

**Holmes County-Washington County Joint Infrastructure
Washington County Chamber
February 14, 2017, 2:30 p.m.**

Participants:

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Jim Town called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Julia Bullington made a motion to approve the minutes; Charles Kent seconded and the motion was approved without dissent.

Terry Ellis told the group about the latest news from Tallahassee. He spoke with Representative Brad Drake who indicated the legislative appropriation for \$3M has been filed although it is not yet listed. A push is underway for the Northwest Florida non-coastal counties to receive 5% of 25% of the BP funding. This is not part of the 75% that has been earmarked for the directly affected coastal counties.

Several members recently attended a House Subcommittee meeting to show the rural counties are not in favor of getting rid of Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida as well as several incentives.

Jim Town noted that there are other ways to acquire the funding for this project should the legislature not approve the appropriation.

The overlay process is underway in Bonifay and Holmes County. Jim Town has a preliminary and updated map that shows the corridor will be multi-mixed use instead of commercial intent. Mixed use does allow limited commercial and can be rewritten to allow light industrial use as well. Holmes County has made no changes to their map as yet. They show the corridor as surrounded by low density residential. The City of Bonifay extends all the way down to the county line.

Once the overlays are done, the neighborhood information meetings and public hearings will be held prior to the County Commission and City meetings.

Sewer Capacity: In regards to the sewer capacity from the lift station to the treatment plant, Town has written to the Holmes County and city of Bonifay engineers asking that the numbers be updated in order to ensure amounts are correct. The city engineer has

said there is ample capacity at the lift station for the corridor's initial needs (30,000 gal/day) although as the corridor fills in, additional pipes will be needed back to the treatment plant. The lift station may need to be upgraded as well since the county will bring in three additional pipes.

Financial Projection: Jim Town has changed the projection to show the truck stop located in Holmes County. He reminded the group that the authority has no control over where businesses locate in the corridor. All three government entities will have future income as a part of the project.

Senator Gainer has advised the group that it would be easier to fund the project if a government entity had control of some part of the property. This project is the only one of its kind that has not increased taxes on property owners to help fund the project. There was some discussion as to whether the special authority would count as a government owner since 90% of the income from the corridor will be passed on to the three entities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

*Susan Estes, recorder
Opportunity Florida*