



OCEAN HIGHWAY & PORT AUTHORITY

Miriam R. Hill – Secretary/Treasurer - Commissioner, District 1
Danny Fullwood – Chairman, District 2
Scott Hanna – District 3
Carrol Franklin – Commissioner, District 4
Mike Cole – Vice Chairman, District 5

Special Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2020

The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County held a Special Meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 1 PM at the County Commissioners Chambers at the James S. Page Government Complex, 96153 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097.

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by Chairman Fullwood.

The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cole. Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Amergian. All Commissioners were present. Also in attendance were Jeb Branham, Port Attorney; Pierre LaPorte, Port Accountant; and Chris Ragucci, Port Director/Operator.

Chairman Fullwood began the meeting by congratulating Port Attorney Jeb Branham who has been appointed to a judgeship. His position as the Ocean Highway & Port Authority Attorney will end on January 30, 2021. Mr. Branham indicated he had an attorney who may be interested in the position.

Commissioner Scott Hanna made the motion to authorize Chairman Danny Fullwood to execute the loan agreement between the Ocean Highway & Port Authority and Worldwide Terminals for the tugboat.

Commissioner Hill made a proforma request to justify the purchase of the tugboat and asked that in regards to the administration of the MARAD grant, that OHPA be named as a Noticed Party and included as a co-administrator on the grant.

The Board was polled on the motion:

**Cole – yes
Hanna – yes
Hill – no
Franklin – yes
Fullwood – yes**

Motion passed by majority vote.

Commissioner Mike Cole made the motion to accept the Purchase and Sale agreement between the Ocean Highway & Port Authority and Marine Specialty Equipment, LLC to purchase the vessel *The Fort Clinch*.

The Board was polled on the motion:

**Cole – yes
Hanna – yes
Hill – no
Franklin – yes
Fullwood – yes**

Motion passed by majority vote.

Commissioner Miriam Hill made the motion to inspect audit financials from Worldwide Terminals, consistent with section 8.1 of the Operating Agreement to confirm compliance with the Operating Agreement and access to the ship contracts from all entities that have requested dockage at the Port; and to request an outside auditor inspect dockage and wharfage fees and confirm that fees are remitted properly to the Ocean Highway & Port Authority.

The Board was polled on the motion:

**Cole – no
Hanna – no
Hill – yes
Franklin – yes
Fullwood - no**

Motion failed by majority vote.

Chairman Fullwood requested a special meeting be scheduled on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4 PM to review and discuss the operating agreement between the Ocean Highway & Port Authority and Worldwide Terminals at the James S. Page Building, Commissioner Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM



Danny Fullwood, Chairman