



## APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – February 11, 2006

Vice-President Dick Waters called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. VP Waters called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as transmitted by e-mail; motion by Houston to accept minutes; second by Hambrose; motion passed. The Financial report was given by the Treasurer and indicated that total assets are \$25,579.72. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Feifer and second by Houston; motion passed.

Prior to Committee Reports, Commissioner Sanders was asked to comment. She mentioned several events and/or projects:

- Working on a sacrificial sand berm to protect the road, perhaps financed by FEMA.
- Continuing beach renourishment effort.
- County has a new knuckle truck so pick-up should be better.
- Paving projects for Lanark and Alligator Point are planned.
- Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NWFTCA) has been formed; Cheryl is a member representing Franklin County; meeting is 2/16/05 at 10am in the Annex and will present the County's plan for Hwy 98.
- Hospital is a real problem for the County. This will be a major revenue drain in the near-term and could develop into a long-term issue.

### Committee Reports

#### Water Department (Tom Vanderplaats)

The Water Board is working to procure more water. An optimal solution would be to have a regional water system/district and is the option supported by the state. New well fields (across Hwy 98) are producing much less than anticipated and water quality is lower than it should be. Board is working to get two replacement wells put in the existing field that should help with the situation. The replacement 10" water line is critical to meeting water needs in the summer months.

#### Public Safety & Fire Department (John Murphy)

No reports.

#### Membership, Beautification (Joanne Deibel)

No report but it is believed that we have approximately 150 members paid to date.

#### Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

No one has expressed interest yet in putting an ad on the web page. There are now links to Alligator Point – St. Teresa VFD web page and to the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NWFTCA) web site.



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### Turtle Patrol (Bill Wargo)

There was a meeting last weekend of statewide permit holders of turtle patrols in Jacksonville. The requirement on permit holders is that the volunteers receive training and one of these training workshops is scheduled for March 17 at Gulf Coast Community College. There are ten volunteers who are going to car pool to go there; any others who are interested should contact Bill now.

### Beach Renourishment & Road Protection (Dick Waters)

As mentioned by Sanders, there is a plan for sacrificial berms to protect the road, perhaps by June 1. There is a problem of sand compatibility that needs to be resolved.

The current design concept is leaning toward an extended region of restoration without Tee-groins. Costing will be done after the concepts are finalized. There is no doubt that some sort of tax will be required to support the project but nothing has been developed as yet.

### Development Committee (Joe Hambrose [BoA], Allan Feifer) - Extended report

Hambrose reported that the Board of Adjustment has tabled a setback request where the applicant could not show hardship; this is a significant result as it shows the members of the BoA don't want to establish precedents on allow setbacks without good reason.

Feifer summarized the use of taxes in the county and stated that 78% of them never come back to the Point. He pointed out that the County spent over \$400,000 on the Weems Hospital in the first month that it was responsible for it and this only covers wages and benefits. There has been no revenue, since GE Credit has put a lien on the income to cover the debt run up by the previous owners. It is expected that the County will quickly run out of money. The current population averages less than four people per day. The Commission has passed a 1% sales tax to go toward covering costs of the hospital and it is expected that it will raise \$1.3M.

Continuing, Feifer pointed out that the Franklin County budget has been rising at a double-digit rate for the last several years, as has the employee count and employee salaries. Franklin County has the highest per capita spending of any county in the area, and is also the highest in other categories as well. This information is from a poll conducted by a Wakulla County resident and the source data is available.

Feifer and Hambrose are working with Allen Pierce to develop an ordinance that reflects current County policy and thinking on zoning variances intruding into the critical habitat zone. This issue came to a head on a request to extend 38' into the 50' setback with a house of over 1000 sq. ft. coverage; the requestor would not accept a two-story house to get each floor below the 1000 sq. ft. limit. The new ordinance will also require documentation of the site layout including a survey.



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Concerning the South Shoal Development, Feifer read a list of concerns about the amended PUD ordinance but did not withdraw the recommendation to support the project. Hambrose was concerned about the replacement road but doesn't feel that there is enough information to know what the real design is. Waters pointed out that these points were raised with the County attorney and the Commissioners prior to voting as well as at the public hearing on the PUD amendment.

Next meeting will have Lynn Tipton of the Florida League of Cities here to discuss alternative forms of government.

Feifer moved to adjourn, Houston second; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.

Members absent: Osborne, Deibel, Decker, Munroe