

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE  
PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MARCH 18, 2008  
HAGLER MASON CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL  
180 GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA  
(4:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Present: Commissioner D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, Chairman, District 1  
Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, Vice Chairman, District 2  
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, District 4  
Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5  
Commissioner Marie K. Young, District 3  
Mr. Robert R. "Bob" McLaughlin, County Administrator  
Mrs. Alison Rogers, County Attorney

Pensacola City Council (PCC)

Present: Mayor John R. Fogg, Chairman  
Councilman John Jerrals, Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman, District 5  
Councilman Jewel Cannada-Wynn, District 6  
Councilman Mike DeSorbo, District 3  
Councilman Marty Donovan, District 4  
Councilman Sam Hall, District 2  
Councilman John W "Jack" Nobles, At-Large  
Councilman Ronald P. Townsend, District 7  
Councilman Michael C. Wiggins, At-Large  
Councilman P. C. Wu, District 1  
Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager

Others

Present: Lois Benson, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)  
Elvin McCorvey, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority  
Steve Sorrell, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority  
Dale Perkins, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority  
Larry Walker, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening Remarks – Mayor Fogg

Mayor Fogg gave opening remarks.

2. Opening Remarks – Chairman Whitehead

Chairman Whitehead gave opening remarks.

3. Opportunity for Combined Services

A. Solid Waste – The BCC and the PCC heard an overview by County Administrator McLaughlin of the proposed Recycling Program and heard his request for a consensus from the Agencies to move forward with the Program, and the BCC and PCC:

- (1) Heard comments from Lois Benson expressing concern regarding the elimination of a tipping fee for the recyclable waste;
- (2) Was advised by Mayor Fogg that there is consensus among the three agencies (*the City of Pensacola, the Board of County Commissioners, and ECUA*) to move forward with the Recycling Program;
- (3) Heard comments from Councilman Wiggins expressing support for the Recycling Program and for consolidation of Solid Waste operations;
- (4) Was advised by Dale Perkins that ECUA, in conjunction with the implementation of the Recycling Program, can slightly reduce the cost of services provided to the citizens in Escambia County; furthermore, the Recycling Program, in his opinion, would be a good first step toward consolidation; and
- (5) Was advised by Councilman Jerrals that he supports the Recycling Program and will be expecting a cost savings to the citizens and controlled staffing; and

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

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B. Roger Scott Tennis Center/Osceola Golf Course – The BCC and the PCC discussed consolidation of the Roger Scott Tennis Center and the Osceola Golf Course, and the BCC and the PCC:

- (1) Heard the request from Councilman Nobles for an opinion from the BCC regarding a joint venture between the City and the County with regard to Roger Scott Tennis Center and Osceola Golf Course;
- (2) Was advised by Commissioner Robinson that his initial proposal to provide Local Option Sales Tax funding from the District 4 allocation for the expansion of Roger Scott Tennis Center was not intended to include Osceola Golf Course; and
- (3) After discussion, heard a consensus from the City and the County to keep the Tennis Center and the Golf Course as separate issues.

4. Government Access Channel Update

The BCC and the PCC viewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation, which was also provided in hard copy, entitled, *ECTV Channel 98 – Where Escambia County Turns for Information*, presented by Sonya Daniel, Division Manager, Office of Public Information and Communications.

5. Wayside Park Operation / Concession

The BCC and the PCC discussed Wayside Park Operation / Concession and was advised by Mayor Fogg there is consensus to permit staff to continue discussions regarding the County leasing the parking and concession operation from the City.

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AGENDA ITEMS – Continued

6. Shared Constituency Items, i.e., No Wake Zone Bayou Texar

The BCC and the PCC discussed Shared Constituency Items, i.e., No Wake Zone Bayou Texar, and the BCC and the PCC:

- A. Heard the request from Commissioner Robinson that staff establish a system of communication between County and City staff regarding calls received by shared constituents; and
- B. Was advised by Thomas J. "Tom" Bonfield, City Manager, that this type of communication/coordination has been, and continues to be, practiced by City and County staff.

7. ECAT / Library Funding

The BCC and the PCC was advised by County Administrator McLaughlin that preliminary contributions from the County and City for Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) and Libraries are as follows:

ECAT

County's Contribution – \$3.1 million

Libraries

County's Contribution – \$3.3 million  
City's Contribution – \$1.3 million

8. Roger Scott Tennis Center Expansion

The BCC and the PCC discussed Roger Scott Tennis Center Expansion and was advised by Commissioner Robinson that the County's contribution of Local Option Sales Tax funds for the expansion of the Tennis Center will be available in 2009.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and the Council, Mayor Fogg declared the Joint Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Pensacola City Council adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
D. M. "Mike" Whitehead, Chairman



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Deputy Clerk

Approved: April 3, 2008