _____

Telephone: 386-364-3401 _____

Name of Applicant's Agent (if applicable): Ronald Meeks _____

Address: 224 Pine Avenue _____

City, State, Zip Code: Live Oak, FL 32064 _____

Telephone: 386-364-3401 _____

Please complete Part I for proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Plan Map.
For amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan, which do not require a Future Land Use
Plan Map amendment, please omit responses to Part I and only complete Part II of this
Application.

PART I

Legal Description: See attached description.

Total Acreage of land to be considered under amendment: 82.58

Future Land Use Plan Map Category:

Present: Agriculture-1

Requested: Industrial

PART II

For amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan, please provide in the space provided below (or on separate pages to be attached and made a part herewith) the text of the proposed amendment.

N/A

A previous application for amendment to the Comprehensive Plan:

___ was made with respect to these premises, Application No.

X was not made with respect to these premises.

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and statements contained in any documents or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If title holder(s) are represented by an agent, a letter of such designation from the title holder(s) addressed to the Land Development Regulation Administrator must be attached.

Ronald Meeks
Applicant/Agent Name (Type or Print Name)

[Signature]
Applicant/Agent Signature

6-2-23
Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Filed: _____

Application No: _____

Fee Amount: _____

Receipt No. _____

Date of Planning and Zoning Board Public Hearing: _____

Date notice published: _____

Newspaper: _____

Date of Local Planning Agency Public Hearing: _____

Date notice published: _____

Newspaper: _____

Date(s) of Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing(s): (1) _____ (2) TBD

Date(s) notice published: (1) _____ (2) TBD

Newspaper: _____

Date Notice of Enactment of Ordinance published: TBD

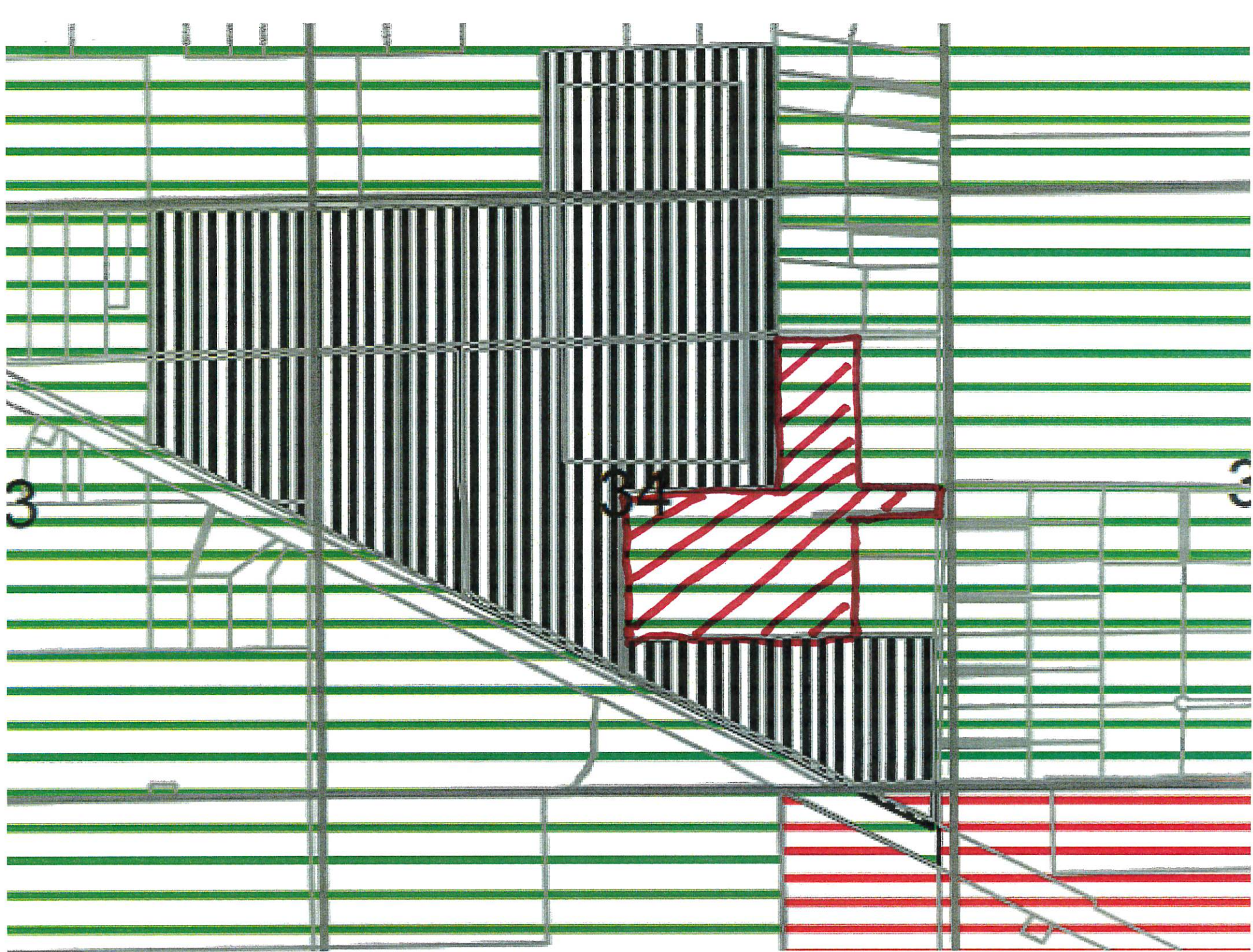
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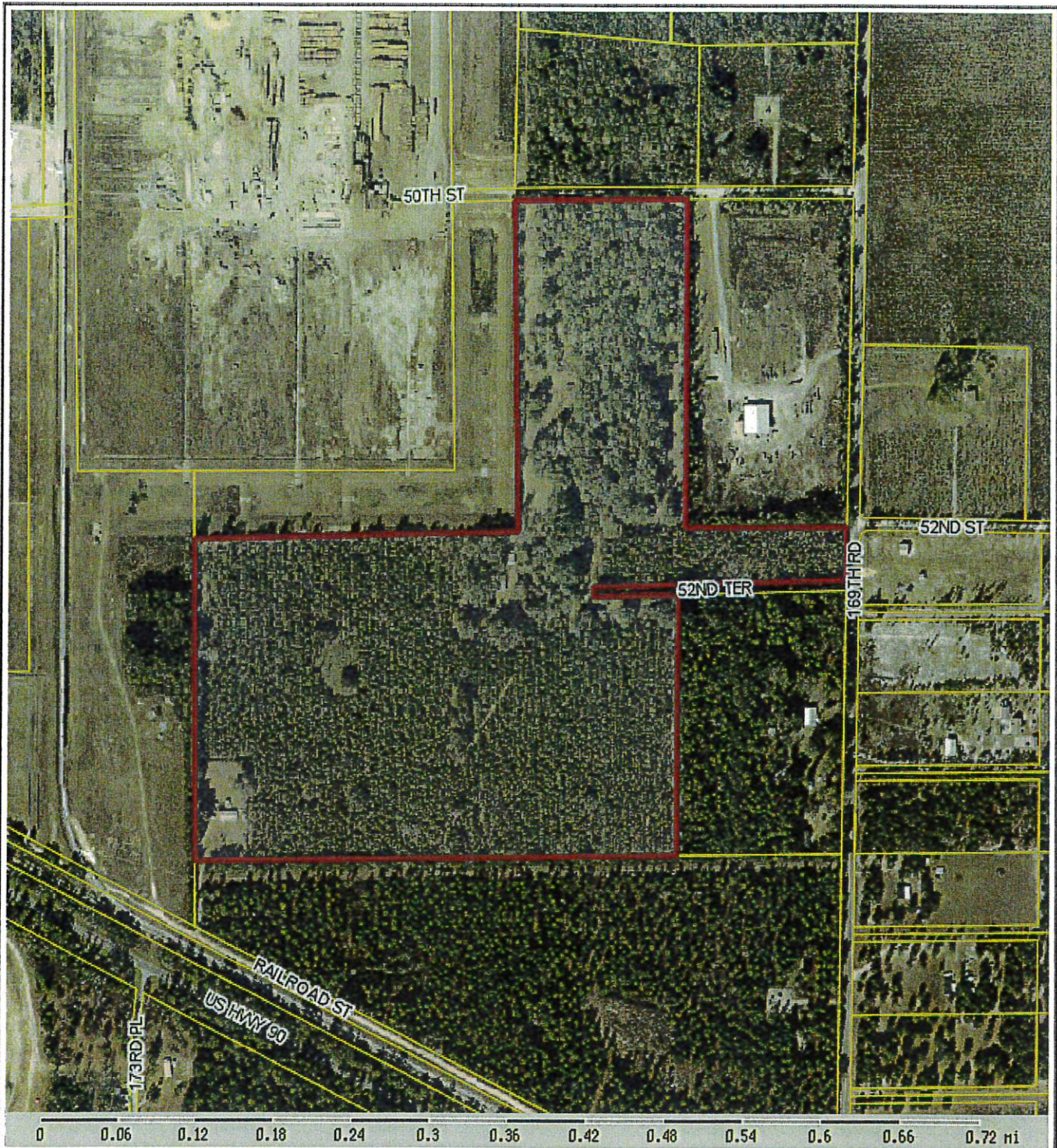
Board of County Commissioners decision: _____

(Granted/Denied)

SURVEYOR'S DESCRIPTION:

BEGIN at the Northeast corner of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 12 East, Suwannee County, Florida, and run South $00^{\circ}28'35''$ West, along the Westerly maintained right-of-way line of 169th Road, a distance of 264.78 feet; thence South $88^{\circ}36'24''$ West, a distance of 663.46 feet; thence South $00^{\circ}23'38''$ West, a distance of 1029.54 feet to a point on the South line of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence South $88^{\circ}39'30''$ West, along said South line of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 1976.34 feet to the Southwest corner of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence North $00^{\circ}22'33''$ West, along the West line of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 1274.30 feet; thence North $88^{\circ}36'01''$ East, a distance of 1316.07 feet; thence North $00^{\circ}47'08''$ West, a distance of 14.10 feet to a point on the South line of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence North $00^{\circ}41'52''$ West, a distance of 1290.63 feet to a point on the North line of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence North $88^{\circ}15'10''$ East, along said North line of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 21.48 feet to the Northwest corner of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence North $88^{\circ}17'26''$ East, along the North line of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 665.16 feet to the Northeast corner of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence South $00^{\circ}17'47''$ East, along the East line of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 1292.57 feet to the Southeast corner of the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34; thence North $88^{\circ}27'14''$ East, along the North line of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, a distance of 664.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 82.58 acres, more or less.





Suwannee County Property Appraiser Ricky Gamble, CFA | Live Oak, Florida | 386-362-1385

PARCEL: 34-01S-12E-09799-001000 | COUNTY (8600) | 82.58 AC
 LEG 82.58 ACRES FOR POB COM AT THE NE COR OF SE1/4 & RUN S 00 DEG 28'35" W ALONG THE WESTERLY MAINTAINED R/W LINE OF 169TH RD A DISTANCE OF 264.78 FT

SUWANNEE COUNTY FLORIDA
 Owner: 13150 80TH TER
 LIVE OAK, FL 32060
 Site: 17185 RAILROAD ST, LIVE OAK
 Sales Info: 11/23/2022 \$564,700 I (U)
 7/1/2013 \$100 V (U)

2023 Working Values			
Mkt Lnd	\$367,481	Appraised	--
Ag Lnd	\$0	Assessed	\$480,812
Bldg	\$102,359	Exempt	\$0
XFOB	\$10,972	Total	\$480,812
Just	--	Taxable	

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Suwannee County, FL

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-1 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO INDUSTRIAL ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Board of County Commissioners, to prepare, adopt and implement a comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Community Planning Act, empowers and requires the Board of County Commissioners to prepare, adopt and implement a comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, an application for an amendment, as described below, has been filed with the County;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Planning and Zoning Board, has been designated as the Local Planning Agency of Suwannee County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Local Planning Agency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Land Development Regulations, as amended, the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, held the required public hearing, with public notice having been provided, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency, reviewed and considered all comments received during said public hearing and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners approval of said application for amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held the required public hearings, with public notice having been provided, under the procedures established in Sections 163.3161 to 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, on said application for an amendment, as described below, and at said public hearings, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and considered all comments received during the public hearings, including the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, serving also as the Local Planning Agency and the Concurrency Management Assessment concerning said application for an amendment, as described below;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found said application for an amendment, as described below, to be compatible with the Land Use Element objectives and policies, and those of other affected elements of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined and found that approval of said application for an amendment, as described, below, would promote the public

health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to an application, CPA 23-01, an application by The Board of County Commissioners, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURAL-1 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres) to INDUSTRIAL On property described, as follows:

BEGIN at the NE corner of the SE ¼ of Section 34. Township 1 South, Range 12 East, Suwannee County, Florida, and run S0°28'35" W along the Westerly maintained right-of-way line of 169th Road, a distance of 264.78 feet; thence S 88°36'24" W a distance of 663.46 feet; thence S 0°23'38" W a distance of 1029.54 feet to a point on the S line of the N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 34; thence S 88°39'30" W, along said S line of the N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 1976.34 feet to the SW corner of the N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 0°22'33" W, along the W line of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 1274.30 feet; thence N 88°36'01" E, a distance of 1316.07 feet; thence N 0°47'08" W, a distance of 14.10 feet to a point on the S line of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 0°41'52" W, a distance of 1290.63 feet to a point on the N line of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 88°15'10" E. along said N line of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34 a distance of 21.48 feet to the NW corner of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 88°17'26" E, along the N line of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 665.16 feet to the NE corner of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence S 0°17'47" E. along the E line of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 1292.57 feet to the SE corner of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 88°27'14" E. along the N line of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34; thence N 88°27'14" E, along the N line of the SE ¼ of Section 34, a distance of 664.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 82.58 acres, more or less.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Conflict. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, as amended, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Florida Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Florida Department of State.

The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be thirty-one (31) days after the state land planning agency notifies the local government that the plan amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a

final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the Administration Commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status, a copy of which resolution shall be sent to the state land planning agency.

Section 5. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, and Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended.

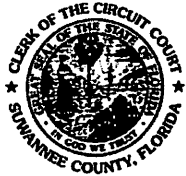
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session with a quorum present and voting,
by the Board of County Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Barry A. Baker, County Clerk

Franklin White, Chairman



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Clerk

OFFICE OF THE
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FY 2023-2024

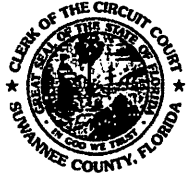
Updated 2023-06-29

Gross Taxable Value (DR-420 Line 4): \$ 2,525,820,506
 Each point of a mil (0.1 mil): \$252,582 (approximately)
 Each mil (1.0 mil) approximately: \$2,525,821 (approximately)

Rate	Revenue at 100% (approximately)	Revenue at 95% for budgeting purposes (approximately)	Increase (loss) of revenue compared to 95% of roll-back rate
8 mils	\$ 20,206,564	\$ 19,196,236	\$ (662,990)
8.25 mils	\$ 20,838,019	\$ 19,796,118	\$ (63,108)
8.2763 mils	\$ 20,904,448	\$ 19,859,226	\$ -
8.5 mils	\$ 21,469,474	\$ 20,396,001	\$ 536,775
8.75 mils	\$ 22,100,929	\$ 20,995,883	\$ 1,136,657
9 mils	\$ 22,732,385	\$ 21,595,765	\$ 1,736,539
9.25 mils	\$ 23,363,840	\$ 22,195,648	\$ 2,336,422
9.5 mils	\$ 23,995,295	\$ 22,795,530	\$ 2,936,304
9.75 mils	\$ 24,626,750	\$ 23,395,412	\$ 3,536,187
10 mils	\$ 25,258,205	\$ 23,995,295	\$ 4,136,069

(2023 Roll-back rate)

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TRIM Timeline

2023

Updated 07-03-23

1. **School Board Final Budget Hearing date set for September 5 at 5:30 p.m. - cannot have Board of County Commissioners' budget hearings on that day**
2. Tentative budget hearing must be held between September 3 and September 18 after 5 p.m.
3. Board must advertise the final public hearing within 15 days of the tentative hearing (by September 18 if tentative hearing is held on September 3)
4. *Riverbend News* only runs on Wednesdays, reducing the number of available dates for hearings
5. Display Ads in the main section of the newspaper (like the budget ones) must be submitted to the *Riverbend News* by the previous Thursday at noon.
6. Final hearing must be held 2-5 days after the ad appears in the *Riverbend News* on Wednesdays (so on a Friday after 5 p.m., all day Saturday, or after 5 p.m. on the following Monday)
7. Based upon the timeline, the following dates are best (with School Board hearing September 5):
 - a. Post tentative budget hearing information on County (and Clerk's) website at least 2 days prior to the tentative hearing [per FS 129.03(3)(c)] and must remain for at least 45 days – in other words, post by September 5
 - b. **Tentative budget hearing – Thursday, September 7 at 5:05 p.m. (at the Judicial Annex – advertising for it goes out with the Property Appraiser's tax notices)**
 - b. Submit ad for final hearing – by noon on Thursday, September 14
 - c. Final hearing ad published – Wednesday, September 20
 - d. **Final budget hearing – Monday, September 25 at 5:05 p.m. (at the Judicial Annex)**
 - e. Final budget must be posted on County (and Clerk's) website within 30 days of passing and must remain at least 2 years [per FS 129.03(3)(c)] – in other words, post by October 25
8. Changing these dates will make it very difficult to meet all State requirements and still have time to have the budget ready by October 1

CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS



ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS AND INFORMATION



BOARD MEMBERS' INQUIRIES, REQUESTS, AND COMMENTS

