

Newman questions size, budget of new bridge

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replace that bridge," Feagle said. "So, we spent considerable time, energy and money to make that happen. We have been awarded \$3 million to replace that bridge. Now, some of them are coming and saying they don't want the bridge as designed. They want a different bridge."

"Three years ago, when they came to us, we heard a lot about safety, evacuation, emergency services, but now we're not hearing that from these people that came here three years ago wanting the bridge," Feagle said. "Instead, we're hearing about environment. We're hearing about manatees, and I talked with one person that lives down there, and he said he's lived there 20 years, and he's never seen the first manatee."

"They don't want the bridge as designed," Feagle said. "They don't want it torn and left that way, but they want an adorable little wooden bridge that they can walk over."

"I've talked to quite a few people, and we've heard tonight from quite a few people," Feagle said. "They don't want an HOA or an LLC. They don't want a cute little wooden bridge. They do want us to build the bridge as currently designed or tear it down

and don't replace it. The majority of the people that I've heard from, that is what they've said."

"I would say we either tear that bridge down and don't replace it, or we tear it down and follow the design that has been presented to us," Feagle said. "If we don't take that \$3 million, I can tell you right now that some other community will. It's not free money, but somebody is going to spend it."

"I'm more inclined to say build a bridge as designed," Feagle concluded.

Newman was next, asking if the \$3 million budget for the bridge was more than what is budgeted for the 1st Avenue widening and resurfacing project, reiterating he believed the bridge project will ultimately exceed its \$3 million budget as well.

"It's greater than the amount funded, but I don't think it's greater than the cost of the finished project," Dudley said.

Dudley noted the LAP project is a "federal delivery" with no local money required, while the 1st Avenue project was funded through FDOT's Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), which means the county will be responsible for the difference if the paving project goes over budget.

"Aren't all those dollars revenues from taxpayers?

Federal, state or local... aren't they all taxpayer dollars funding these projects?" Newman asked.

"Rhetorical question, correct?" Dudley asked.

"No, sir," Newman said. "Aren't they all taxpayer dollars?"

"Every dollar that comes to us from either the state or the federal is sourced from a taxpayer citizen," Dudley said.

Newman said he was not questioning the quality of the design of the project, but the fact that it was being proposed for a residential neighborhood. He also questioned whether it was proper to design the bridge to accommodate both vehicular traffic and boat traffic under it.

"I don't know if the taxpayers are responsible to finance the use, or the potential use, of that particular waterway," Newman said, adding it was "one of the biggest reasons" he felt another option would be better.

"We have a responsibility to provide a safe infrastructure for the general public's usage," Dudley said. "This is a benefit that we have with federal bridge replacement programs. It's done that way because they understand that some of our local jurisdictions don't have the funding to support the cost associated with this kind of infrastructure. Do I think that is a waste of

dollars? No, I don't."

"You've got two sides of this coin," Moody said, when it was his turn to speak. "You've got a group that wants to have no bridge at all where they can get their boat in and out, and it will increase the value of their property if they ever wanted to sell it because they have Gulf access."

"Then, you've got the other side, who don't want people driving through all time of day or night with music playing. So, where I'm at, take the bridge out, put up a barricade at the end, put 'no turn-around' signs at the end of road where it comes in on both roads and put up 'dead end' signs."

"That's where I'm at," Moody said. "We can take the bridge out, and it won't cost us any more money. Everybody would be satisfied."

Next was Demps, who said, "When I first heard about the bridge, my heart bled for those folks who wanted that bridge three, four years ago. Things won't stay the same. If we don't build a bridge, like some people are suggesting, then we stop progress. Some say take the bridge out, and I don't know what advantage it would be."

"What should we do? I want to do what's right," Demps said. "Steinhatchee is growing, and it's going

to grow more. Do we need to be looking at now or the future?"

Last to speak was English, who said, "I wasn't here three years ago when this project first came up, but I've heard the same things Commissioner Feagle did. For me, if we put in this kind of effort and we push folks to go do this kind of work, it's kind of shameful to...not push through."

He noted he first received public feedback against the bridge, but stated others later began reaching out in favor of the project.

"Like Commissioner Demps said, you want to do what's right," English said. "I don't know whether it's right to go ahead and do the bridge...or as Commission Moody said, take the bridge out."

"It's going to be a tough decision for this board," he said. "It's a tough situation all around. I guess we'll just have to wait until we can put it on the agenda to vote on it."

"If I may, the board has already voted on this," Pemberton said, noting that they did so when they approved the LAP agreement.

"So, the board voted for a new bridge?" English asked.

"Yes," Pemberton said.

She then asked Dudley if the county had the option to remove and not replace the bridge.

"Our code of ordinances has a requirement that when you have a roadway that has more than four residences, you are supposed to have some means of a turnaround," Dudley said. "If we were to create dead-end roads, obviously people won't always necessarily adhere to signage, which will necessitate that when they go down there, they're going to turn around in somebody's driveway. We can't knowingly route the general public through a location that they're going to have to leave public roadway and encroach onto private."

English noted that was the case with the bridge as it is currently.

Gale Dickert asked to speak again, stating she hoped there could be a compromise if the commission elected to move forward with the new bridge so that it could be lowered some to reduce its overall footprint.

Dudley said he and the FDOT staff would look again at the tidal levels to see if that was an option.

Feagle commented she was not interested in lowering the bridge from the current design.

English asked if there was any other comment from the board, and when no one offered any, the commission moved on to the next item on the workshop agenda.

LEGALS

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SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO: COMMENCING AT NE CORNER OF NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T4S, R7E, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN S 86° 30' WEST 75 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE FROM SAID POB RUN SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID FORTY, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET; THENCE RUN S 86° 30' WEST A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID FORTY, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET; THENCE RUN N 86° 30' EAST A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on eXL Legal, PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before April 21, 2023 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 108 N Jefferson St, P.O. Box 620, Perry, FL 32347, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition. WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 20th day of March 2023.

Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk
Publish in: Perry News-Herald March

24, 2023 and March 31, 2023
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 22-579CP

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH DAVIS DILBECK, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that an ancillary administration for the estate of the above-named decedent was commenced on October 24, 2022, and is now pending as case number 22-579CP in the Circuit Court in the State of Florida, County of Taylor, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, Florida 32348. Creditors must file claims against the estate with the court within three (3) months of the first publication date.

The name and residence address of the ancillary personal representative are:

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CERTIFICATION

On October 28, 2022, the Commissioner of Agriculture received a letter from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity declaring the Taylor Soil and Water Conservation District inactive pursuant to section 189.062(1)(a)1. and 2., Florida Statutes. The Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pursuant to Section 582.30(3)(b) has subsequently confirmed that the Taylor Soil and Water Conservation District has failed to comply with the audit and financial reporting requirements of Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. As a result, the Commissioner of Agriculture has proposed the issuance of a Certificate determining that the continued operation of the Taylor Soil and Water Conservation District is not administratively practicable and feasible under the provisions of Chapter 582, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 2.13(B) of the City Charter of the City of Perry, Florida, notice is hereby given that the City Council had Introduction and First Reading on Ordinance No. 1024 on March 28, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, 224 S. Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida. A Public Hearing and Final Reading on Ordinance No. 1024 is scheduled for April 11, 2023 in the City Council Meeting Room, located at 224 S. Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as

possible. The public hearing may be continued to a future date at the meeting, without further legal notice in the local newspaper.

Any interested persons may appear and be heard on the aforementioned public hearing date. Notice is also given, pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105 that any person deciding to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting will need a record of that meeting and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 1024

(Repealing Sweepstakes Ordinance)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 892; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
John Hart II, City Manager
Shirley Hampton, Mayor

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE is hereby given that Sealed Bid Proposals for Access Control Installation at Lafayette High School and Lafayette Elementary School will be accepted until 12:00 noon

Monday, April 17, 2023. Bids are to be delivered to Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health, Lafayette County School Board, 363 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, FL 32066. Bids for the furnishing of all materials, labor, and equipment for the following project: Access Control installation at Lafayette High School and Lafayette Elementary School will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the office of the Lafayette County School Board.

Plans and specs may be obtained from Gerald Powers, gpowers@lcsbmail.net. The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities, or to reject all bids. Equal opportunity: The Lafayette County School Board pledges itself to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL-88-352). A "non-mandatory" pre-bid walkthrough can be scheduled prior to Bid Close date by contacting Gerald Powers, gpowers@lcsbmail.net.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

Notice is here by given that on 04/24/23 at 11:00 a.m. the following vehicles may be sold at public sale in PERRY for the amount owed on each vehicle to satisfy the

lien for repairs, services and storage charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585.
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To the customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vehicle by satisfying the amount due in cash on or before the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest in or lien on a vehicle may file a demand for a hearing with the Clerk of Court in Taylor County where the vehicle is held to determine whether the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vehicle may post a cash or surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed transaction occurred.

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