

Triumph Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes

November 1, 2017

Present: Gus Andrews, Bill Fletcher, Bob Brooke, Bonnie McQuiston, Major Joe Preston, DeFuniak Springs City Councilwoman, Kim Kirby, City of DeFuniak Springs Manager, Danny Lucas, Mayor Hayward Thomas, Freeport City Councilwoman, Kasey Cuchens, Dennis Sherwood

Absences: Juliet Miller Milam

Staff: Commissioner Cecilia Jones, Restore Act Coordinator, Bill Williams, County Administrator Larry Jones, County Attorney, Sidney Noyes, Louis Svehla, Rick Wilson, TAC acting secretary, Evelyn Strickland

Commissioner Jones opened the meeting at 3:01 pm. by thanking the newly appointed Triumph Advisory Committee, welcoming guests and asking if the committee members would introduce themselves. Commissioner Jones invited Sidney Noyes to explain to the committee Florida Sunshine Laws Ms. Noyes explained Florida Sunshine and then went on to state that there will be an extensive training for Florida Sunshine Law on Nov 30th training. The meeting continued with Commissioner Jones giving a brief overview of Triumph Funds and her role as a non-voting facilitator to the committee. She then turned the meeting over to Restore Act Coordinator, Bill Williams.

Mr. Williams gave a history of the Oil Spill of April 20, 2009 and the impact on Walton County beaches and economy. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he gave a detailed summary of Triumph Committee requirements and responsibilities. Mr. Williams then went on to explain that the TAC would only be discussing the pre- screen applications that had been presented review and that things may change after the State Triumph Committee had finalized the perimeters of the application process.

Commissioner Jones then turned the meeting over to County Administrator, Larry Jones who explained the process for determining statutory eligible uses of each pre-applications.

Commissioner Jones called for a vote.

Dennis Sherwood made a motion to accept the process. Bill Fletcher made a second. Bob Brooke asked for clarification of the process.

Mr. Williams clarified the process. He reiterated, by private ballot, each of the 36 pre-applications will be graded A, B, C, D based on the totals from each ballot. A receiving all three perimeters, B receiving two, C receiving 1 and D receiving 0. He went on to reiterate that if a pre-app received a D, he could work with the applicant and possibly assist them in discovering if their application met the statutory requirements.

Ayes 6, Nays 1; Kasey Cuchens representing member, Mayor Russ Barley did not vote. Danny Lucas had stepped out of the room. Bob Brooke voted Nay.

Commissioner Jones turned the floor over to Mike Langdon who spoke about how open and democratic Walton County has been thru their application process. Bill Fletcher asked how the applicants come up with match funding. Mr. Langdon explained that traditionally it is different than what this committee is dealing with and again, we will know more when the perimeters are set by the State TAC. He also explained that staff and the Local TAC will be there to assist future applicants.

Commissioner Jones then called for the applicants in attendance present their projects and asked for Bill Williams to give a generalization of the ones not present.

Larry Jones presented the Water Sewer for 331 on behalf of Walton County and the cities of Freeport and DeFuniak Springs.

Gus Andrews then asked if property owners need to recuse themselves.

Sidney Noyes explained that was not a conflict of interest and said no.

Bob Brooke's asked if multi-year funding is acceptable and Larry Jones said yes.

Amber Williams presented Walton County Ed and the institute at Owls Head in Freeport.

Several members of TAC asked questions and she answered.

Rick Wilson presented WIFI Phase 2 of the Walton County Broad Band Initiative Kim Kirby complimented the cooperation between gov't. entities and then asked questions.

Charlie Morse presented on behalf of WC Emerald Coast Empowering education.

Bill Fletcher asked if submittals could be made without matching funds.

Mr. Williams said yes

Committee asked questions to Rick Wilson.

Major Joe Preston presented Work Force Initiative Committee asked questions for clarification.

Major Joe Preston presented Real Time Crime Center Mr. Williams used the Real Time application as a good example of a project the State TAC is looking for.

Committee asked questions

Dennis Sherwood presented the NWFSC Sim City Committee questions Sidney clarified ethics for Bob Brooke explaining that it was not a conflict of interest as Mr. Sherwood would not gain personal financial interest in the project.

Melissa Piltcher of Regional Utilities presented Choctaw Bay Water Sewer Transition line and Ryan Douglas presented details Committee questions Okaloosa Commissioner Kelly Windes presented an add-on for Destin Fisherman's Coop as the Destin Fisherman's Coop is functions out of Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Mr. Williams stated that the State TAC was looking for county to county collaboration and this application would be a great scenario and it would show that Walton County was cooperating on a Regional basis.

Mike Langdon suggested the Local TAC vote to add this to the list as number 15 since there was no number 15.

Bob Brooke questioned who the company was again and Mr. Williams reiterated Destin Fisherman's Coop.

Major Joe Preston made a motion to accept this application as number 15 and as an add-on even though they had passed the time line as it would create Regional cooperation.

Dennis made a second.

All Ayes

Kimberly presented ARC partnered with VR for training and Ed for special needs multiple diagnosis Julie Smith presented the Veterans Lodge Questions from the Committee Laurie presented on behalf o Alaqua Paul Arthur presented on behalf of E.O. Wilson Biophilia with Diane Wilkes for Overnight Environmental Camping called Camp Long Leaf Austin Mount presented for WFRPC project Discussion ensued as to what should occur if there was a tie vote.

Bob Brooke made a motion that a 5 to 5 vote means a no Bill Fletcher seconded All Ayes Amber Williams presented on behalf of Lindy of Westonwood Ranch for Autism Mr. Williams read the application for Licom Dental Program Christopher Ridgeway presented for Stone Clinical Labs Mr. Williams read the application for Employees of Gov't. Doctor's Office Commissioner Jones asked if the committee would recognize applicants in attendance and then return to the ones Mr. Williams would read.

The committee moved to number 27 as John Finch presented for Sunshine Shuttle North to South Transportation Number 28 was presented by Colleen Sachs Mr. Williams continued with the application list reading the applications prior to number 27.

Mike Langdon asked on behalf of Colleen Sachs who had to leave to pull 23, 24, 25 Mr. Williams read applications 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36.

Commissioner Jones noted the next meeting would be December 6, 2017 unless the State TAC requirements required an emergency meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.