

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2011

1. Call To Order - Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:10 am EST on January 27, 2011 in Apalachicola at the Apalachicola Community Center.

Members Present:

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman

Stephen K. Norris, Vice Chairman

James F. Anders, Secretary/Treasurer

Bob McGill

J. Carey Scott III

Cheryl Sanders

Wakulla County (Vacant)

Escambia County (Vacant)

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present:

Nick Beninate, General Counsel

Members Absent:

2. **Welcome** Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Apalachicola, Florida
3. **Approval of Minutes** Monthly Meeting December 16, 2010.
Mr. Scott made motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Sanders and unanimously approved.

4. Financial Report

Amy Paulk reviewed the Financial Report with the Board (attached). Mr. Anders made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

5. New Business

A. Approval of Invoice – Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson, General Counsel, \$2,622.53

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

B. Approval of Invoices for legal ads, \$200.99

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

C. 2011 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Chairman Montgomery suggested the Board meet quarterly instead of monthly. Mr. McGill agreed with the Chairman and stated the Chairman should have the authority to call additional meetings should the need arise. Mr. Beninate stated it would be a good idea for the Board to pass a motion to hold quarterly meetings and give the Chairman the authority to call additional meetings if necessary. Mr. Norris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

Mrs. Sanders asked the Board to consider holding the next Franklin County Board meeting in Carrabelle if the Apalachicola Courthouse annex wasn't available. She stated the City of Carrabelle would not charge a fee for their meeting facility, unlike the City of Apalachicola. Chairman Montgomery agreed.

Mr. McGill suggested the April meeting be held in Destin. Chairman Montgomery suggested the July meeting be held in Panama City and the October meeting be held in Port St. Joe. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

D. Franklin County Update by HDR

Steve Schnell with HDR gave an overview of the tasks that were completed by HDR. These tasks included development of the Master Plan, Franklin County Feasibility Study, Eglin Bypass Corridor Study, Master Plan Outreach and the Franklin County EIS. Mr. Norris stated that as the Port in Port St. Joe started to develop more connections to Tallahassee may be needed.

E. Discussion and Approval of HDR contract for General Planning Services

Nick Beninate reviewed the contract with the Board. He stated the contract was for five years with an option for a three year renewal. The contract also contains a cancellation clause. There were two Task Work Orders; Task One was for Administrative Services and Task Two was for General Planning Services. Mr. Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. McGill & unanimously approved.

F. Discussion of contract for Accounting Services

Mr. Scott suggested the Board not hire a firm to perform accounting services on a monthly basis. Chairman Montgomery stated that Grimail Crawford could perform the necessary accounting duties under Task One.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. McGill asked Jason Alderman to give an update on the Planning Feasibility Study being conducted by the Turnpike. Mr. Alderman stated the Turnpike was handling the traffic modeling and District Three was handling the cost analysis. Mr. Alderman also stated he anticipated the Turnpike would present options instead of hard numbers. He stated the Turnpike could be ready to make a presentation to the Board in April. Chairman Montgomery thanked Mr. Alderman for assisting the Board at the meetings with the Turnpike.

Mr. McGill asked if the Turnpike's report was positive, what funding sources would be available for an EIS or the next level of analysis. Chairman Montgomery stated there was not any funding available for environmental studies, etc. The only funding that was available was limited to the Master Plan. Mr. Alderman stated the current funding was from an earmark and FHWA would not allow anything beyond the Planning level.

Chairman Montgomery stated that he had received a call from an Infrastructure Journalist from England. The journalist was responsible for collecting information on Public-Private Partnerships and posting it to their website. He told Mr. Montgomery there were companies that would front money for EIS', etc. Mr. McGill asked if HDR would help coordinate Public-Private partnerships. Mr. Schnell stated that HDR would help identify funding sources.

Mr. Anders asked Mr. Alderman if he could provide a status update on the Gulf Coast Parkway. Mr. Alderman stated he would provide the Board with the requested information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am, EST.