

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE  
HAVEN, FLORIDA

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The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, August 22, 2016  
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Weston Pryor, Chairman  
John Ahern, Vice Chairman  
Donna Storter Long  
Paul Beck

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary  
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court  
Paul Carlisle, County Manager  
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent  
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff  
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant – County Manager’s Office  
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director - Economic Development Council  
Tim Stanley  
Queenie Bell  
5 citizens

Chairman Pryor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE**

Sandra Brown, Clerk of Court, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

County Manager Carlisle requested that the Developer’s Agreement for the Loves Travel  
Center be added to the agenda as Item #11.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board  
approved the amendment(s) to the agenda.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

There were none.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approved County Warrants (See Exhibit A)**  
**General Fund: 79027 – 79132**  
**Intergovernmental Radio : 10307 – 10308**  
**Buckhead Ridge Utility: 215**
2. **Approved minutes of the July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting**
3. **Deleted Colorbar Printer #0519 from Property Records**

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**4. Sun Coast Trucking Academy License Agreement**

County Manager Carlisle stated this agreement would allow Sun Coast Trucking to provide commercial driver testing and licensing at the Training Center. He stated the terms were \$1,400.00 per month for the classroom and \$600.00 per month for office space.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated this had been a long time coming.

County Manager Carlisle stated the lease would be executed and sent to the State for approval. He stated he was not sure when the State would approve the lease agreement.

Chairman Pryor stated there was a big need for this type of training within the County. He stated students could do this training, never have to leave home, and then have a job here.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the Sun Coast Trucking Academy License Agreement for the Glades County Regional Training Facility which provides for their use of one classroom and common areas for training and the rear truck parking area for rent in the amount of \$1,400.00 per month; for one office space for rent in the amount of \$600.00 per month; a security deposit in the amount of \$4,000.00; and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**5. Agreement between Glades County School Board and Glades County**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was another agreement was for classroom space at the Training Center. He stated the agreement provided for the use of one classroom, common areas, and the parking lot for employees and students, by the Glades County School Board for rent in the amount of \$1,400.00 per month. He stated the school would be holding Citizenship classes. He stated this would be a great asset to the County.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Glades County School Board Agreement for the Glades County Training Facility which provides for their use of one classroom, common areas, and the parking lot for employees and students for rent in the amount of \$1,400.00 per month; a security deposit in the amount of \$2,800.00; and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**6. Memorandum of Agreement**

County Manager Carlisle stated this agreement had to be signed every 5 years and gave the County priority in grants and kept the County from having to do matching funds on State grants and appropriations. He stated he had 30 days to get the Memorandum of Agreement signed and back to the State.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Glades County and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**7. Glades County Funding Contribution to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had discussed adding \$3,200.00 into the budget for the Disabled American Veterans at last year's budget hearings; however, the money had not been added. He asked that the Board approve a budget amendment for these funds. He stated the funds would also be added to this year's budget as well.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the funding contribution in the amount of \$3,200.00 for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**8. Budget Transfer Request**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved a budget transfer from General Fund - Reserves Contingencies to General Fund - Veterans Services Professional Services in the amount of \$3,200.00.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**9. Resolution No. 2016-25, Authorizing the EMS County Grant**

County Manager Carlisle stated the EMS County Grant in the amount of \$5,912.00 was available through the Florida Department of Health. He stated the grant was used to fund educational and training supplies for the EMS Department.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-25 authorizing the Emergency Medical Services County Grant.

County Manager Carlisle read Resolution 2016-25 into the record. (The title only).

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**10. Recommendation of Award; Glades County Business Park – Phase II, Love’s Travel Center. CDBG Contract No: 16DB-OH-09-32-01-E-0602**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the re-bid for the Loves Travel Center. He stated the grant award totaled \$1,154,000.00. He stated the low bid received for the project totaled \$1,333,367.44. He stated the grant also had to pay for Administrative costs which totaled approximately \$70,000.00. He stated the County was just under \$300,000.00 short on this project. He stated because Loves was already under construction he was asking that the Board authorize awarding the bid contingent upon the County finding funding from a third party source. He stated he was working on a DEO grant and there were some discussions being held with the County Attorney and Loves about some additional funding.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked if Duda had stepped up to the plate.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had not received any response from the 2<sup>nd</sup> email he had sent. He stated Duda felt that the donation of 15 acres should suffice as their contribution to the project. He stated he had sent another email to Duda indicating that they were the biggest benefactor of this project and he had not received a response to date.

Vice Chairman Ahern expressed his disappointment in Duda not contributing more to the project. He stated he did not believe Duda had representation at the ground breaking

ceremony. He stated the County was providing the infrastructure and the maintenance, he felt that Duda could contribute more than what they had so far.

County Manager Carlisle stated he wanted to make sure that Loves proposal for funding was legally sound. He stated conditions were being put on properties around the Travel Center. He stated he wanted to make sure that when the County got all of the details worked out that they were in a position to start with construction.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated Duda was aware of what funding the County had from the beginning and that they may be asked to participate.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if Attorney Pringle had ever done a recapture agreement.

County Manager Carlisle stated he was not sure.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she wanted to make sure every angle was covered. She expressed concern with the agreement not requiring approval from the State.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had asked Attorney Pringle to reach out to Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson, P.A. who was an expert in property assessments.

Commissioner Storter Long asked why the Board could not ask Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson to prepare the agreement.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would like to move forward with the agreement provided he could get third party funding. He stated no work would be authorized until all of the funding was in place.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved Glades County Business Park – Phase II – Loves Travel Center Project CDBG Contract No. 16DB-OH-09-32-01-E-0602 bid to Wright Construction in the amount of \$1,333,367.44 providing the additional funding be obtained from a third party and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

#### **11. Developer's Agreement and Bond – Loves Travel Center**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the Developer's Agreement that clarified that no work would be done unless additional funding was found. He stated this agreement also clarified that if Loves did not provide the number of jobs that they indicated they would then they would be required to reimburse DEO for the additional funds. He stated Loves had also provided a bond.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Developer's Agreement between the Glades County Board of County Commissioners and Loves Travel Stops and Country Stores and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was none.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Carlisle stated he was working with Clarke Mosquito Control regarding mosquito spraying. He stated the County would be receiving approximately \$5,000.00 per month for several months to help fund the spraying. He stated he was working with Senator Mario and Congressman Rooney for additional funding for the Moore Haven Canal project. He stated he had been attending meetings and teleconferences with the Army Corps regarding the project.

Chairman Pryor asked about the insurance settlement with the old motel.

County Manager Carlisle stated all of the funding should be received within the next few days. He stated he would then be able to go out for bid for the demolition of the site.

Commissioner Beck asked if there had been a determination as to whether or not there was any asbestos in the roofing materials.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was asbestos present at the site. He stated this report would be provided to the bidders.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

There was no discussion.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Queenie Bell, came forward to address the Board. She introduced Bonita Drayton, Sharon Smith, and Timothy Jones. She stated they were a group of concerned citizens. She stated the Board had received several letters from them in the past. She stated Chairman Pryor and Vice Chairman Ahern had both spoken with Mr. Jones and Mrs. Drayton concerning the letters. She stated the group's goal was to see some improvements done around the county. She stated they all had a vested interest in Glades County. She stated some of the projects were located in Washington Park; however, they were concerned with improving the entire county.

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Chairman Pryor stated he knew that some work had been done on the lots that the County owned in Washington Park. He stated he appreciated the group coming to the Board and working with the Board to get things done.

Ms. Bell stated she had made contact with the lady that owned part of the lots and was attempting to get permission to tear down the old building.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he would work with the group to look at the various parcels throughout the County that needed to be worked on.

Ms. Bell stated there were several areas around Glades County that the group had targeted. She stated she would like to work along with the Board and other Community organizations to get things done.

Chairman Pryor stated he was proud that the group had stepped up to the plate to help with the improvements.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to a report that was compiled in 2009 regarding Washington Park. She stated the County did not have staff or dollars at the time to pursue the improvements. She stated it took people like Ms. Bell that worked with the owners to get things done. She stated there were many places, especially on the north side of Hwy 27, that had no street numbers on the properties.

Commissioner Beck stated that a lot of the lots were so small that they could not be built on lots because they did not qualify for a permit due to septic and well requirements. He stated he had been looking at the possibility of getting a sewer system put in at Washington Park for some time. He stated this would increase the value of the lots. He stated there were numerous stand-alone lots in the area that were worthless without a sewer system.

Ms. Bell stated that although none of the group resided in Washington they still had a vested interest in what happened there. She agreed with Commissioner Beck. She stated there were a lot of properties in Washington Park that were owned by people who did not reside in Glades County.

Commissioner Beck commented on the need for a good Code Enforcement Officer that could address some of these issues.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on civic pride.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated it was a good thing that the group was targeting that specific area but that we needed people all over the county doing the same thing.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if Ms. Bell had contacted the Coalition for Progress regarding her concerns.

Ms. Bell stated she had reached out to them. She stated she was a member of the Coalition as well. She stated the group was planning to write letters to the absentee land owners in Washington Park to seek resolution to some of the issues. She encouraged anyone that wished to participate with them. She stated she was hoping to have an effect county wide.

### **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Beck had no comments.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association was working with County Manager Carlisle to purchase an acoustical style ceiling and some different type of flooring to help with the noise in the Community Association's building.

Commissioner Beck commented on the noise in the building versus the building in Washington Park. He stated the Ortona building was much quieter than what he had anticipated.

Commissioner Storter Long stated there was a good turnout at the Muse rally.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the engineers would be meeting with staff from the South Florida Water Management District tomorrow regarding the Moore Haven Canal project. He stated the project seemed to be moving right along. He stated the population at GCDC was up to 220 last week and had dropped back to 197 as of today. He stated there were 11 new inmates coming in tonight.

Chairman Pryor stated he had been on several conference calls this weeks with the Florida Association of Counties and the Rural County Caucus regarding the legislative delegation. He stated PILT and fire department hours were two of the big topics on the agenda. He expressed condolences to Susan Whidden and her family with the loss of Donna Rae Keen.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Glades County had also recently lost Mary Lois Biggs and Jamie Navarro. She expressed condolences to their families.

County Manager Carlisle introduced the reigning Chalo Nitka – Devyn Arnold and she came forward to take several picture with the Commissioners.

### **ADJOURN**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board adjourned the meeting.



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Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Pryor adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: September 26, 2016

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