

Hernando County is the 3rd in growth in Florida, we are exploding by 1500 people moving to Florida a day; followed by Citrus, Sumter and the Villages. The discussion about growth is foremost and has to be addressed. Mr. Fulford will like to accomplish reducing taxes by reducing the mileage rate. The General Fund is for roads and infrastructure, which is anemic. Roughly 60% of people are paying taxes, 40% are renters or transient. What has caused our taxes to go up is the appraised value of homes and the 60% who voted for the School Board to get a \$1 million dollar increase. In order to repave one mile of road costs \$1 million, to create a two lane intersection \$750,000 a four lane intersection \$1.2 million, the total County budget is \$610 million. The General Fund is \$120 million and half of that goes to the Sheriffs Department. The 1/2 cent tax will defray the costs going to roads, going for the parks and 20% for recreation which will help with the infrastructure.

A large company will be coming to the Hernando Airport investing \$75 million, providing good paying jobs, hiring about 1,000 people, this company will pay commercial real estate taxes, which will reduce the burden on everyone else. Additionally, the people who are moving here will also buy homes and pay taxes. In regard to talk of a recession, is it possible to look at some tougher times in the next year or so, but people who are moving here for specific reasons.

Impact fees should go up and builders are in compliance. Regarding the widening of County Line which is unique as the south side is Pasco the north side Hernando. Senator Simpson is working with the State Legislator. A question in regarding building homes and the growing costs of supplies, will this pose a similar foreclosure situation as in 2008, as mortgage lenders are approving loans not including the upcharges. An Economic Escalation Clause: Builders reserve the right to increase the cost of the homes being built by 10%. Mr. Fulford stated the banks actuary estimate and keep a good site pitch on the market and the builder.

Terry asked if they are planning on extending some areas for recreation with the influx of people moving to the area. Mr. Fulford stated the parks and recreation budget pay their bills from fees and his opinion aren't high enough. This is supplemented through the General Fund. There are 23 parks in Hernando the big money makers are Pine Island, Rogers Park and the boat ramp, we need to take the pressure off those areas.

The Weeki Wachee Preserve, the old quarry area Swiftmud purchased 2012, bought the property from miners organization which has a recreation component. The board of commissioners requested 50 yr lease, out of the 11,000 acres that make up the preserve where people can kayak and canoe. The big issue in Hernando Beach is some residents are against any expansion. The silent majority feels that a soft footprint that's minimally invasive with conditional access for kayaking, canoeing, beaching required to take the pressure off the other recreational areas. This came about because SMUD will close the Osowaw access. The R Beach Property happened to be up for sale, the board of county commissioners purchased it for \$780k. That is the perfect location to access the quarry, we will require a bridge from the parking lot. There is a feasibility study the contractor held a meeting May 25th. Another session will be scheduled and will be posted on my FB page.

Johanna asked about the VocTech Schools, there will be three buildings, Hernando partnered with PHSC, Vocational training, the School Board along with county building.

A resident questioned the animal disbursement from the quarry. Anyone can attend the County Commissioners Meeting which are held twice per month all can pose questions.

The organization (TORA ?) had purchased property near the Heather and was to install transitional housing to accomodate children and staff. There was an attempt to bring Ukrainian children approximately 50 females and males, along with staff, to integrate into our schools. This was rejected as this does not comform to the community and so we voted accordingly. A resident stated that an entity is trying to purchase homes in ELE for housing the illegals. Joan stated that homes in ELE cannot be sold under a cooperation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.