

Board now awaiting DOE approval on amendment

ROCK BUILDING

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disposition of the property or that the property intended to be sold, or disposed of, was unusable for further educational purposes.

"We did not have that because the educational plant survey dated October 2021 did not have the recommendation in it," Ball said.

She said in further discussions with Wentworth, Director of

Finance Lacey Moneyhan and Facilities Director Dan Anderson, the decision was made that the district would seek to amend the plant survey by adding a "spot survey" to the document – which is what was presented to the school board Tuesday.

The next step, Ball said, would be for the board to adopt a resolution regarding its intent to seek bids for the sale of the property.

Before that, the board could elect to hold a public

hearing, receive input from the public and then move forward with the resolution.

Board members expressed some confusion regarding both the resolution and amendment, as one preceded the other on the meeting agenda.

"Should we table this (resolution) tonight until we get the other (amendment) done?" Carlton asked.

"Yes, the resolution should be tabled. You're not in a position to take action

on it tonight," Ball said.

"Does the state (FDOE) just say 'okay', or do they respond back and could they say we don't agree with this?" Board Chairman Danny Lundy asked.

"They could, but I don't think they will because all you are saying is we have no need for the building for educational purposes and we're just asking if it can be sold. They may have some issue with the direction we go in selling it, but I don't believe they

will have issues on whether we need it for educational purposes or not," Anderson replied.

School board member Deidra Dunnell expressed confusion regarding the information included in the board's packet – which reflected that the building was still recommended for use – and did not seem to include a clear amendment to the survey deeming the site "unusable" by the district.

Anderson stated the

amendment was included in the document, with a single notation stating the site was no longer needed for educational purposes.

The board ultimately adopted the "spot survey" amendment with a 4-1 vote, with Dunnell stating "it's just unclear to me," when casting her "no" vote.

Carlton, Lundy, school board member Jeannie Mathis and school board member Bonnie Sue Agner all voted in favor of the amendment.

New code to address plumbing, electrical and more

MAINTENANCE CODE

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maintenance of existing buildings.

This code is widely used by local jurisdictions in the United States and around the world to help ensure that properties -- both residential and nonresidential -- are kept in a safe, sanitary and structurally sound condition.

Purpose of the IPMC

The IPMC provides standardized regulations for:

- Building exteriors and interiors: Ensuring that

roofs, walls, floors and other structural elements are maintained.

- Plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems: Setting maintenance standards to protect occupant health and safety.
- Fire safety: Mandating features like smoke detectors or emergency exits to be properly maintained.
- Sanitation: Requiring proper waste disposal, pest prevention and adequate sanitary facilities.
- Occupancy standards: Preventing overcrowding

and requiring minimum space, light and ventilation.

Applications and Enforcement

- Adoption: Local governments typically adopt the IPMC as a local ordinance, sometimes with amendments specific to their needs.
- Enforcement: Code enforcement officers, building inspectors or health officials use the IPMC to identify and address property maintenance issues.
- Scope: Applies to existing structures (not new construction), which

is typically regulated by other codes such as the International Building Code (IBC).

Importance

- Public safety: Prevents structural hazards and unsafe living conditions.
- Neighborhood preservation: Maintains property values and community appearance.
- Health and welfare: Reduces risks associated with dilapidated or unsanitary buildings.

Example Provisions

- Requiring broken windows to be repaired.
- Mandating removal of excessive garbage and debris.
- Ensuring heating, plumbing and electrical systems are in safe working order.

Addressing mold, lead paint or similar hazards.

Summary:

The International Property Maintenance Code is a key legal tool for ensuring that all buildings remain safe, livable and well-maintained, supporting community health, safety and quality of life.

District paid \$34,500 to appeal denial; judge denied it again

FEMA

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\$735,646 for the former Perry Elementary School (Old Rock Building).

"Do we appeal or not appeal?" Dodimead asked, stating the district has one outstanding appeal in motion with FEMA for \$1.5 million for roof replacements at Taylor County High School.

Dodimead said the district paid \$34,500 in fees to appeal a FEMA denial for \$333,721 in other roof repair reimbursements.

"We went to mediation and the judge denied it," she said. "So, do we keep paying for appeals when we may get denied?"

"I don't want to keep spending money for possible denials," school board member Deidra Dunnell said.

"If we stopped right now, and we don't ask for any more money from FEMA, how much to pay off our debt and get our repairs

done? How much money are we looking at?" school board member Bonnie Sue Agner asked.

Dodimead said the district faces an estimated \$2.5 million in outstanding (Idalia) debt and Hurricane Idalia and Hurricane Helene repairs.

She said FEMA has paid \$4.3 million toward a \$6.1 million zero-interest loan the district received from the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) in the wake of Idalia, and has approved \$192,103 for the district to use toward emergency disaster management costs.

"That leaves us \$105,811 out-of-pocket toward the management costs and \$1.7 million left owed toward the loan," Dodimead said.

Board members directed Dodimead to get estimates for the cost to appeal the three outstanding FEMA denials and to proceed with submitting applications for the newly-released Florida Commerce Community

Development Block Grants open to the district.

"The projects that have been denied are our roof projects. Insurance approved them for replacement, so we had them replaced, and we were seeking reimbursement for our deductible payments that we would have to pay out-of-pocket," Dodimead stated.

"We received a loan from FDEM in order to pay our deductibles, and when we have received obligated project funding from FEMA, it goes straight towards paying that loan off," Dodimead explained. "We do still have several repairs that fell under the insurance deductible that we have been seeking reimbursement for as well."

"Some of those are still in progress, and determinations haven't been made just yet. Several of those repairs have not been completed because we don't know if we have the funding or not," she added.

Hurricane damage makes trees attractive to beetles

PINE BEETLE

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(850) 973-7002 (or email: zachary.butler@fdacs.gov) to register.

After a hurricane, pine trees are highly vulnerable to pine bark beetles due to the stress and damage caused by the storm.

Hurricanes can cause windthrow (uprooting), broken branches and other damage that stresses pine trees, making them more attractive to bark beetles.

Stressed trees have a harder time producing resin to repel beetles and may be more susceptible to infection.

Beetles tunnel into the bark and lay eggs, which hatch into larvae that feed on the inner bark tissue.

The larvae cause further damage to the tree's vascular system, hindering its ability to transport water and nutrients

The combined effects of beetle feeding and potential

fungal infections (like bluestain) can lead to tree death.

These beetles, particularly the Ips pine engraver beetle and black turpentine beetle, are attracted to weakened or dying pines and can significantly accelerate their decline.

The resulting damage can lead to yellowing or reddening of needles, pitch tubes (resin formations), and the presence of sawdust around the base of the tree.

LEGALS

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BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, JR., deceased, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for quieting title based upon a tax deed of sale to Plaintiff. The action involves real property in Taylor County, Florida, more fully described as follows:

LEG 0001.15 ACRES - STEINHATCHEE SUB - LOTS 6 7 8 9 10 BLK 95 - SUBJ TO LIFE ESTATE IN OR 615-251 - OR 615-249 SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09

The action was instituted in the Third Judicial Circuit Court, Taylor

County, Florida, and is styled KEVIN DIX and KAITLYN DIX vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, deceased; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST CLETOUS DALE PEMBERTON, deceased; AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST H.B. PEMBERTON, JR., deceased.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Tyler E. Gustafson, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 460 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32080, on or before 30 days

from the date of the last publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Tyler E. Gustafson or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.

DATED: April 1, 2025
Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Third Judicial Circuit
Court Taylor County, Florida
By Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-43-CP
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: The Estate of

HARRIETTE DAVIS RADER, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ENTITLED ESTATE AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of HARRIETTE DAVIS RADER, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against the estate are required, WITHIN THREE CALENDAR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file with the clerk of the above styled court a written

statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk to enable the clerk to mail one (1) copy to the personal representative.

All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE CALENDAR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file any objections they may have that challenges the validity of the qualifications of the

personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the Court.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL FOREVER BE BARRED.

Date of the first publication of this Notice of Administration: PL THE HARDEE LAW FIRM, PLLC /s/ Cary A. Hardee, III /s/ Michelle R. Kriz
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