

Citizen Comments for the  
June 16, 2020 Meeting Agenda

The following Citizen Comments  
were received for Non-Agendaed Items

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Non-Agenda	Name: Clara Nunez-Regueiro
	Address: 2174 Delaware Dr. Ann Arbor, MI. 48103.
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 12:23:56 AM

My name is Clara Nunez and I am a constituent of Ann Arbor, Michigan, which I realize is not in Leon County, FL, but what I have to say is important here regardless. I am writing to you today because the Tallahassee Police Department has continued to fail the Black community time and time again during the last month and I am here to demand justice. At least two Black people were killed by TPD officers in the past month – Tony McDade (38) and Mychael Johnson (31) during altercations that bystanders and video evidence can confirm did not require lethal violence. During McDade’s murder, video evidence even goes so far as to prove that a police officer called McDade a “n\*\*\*\*r” before an officer gunned him down (whether or not it is the same one is unknown). This is more than unacceptable – both of these killings are prime examples of the fact that the Tallahassee Police Department committed acts of police brutality on Black people; immoral, unethical, unjustifiable lethal acts of violence and brutality against Black people. For Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson, I am demanding that the identity of the officers who murdered them be revealed – they should not be classified as victims and protected under Marsy’s Law (Florida) because they were NOT the victims of this crime, the victims were the Black people who did not leave these encounters with your police department alive. They do not deserve victim status, they deserve to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for murdering these Black men in situations that did not merit the use of lethal force. I am demanding the prosecution of these police officers to the fullest extent of the law, under a charge of second degree murder, which under Florida Statute 782.04(2)-(3) is defined as, “When a person is killed, without any premeditated design, by an act imminently dangerous to another and evincing a depraved mind showing no regard for human life.” There is no better example of this “depraved mind” killing than the non-Black (white, in at least one case) officers who exemplified white supremacy, implicitly or explicitly, when they used undue lethal force on Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson.

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Non-Agenda	Name: Rithika Reddi
	Address: 2189 Woodview Lane Ann Arbor, MI
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 1:03:08 AM

I'm writing because the Tallahassee Police Department has failed the black community too many times, in just this month alone. I demand that you reveal and prosecute the officers who murdered Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson to the fullest degree since they should not be seen as victims. Also, I demand that you fully investigate the disappearance of Oluwatoyin Salau especially since the department didn't protect her when she reported being sexual assaulted. I expect to see change immediately and for this to be discussed during your meeting. Black lives matter.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Non-Agenda	Name: Kelman Wolfkostin
	Address: 513 Potter Avenue, Ann Arbor MI, 48103
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 1:39:54 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kelman Wolfkostin and I am a constituent of Ann Arbor, Michigan. I am writing to you today because the Tallahassee Police Department has continued to fail the Black community time and time again during the last month and I am here to demand justice. At least two Black people were killed by TPD officers in the past month – Tony McDade (38) and Mychael Johnson (31) during altercations that bystanders and video evidence can confirm did not require lethal violence. During McDade’s murder, video evidence even goes so far as to prove that a police officer called McDade a “n\*\*\*\*r” before an officer gunned him down (whether or not it is the same one is unknown). This is more than unacceptable – both of these killings are prime examples of the fact that the Tallahassee Police Department committed acts of police brutality on Black people; immoral, unethical, unjustifiable lethal acts of violence and brutality against Black people. For Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson, I am demanding that the identity of the officers who murdered them be revealed – they should not be classified as victims and protected under Marsy’s Law (Florida) because they were NOT the victims of this crime, the victims were the Black people who did not leave these encounters with your police department alive. They do not deserve victim status, they deserve to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for murdering these Black men in situations that did not merit the use of lethal force. I am demanding the prosecution of these police officers to the fullest extent of the law, under a charge of second degree murder, which under Florida Statute 782.04(2)-(3) is defined as, “When a person is killed, without any premeditated design, by an act imminently dangerous to another and evincing a depraved mind showing no regard for human life.” There is no better example of this “depraved mind” killing than the officers who exemplified white supremacy, implicitly or explicitly, when they used undue lethal force on Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson.

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Regards,  
Kelman Wolfkostin

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Non-Agenda	Name: Emily Oberg
	Address: 6830 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd., Dexter, MI, 48130
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 9:58:14 AM

I am demanding justice for the lives of Tony McDade, Mychael Johnson, and Oluwatoyin Salau. The identities of the police officers responsible for the murders of McDade and Johnson must be released, and they must consequently be prosecuted for their actions. All people involved in the murder of Salau, including officers, must also be persecuted. I find the lack of an investigation of her situation utterly devastating, and hope to see change within your county. Thank you.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Non-Agenda	Name: Rachel Takasaki
	Address: 28 Cottage St. Natick MA
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 12:03:18 PM

The police department is not protecting the Black community in Leon County, it is killing them. The Tallahassee Police Department killed two Black people within the last month, Tony McDade and Mychael Johnson when evidence can prove lethal violence was never necessary in both situations. Police brutality is real and is a threat to every Black person's life in Leon County while the police still carries so much power.

Furthermore, Oluwatoyin "Toyin" Salau was found dead yesterday by the TPD after being missing for several days. The TPD did not do anything to protect her from her unsafe home and sexual assault. Her death was entirely preventable and yet no one was there to help or protect her. The police department is NOT doing their job to protect Black women.

Not only must the police officers involved into the two deaths be fired and charged, but the police department should be defunded, replaced with institutions which will protect the communities they are there to serve.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Non-Agenda	Name: Abby Kohn
	Address: 5901 Lafayette Ln., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
	Date Submitted: 6/16/2020 5:51:10 PM

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Regards,  
Abby Kohn



The following Citizen Comments  
were received for Agenda Item #9

Status Report on Activities to Reduce Contamination into Lake Henrietta

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 9	Name: Peter Kleinhenz
	Address: 2414 Dozier Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/15/2020 11:35:32 AM

As a recent president of Apalachee Audubon Society and as someone who works in the environmental field, I see Lake Henrietta as an incredible opportunity. We know that we have incredible challenges with contamination there, and just about everywhere, in Tallahassee's lakes and seem to be unable to fully remedy the situation.

Here's one option:

Cities like Gainesville, Ocala, and Lake City have saved money, attracted tourists, and dramatically reduced water quality issues by installing treatment wetlands. Sweetwater Wetlands Park, in Gainesville, is now one of the top tourist draws of the city and 1/3 people that visit Gainesville stop there. We have nothing comparable, and we should.

Essentially, a treatment wetlands functions by allowing water to flow into an area full of native wetland plants. By the time the water leaves the wetland, the plants have taken up nutrients and pollutants and cleaned the water. This isn't rocket science. Rather, it's how wetlands are meant to function. The wetlands, at the same time, attract native wildlife and restore retention ponds that are generally devoid of many wildlife species into prime habitat.

Lake Henrietta is already part of the way there. Apalachee Audubon and other local environmental groups have been pushing to see treatment wetlands installed in retention ponds throughout the south side of Tallahassee and few make as much sense to implement the idea fully as Lake Henrietta does.

Again, treatment wetlands are economical, environmentally-friendly, and effective. I ask the board of county commissioners to read about Sweetwater Wetlands Park and reach out to Gainesville officials about their feelings towards treatment wetlands. Let's not let Tallahassee fall behind.

The following Citizen Comments  
were received for Agenda Item #12

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy No. 01-05, “Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners”

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 12	Name: Darwin Gamble
	Address: 1248 Halifax Court, Tallahassee, FL 3208
	Date Submitted: 6/11/2020 12:15:48 PM

The Board should continue to use Robert's Rules of Order for its Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. Commissioners and staff should learn how they work. If the rules are a roadblock to something the Board feels compelled to do, the Board can suspend the rules by a two-thirds vote. If the motion to suspend fails, then the Board probably shouldn't take the proposed action anyway.

The rules for Citizen Input during workshops should be the same as those for other meetings of the Board. In fact, the Rules of Procedure makes no distinction between workshops and regular Board meetings until the Citizen Input section. If a quorum of the Board is present, it's a meeting, whether it's called a workshop or not.

In addition, the Board should adopt rules for ensuring Citizen Input during virtual meetings that comply with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, that says in part, "Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission."

That language is not a figure of speech. It stems from Senate Bill 50 that was enacted during the 2013 Legislative Session. If you read the staff analysis for Senate Bill 50, or its companion, House Bill 23, or if you watch and listen to videotapes of the relevant committee meetings and floor debates, you will discover that the legislation was all about allowing citizens to speak and be heard during meetings of commissions and boards. It was not about written comments or anything else.

You may want to look at jurisdictions that have made provisions for their citizens to be heard. These include Jacksonville, Martin County, Miami-Dade County, and Pasco County. Thanks!

The following Citizen Comments  
were received for Agenda Item #15

Authorization to Negotiate a Development Agreement with  
Golden Oak Land Group, LLC, and Cawthon Family Properties, LLC

## Board of County Commissioners, June 16, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 15	Name: George LEWIS
	Address: 2143 MILLER LANDING RD
	Date Submitted: 6/14/2020 8:42:48 PM

Hello Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

One of the changes that was requested when the Commission amended the Lake Protection Node zoning district during your meeting on May 12, 2020, was that in the future the County should require the full completion, testing, and certification of all stormwater facilities on property being developed that is located in the Lake Jackson Basin before any other development activity could occur on the property related to the stormwater facility. County and Planning Department staff agreed that this was a good policy, but felt the requirement did not belong in the zoning code. Staff further replied, "We feel this language is better suited to be in our Environmental Management Act (EMA) and therefore, will add the requested language in the next EMA update." Staff went on to say "In the interim, this will be required and implemented as a standard operating procedure."

The application for a Development Agreement on the Cawthon Property on Bannerman Road triggers implementation of that operating procedure and calls into play how 180 acres of land in the Lake Jackson Basin will be developed. The Agenda Item for going forward with that application references that there is to be a master stormwater facility serving the entire acreage, as well as some stormwater that may result from widening Bannerman Road. It is important to note that upon completion of the stormwater facility, the Development Agreement draft proposes that the stormwater facility would be turned over to the County for maintenance. Since there is no present plan of which I am aware to amend the EMA to incorporate the completion, testing, and certified passing of the facility as an ordinance requirement, the County should incorporate that feature in the Development Agreement.

The prospect of the County's accepting maintenance for a major stormwater facility as soon as it is completed, and before any further development begins, means that the County would have to deal with any construction failures that occurred during the build-out of the property. This makes it all the more important that completing the stormwater facility, and seeing that its resulting operation achieves the level of service needed to protect the waters of Lake Jackson and property owners downstream from the Cawthon Property, be met before other site preparation is undertaken by a developer. I also suggest that some mechanism for insuring that later construction and operational failures do not become a burden on the public. Please honor the assurance that was made when amending the LP Node ordinance.

I note too that the form of the notary acknowledgements in the draft of the Development Agreement do not comply with current statutory requirements. Thank you for your consideration of this important information.