

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEETING
APRIL 11, 2024 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Michael White; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Harbans Mangat; Justice Drake Brown; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobbye McClanahan; Treasurer Candace Nichols; Collector Susan Short; County Clerk Janice Currie; Economic Development Clif Chitwood; Mallory Darby; Assessor Brannah Bibbs; Mayor Randy Moody; Bart & Debbie Dixon; Mitchell Williams Law Firm Michele Allgood; J. Scott Schallhorn; Nextera Nick Jasman; Garrett Kokal; Jason Shearon; Kathryn Dial; Meleissa Hochmuth; Chris Cothran; Chris Ollson; Cody Shreves; BRS Michele Vachhon; Dennis Prude; Linda Moore; NEA Town Courier Joseph Fondren.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Michael White. Nextera brought experts from every field in their company to answer questions. The meeting was turned over to Chris Cockran Executive Director of Development. Mr. Cochran handed out information on Health & Safety for solar projects and general information. (See attached.)
 2. Nextera had three current sites in Mississippi County. Forge View Solar, Manila Solar, Green Mallard Solar. Projects financed with Act 9 bonds. (Tax Abatements). Assessor had questions if bonds were reported.
 3. Floor was opened for discussion. Cultural surveys were conducted thru State level data bases. Letters were sent to Tribes that may have an interest. Undocumented cemeteries were throughout the county. Artifacts that were found were reported and Tribes notified. Brannah Bibbs would be given the information for tax abatements. 13 entities were looking at building solar fields in Mississippi County.
 4. Solar panels could be taken to the landfill or recycled. Panels would not leak any components if damaged. Panels were designed for 140 mile per hour winds. Soil scientists had done research and the soil would be better from an agriculture standpoint after 20 or 30 years. Foliage control was low ground cover and maintained locally. Fires would be controlled by the local fire departments. All panels could be controlled from Florida.
 5. Nextera requested the Court consider the Ordinance for the moratorium to allow them to continue. The three Nextera projects were not new and didn't apply to them. Justice Ash thought a perimeter should be included in the Ordinance. Motion was made by Justice Rick Ash to pass an Ordinance to allow Nextera to continue with their three projects that had been started. Second was made by Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.
 6. Meeting adjourned.
- Minutes submitted by: Cindy George