

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2011

1. Call To Order - Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:05 am CST on April 28, 2011 in Destin Florida at the Destin City Hall Board Meeting Room.

Members Present:

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman

Stephen K. Norris, Vice Chairman

James F. Anders, Secretary/Treasurer

Bob McGill

J. Carey Scott III

Wakulla County (Vacant)

Escambia County (Vacant)

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present: Nick Beninate, General Counsel

Members Absent: Cheryl Sanders

2. **Welcome** Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Destin, Florida
3. **Approval of Minutes** Monthly Meeting January 27, 2011
Mr. Scott made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. McGill and unanimously approved.

4. Financial Report

Mr. Scott made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Norris & unanimously approved.

5. New Business

A. Approval of Invoice – Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson, General Counsel, \$4,349.39

Mr. Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott & unanimously approved.

B. Approval of Invoice – Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson, General Counsel, \$225.00

Mr. Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

C. Approval of Invoice – Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson, General Counsel, \$466.20

Mr. McGill made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Norris & unanimously approved.

D. Approval of Invoice – HDR/GCI, \$90067.97

Mr. Anders made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott & unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Invoice – Carr, Riggs, \$2,850.00

Mr. Anders made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott & unanimously approved.

F. Attorney Contract

Mr. Beninate reviewed the Attorney contract that required Board approval. He stated the contract was similar to the contract from 2006. Mr. Norris made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

G. Florida Transportation Commission Oversight Report

Chairman Montgomery stated he planned to attend the Commission meeting in Tampa on May 20th. Mr. Scott stated he would attend if Chairman Montgomery wasn't able to.

H. Policy Regarding Public Records & Open Meetings review by Nick Beninate

Mr. Beninate stated the Board had been complying with Sunshine Law and would continue to do so. The Florida Transportation Commission had suggested the Board formally adopt a policy on the subject. Mr. Anders made a motion to adopt the policy (11-01), Mr. McGill seconded & the Board unanimously approved.

I. Update(s) to Master Plan

There were no updates to the Master Plan. Mr. Anders made a motion to keep the current priority list, seconded by Mr. Scott & unanimously approved.

J. West Bay Parkway update by PBS&J

Greg Garrett with Atkins (formerly PBS&J) gave an update on the project. Mr. Garrett stated he had met with the Bay TPO and FHWA to get recommendations. Chairman Montgomery asked about the Public Meeting. Mr. Garrett stated the public meeting went well. They had received a lot of public comments and it seemed the public was in favor of the project. Chairman Montgomery stated the Board supported the effort and would offer assistance whenever possible.

K. Northwest Florida Bypass Planning Feasibility Study presentation by FDOT

Tom Percival from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise as well as other representatives from the Turnpike presented the results from the Planning Feasibility Study for the Northwest Florida Bypass. Mr. Percival reviewed how they had conducted a preliminary analysis and developed project cost estimates. The results from the study revealed a significant "delta" between costs and revenues.

Philip Gainer from FDOT told the Board that while the figures from the study looked discouraging for a toll facility, the board could look at other options to reduce the "delta". Mr. Gainer mentioned the possibility of partnering with Eglin to reduce right of way costs. He also stated the FDOT would continue to support the Authority and their mission to ease congestion on US 98, as well as encourage economic development. Mr. Gainer also complimented the turnpike on their efforts with the study. He stated the Turnpike was very credible and efficient.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Montgomery mentioned an additional \$1.1 million in funding that may become available. He stated FDOT was working with FHWA. A signed JPA would be required before the next Board meeting. Mr. Scott made a motion to allow Chairman Montgomery to sign the JPA, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

Mr. Anders asked the Chairman if he knew anything about the vacant Board member positions. Chairman Montgomery stated he had not heard anything regarding the vacancies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm, CST.