

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Holmes - Washington County Joint Infrastructure Committee**  
**Holmes County Chamber of Commerce**  
**Bonifay, FL**  
**August 5, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Mike DeRuntz	Washington County	850-415-5093
Ted Everett	Wash Co Chamber of Commerce	850-638-4157
Charles Kent	Washington County BOCC	
Wendell Whitehurst	Holmes County	850-547-1119
Roger Williams	Holmes County	
David Corbin	Washington County	850-638-6200
Jim Town	Washington County	850-773-8000
Jim Brook	Opportunity Florida	850-270-3117
Julia Bullington	Holmes County C of C	<a href="tel:850-527-0414">850-527-0414</a>
Guests:		
Carter Johnson	FDOT	
Dean Mitchell	Consultant	
Frank Tucker	Consultant	
Billy Robinson	FLDOT	
Lee Carter	Consultant	

Acting chair Ted Everett called the meeting to order and provided a copy of the minutes from the July 8, meeting.

Ted Everett started the meeting by reviewing prior discussions and describing Washington County's experience with the property zoning "overlay" process as a way to appropriately communicate to landowners and to provide a means of transitioning into a change of land use over time. The process alleviates some concern by the landowners with regard to land use change.

Other discussion was held and is summarized with the following points:

- Washington County has approved and has implemented the overlay process within the future land use planning process
- Everett suggests that Mike DeRuntz and Ted explain the process to the Holmes County Planning and Zoning Board.
- Roger Williams will locate and provide a current Holmes County land use map including commercial property.
- Mike DeRuntz indicated that we need to identify conservation and wetlands areas. Otherwise DEP could push back on any changes to the current Land Use Map.
- Ideally, once any amendments to the FLUM is made, Holmes and Washington should provide them to DEO in tandem to demonstrate evidence of a regional, coordinated effort.
- DeRuntz suggested conducting a joint workshop between the two planning and zoning boards to explain the project and to compare maps
- Jim Town indicated that the group should consider creating a legal entity under which bonding authority could be obtained. Town also indicated that creation of such an entity would not compromise or affect the county bonding authority.
- Town indicated that the annual cost to implement the planned development could be up to \$85,000 per year.
- Representatives of FLDOT, including consulting engineering companies, answered questions about the current Florida 79 four-lane project and its status. FLDOT indicated that the Washington County segments should be finished by May/June 2016 and that the entire segment to I-10 should be completed by late 2017.
- The engineering group discussed current median spacing and median cut plans and discussed how those could be modified. FLDOT indicated that a formal request to modify the current plan should be presented to FDOT as soon as possible. The request will be handled through the Access Management Committee. Cliff Knauer and David Corbin will initiate the request and the request will be handled by Carter Johnson at FLDOT.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Brook  
Opportunity Florida