

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Weston Pryor, Chairman
John Ahern, Vice Chairman
Donna Storter Long
Donald Strenth
Tim Stanley

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant – County Manager’s Office
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Dr. Joe Pepe, Director - Glades County Health Department
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
Jerri Wilson, Glades County School Board
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director – EDC
Libby Maxwell, SWFMD Representative
Duane Pottorff, GCSO
7 citizens

Chairman Pryor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

County Manager Carlisle asked that a Proclamation recognizing the life and service Mr. William Gregory Margerum to Glades County be added as an amendment to the agenda.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board amended the agenda.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Pryor placed the item under Presentations and Awards as 1B.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Proclamation in honor of the 49th Anniversary of the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.

County Manager Carlisle stated this proclamation had been requested by the Agricultural and Labor Program.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved a Proclamation in honor of the 49th Anniversary of the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Carlisle read the Proclamation into the record.

1B. Proclamation – Recognizing the life and service of Mr. William Gregory Margerum to Glades County (this item was added to the agenda by amendment)

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved a Proclamation – Recognizing the life and service of Mr. William Gregory Margerum to Glades County.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long read the Proclamation into the record.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Case Number RZ 16-02 – Wayman Road

Chairman Pryor stated this was a quasi-judicial hearing and any witnesses wishing to testify would need to come forward and be sworn.

Attorney Pringle swore in County Manager Carlisle and Inga Williams as witnesses to testify during this proceeding.

Chairman Pryor asked for ex parte communication from the Board.

There was none.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated this was the final rezoning for the final portion of Wayman Road. She stated this was a rezoning request from Open Use Ag to Ag Residential for 55 +/- acres. She stated the rezoning of this parcel would make the property consistent with the Future Land Use Map designation, which was Agricultural Residential. She submitted the staff report for the record and Board approval.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

Mrs. Williams stated she would update the signature page to reflect the new Commissioners names.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board, based on the findings and analysis in the Staff Report dated September 26, 2016 and the findings of fact and the evidence presented at the public hearings held on November 8, 2016 and December 13, 2016 adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-amending the Official Zoning Map of Glades County from Open Use Agricultural to Agricultural Residential for approximately 55 +/- acres for the property located south of Wayman Case No. RZ16-02 - Glades County Board of County Commissioners, providing for severance; providing for errors; providing for conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date;

Commissioner Stanley asked if the surrounding area were aware of this rezoning.

Mrs. Williams stated the surrounding property owners had been notified.

Commissioner Storter Long – yes

Vice Chairman Ahern – yes

Commissioner Stanley – yes

Commissioner Strenth – yes

Chairman Pryor – yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

3. Ordinance No. 2016- Banning all Outdoor Burning

County Manager Carlisle stated this Ordinance was temporary in nature and based on the current dry conditions throughout the County. He stated once conditions improved he would bring this back to the Board to lift the burn ban. He stated adoption of this

Ordinance would prohibit outdoor burning with the exception of permitted burns. He stated this would ban outdoor burning, recreational burning, and cooking fires.

Attorney Pringle stated this was the same Ordinance that was adopted each year when the dry season began. He stated the Ordinance was consistent with and pursuant to an Ordinance that the Board adopted in 2008, which authorized the Board to do this on an annual basis.

Commissioner Strenth asked if this ban would prohibit bar-b-ques in residential yards.

County Manager Carlisle stated a bar-b-que could be used but no outdoor burning or camp fires would be permissible.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2016- banning all outdoor burning with the exception of those permitted by the Division of Forestry and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Pryor called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Storter Long – no
Vice Chairman Ahern – yes
Commissioner Stanley – yes
Commissioner Strenth – yes
Chairman Pryor – no

Motion carried by 3 – 2 vote.

County Manager Carlisle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

4. Resolution No. 2016-39 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment (Loves)

County Manager Carlisle stated this Resolution was a part of the process to enable a special assessment for this project. He stated this Resolution had to be adopted prior to the end of the calendar year. He stated this Resolution did not establish the assessment but gave the Board the ability to establish the assessment next year if the Board chose to do so.

Attorney Pringle explained that Florida law required this prerequisite step prior to the Board taking any further action in the future with regard to the imposition of an assessment on this particular piece of property. He stated adoption of this Resolution did not bind the County to take any other action in the future; however, if the Board did not take this step, it would be prohibited from taking any action to impose an assessment in the future.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had received a call regarding the advertisement for this Resolution. She stated the type was very small and there was a misunderstanding that this would cover any roads or utilities. She clarified that this would specifically cover the roads between the Industrial Park and the Loves Travel Center.

County Manager Carlisle stated adopted of this Resolution would not extend the assessment to anywhere else in the County.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved Glades County Resolution 2016-39 for using the uniform method of collecting non ad valorem special assessments levied within the incorporated area of the County and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Pryor called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Storter Long – yes

Vice Chairman Ahern – yes

Commissioner Stanley – yes

Commissioner Strenth – yes

Chairman Pryor – yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. Resolution No. 2016-40 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment (Fire)

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had discussed considering a fire assessment 2 meetings ago. He stated this Resolution did not bind the County into providing any taxation on fire and emergency services, it only provided the vehicle to consider the special assessment.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the special assessment for fire would be considered in the upcoming year.

Attorney Pringle stated this was correct. He stated notice would have to be provided to the Tax Collector by January 10th if the Board intended to seek a special assessment. He stated this was just the first step. He stated the Board in the past had not taken any further steps past this one on the imposition of the assessment. He stated this Resolution had been properly advertised.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he did not believe the County could afford to implement a special assessment for fire; however, if the Board did not take this step they would not be able to even consider it in the future.

Commissioner Stanley stated the Board would be opening the door in case they chose to discuss the matter more in the future. He stated another study would be required in order to implement a special assessment.

Attorney Pringle stated at this point the only costs incurred were the publication expenses. He stated a new study would be required.

Commissioner Strenth asked for an estimate on the cost of a new study.

Attorney Pringle stated it would cost tens of thousands. He stated the firm that had completed the first study would have to update the study. He stated Government Services Group (GSG) would be contacted if the Board passed the Resolution today. He stated the study could be completed in the first few months of 2017. He stated there would also be a cost from Nabors Giblin, who would assist in putting together the Ordinance, if the Board chose to implement the assessment.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she believed the study had cost approximately \$30,000.00 when it was done before. She stated if the Board did not keep the option open they would not be able to implement a special assessment in the future; however, if they kept it open they did not have to implement the special assessment. She stated the Board may decide it was cost prohibitive.

Commissioner Stanley stated he did not have a problem keeping the option open. He stated he wished there was some way to get a general consensus from the tax payers on what they would be willing to pay for these services. He stated if the people wanted the additional services he would vote for it.

Commissioner Strenth stated he was willing to keep the options open. He stated he would also like to know the consensus of the public.

Commissioner Storter Long stated a vote from the public would require a referendum, which would cost money as well. She stated she would like to keep the options open.

Chairman Pryor called for public input.

JC Long, of Coffee Mill Hammock Road, stated he would support a special assessment on fire services. He stated he had a very expensive home. He stated most anyone born and raised in Glades County was used to having a volunteer fire department. He stated the problem with this was that the volunteer fire departments were becoming obsolete. He stated most of the people coming into the County had paid fire taxes in the past. He stated he believed the Board should move forward with implementing the fire tax.

John Williamson, of Muse, stated most all of the houses in West Glades were on larger properties and fenced. He stated he had been there since the late 70s and had got along

very well with the volunteer firemen. He stated 5 more firemen in this big county would not make a lot of difference. He stated 90% of the people he had spoken with were against implementing a fire tax. He stated 80% of the United States relied upon volunteer firemen. He stated the low income people could not afford the increase in taxes.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated different people in different parts of the County wanted different services. He stated in order to provide the coverage needed you would need 20 – 25 fire fighters. He stated the Board needed to explore their options with the volunteer fire departments. He stated he agreed with Mr. Williamson. He suggested concentrating on the volunteer aspect and getting more people trained.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not believe the County would ever get away from having the volunteers.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-40 to use the uniform method for collecting a non-ad valorem special assessment for the costs of providing fire services and/or emergency rescue services to property within the County and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Storter Long – yes
Vice Chairman Ahern – no
Commissioner Stanley – yes
Commissioner Strenth – yes
Chairman Pryor – no

Motion carried by 3 – 2 vote.

6. Public Hearing Notice – Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Block Grant

County Manager Carlisle, introduced Fred Fox, of Fox Enterprises, who was before the Board to make a presentation regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Block Grant. He stated this was an opportunity for the County to apply for a \$700,000.00 grant. He stated these funds would start the sewer project in Washington Park.

Fred Fox, Fox Enterprises, stated both the first public hearing and the Fair Housing Workshop required a sign in sheet. He passed out the sign in sheet and asked that each one present sign both. He stated this was the same program that was being used on the Loves Travel Center. He stated there were several categories and the FY 2016 cycle was getting ready to open the first part of January. He stated applications would be due February 16, 2017. He stated there were 4 categories and the County could apply for an amount up to \$700,000.00. He stated the first category was Housing and Rehabilitation. He stated the second category was Commercial Revitalization. He stated this category was really more for urban areas. He stated the third category was Neighborhood

Revitalization. He stated this the last category was Economic Development. He stated referred to a handout that he had passed out. He stated there was a match of \$50,000.00 for communities applying for \$700,000.00 in funding. He stated this was 1 point for every \$2,000.00 up to 25 points. He stated there was a 100 points for any community submitting a shovel ready application. He stated the first step was to set up a citizens group. He stated at least 51% of this group had to be low to moderate income. He stated County Manager Carlisle did not feel that he could find a group of people to meet this requirement; therefore they were not going to form this group. He stated this would cost the County 10 points. He stated the first step was the public hearing being held today. He stated he would also be presenting the Fair Housing Workshop today both of which were points for the application. He stated once the project had been laid out, prior to February 16th a second public hearing would be held.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County would receive additional points for being in the Promise Zone.

Mr. Fox stated the County would receive 20 points for this and 100 points because it had been over 5 years since Glades County had applied for a grant in Neighborhood Revitalization. He stated there would be an additional 30 – 40 points gained if the County chose to do the sewer project because of the new hook ups.

County Manager Carlisle stated this needed to move forward because they had been holding off on the paving of roads in the Washington Park neighborhood because of this sewer project.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if anyone had met with the Washington Park citizens regarding this project and the formation of a CATF.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had held several meetings with Mr. Brown.

Mr. Fox stated the CATF would have had to meet prior this meeting in order to get the full 10 points.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the additional points for being in a Promise Zone.

Mr. Fox stated the County would get 20 points for being a RHEDI county. ‘

County Manager Carlisle stated the County would receive additional points for being in the Promise Zone.

Mr. Fox stated this was federal funds coming from the state and there were no additional funds for being in a Promise Zone.

Commissioner Storter Long asked Mr. Fox if he felt Glades County had a fairly good chance of getting this grant.

Mr. Fox stated he did. He stated \$3.5 million had been allocated in this cycle. He stated basically any application that had not been rejected had been awarded money.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the County was not granted the full amount if they could reject the grant.

Mr. Fox stated this was correct.

Chairman Pryor called for public input.

Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News, stated he had listened to a couple of these presentations. He stated he would like to talk about the new commercial option. He stated there had been a lot of improvements in housing through various programs. He stated housing improvements did not necessarily make a community and sewers did not make a sense of community. He stated once various things were improved things the community needed a reason for people to come to town. He stated Glades County needed some commercial activity to cap off the entire community development option.

Mr. Fox stated Glades County was limited to unincorporated areas.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved applying for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 to revitalize a neighborhood in Glades County.

Mr. Fox stated the grant would also hook up all of the low to moderate income households along the streets where the sewer lines were constructed. He stated the County would have to adopt an Ordinance enforcing the houses to be hooked up to the sewer line. He stated the County would have to enter into Inter-local agreements with the Sewer Board and the City of Moore Haven. He stated these would need to be included in the application when submitted.

Chairman Pryor called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Storter Long – yes
Vice Chairman Ahern – yes
Commissioner Stanley – yes
Commissioner Strenth – yes
Chairman Pryor – yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. Public Hearing Notice – Fair Housing Workshop

Mr. Fox stated this public hearing was part of the CDBG program. He stated these programs were funded through federal HUD and came through the State Department of Economic Opportunity. He stated one of the areas of HUD was involved with fair housing. He stated his presentation would be on the Federal Fair Housing Law. He stated the Federal Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination in housing because of someone's race or color; national origin; religion; sex; familial status; or disability. He stated HUD enforced the Fair Housing Act. He stated this act covered most housing. He stated in some circumstances, the Act exempted owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limited occupancy to members. He gave an overview of what was prohibited in the sale and rental of housing. He explained the housing protections for families with children and the additional protection for persons with a disability. He covered the "Housing for Older Persons" exemption. He explained that anyone who believed their rights had been violated should do.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

There was no action required of the Board on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8. Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)
General Fund: 79855 – 79933
Buckhead Ridge Utility : 0219**
- 9. Approved the minutes of the November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting.**

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

Commissioner Stanley commented on the Library paying \$750.00 to Steve Daniels for advertising. He stated the TDC already had a contract with Mr. Daniels and they could have probably used that.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 10. Resolution No. 2016- Brownsfields Assessment Grant**

ON MOTION Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved Resolution No. 2016 –16, authorizing the County to apply for a Brownsfield Assessment Grant and authorized the Chair to execute the required documents. Mr. Carlisle read the title into the record: A Resolution of Glades County Board of County Commissioners authorizing the County to submit for consideration a grant request, through Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, to the US Environmental Protection Agency for funding a Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant to identify and

address potential Brownfield sites and authorizing the County Commission Chairman to execute any or all documents pertaining thereto; Providing for an effective date.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

11. Delete 1987 Sutphen Fire Truck from Property Records

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board deleted a 1987 Sutphen Fire Truck (Property No. 2698/176250464) from the Property Records and agreed to modify the motion to say to properly dispose of the item. Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

12. BOCC Meeting Schedule for 2017

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long approved BOCC meeting schedule for 2017. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

13. Approve Public Official Bonds and authorize Chairman to sign

The Public Official Bond amounts are as follows: Clerk of Court \$25,000, County Commissioner \$2,000, Property Appraiser \$5,000 and Tax Collector \$25,000.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved Public Official Bonds for Gail Jones, Tax Collector; Tim Stanley, County Commissioner District 5; Lorie Ward, Property Appraiser; Sandra Brown, Clerk of Court; Donald Strenth, County Commissioner District 3; and Weston Pryor, County Commissioner District 1 and authorized Chairman to sign. Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

14. Authorize Chairman to sign Warrants

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, asked the Board to give permission for the Chair to sign warrants that would normally be approved for payment at the December night meeting which has been cancelled.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board authorized Chairman to sign warrants that would normally be paid at the December night meeting. Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

15. Ortona Cemetery

Mr. Carlisle stated the two bids were received for improvements to the Ortona Cemetery. Clyde Johnson Contracting & Roofing, Inc.'s total bid was \$63,786.00 and Kalkell Builders, Inc.'s bid was \$154,104.92. These bids are to put 12 foot extensions on each side of the pavilion. Mr. Carlisle asked if the Board would consider using folding chairs

rather than installing benches in the addition. The funds for the improvements will come from 1 cent sales tax funds.

Commissioner Storter Long stated that Ortona just purchased folding plastic chairs for \$40.

Commissioner Strenth stated that racks would be needed to store the chairs. Mr. Carlisle stated they can buy a shed to store the chairs.

Commissioner Strenth stated that he could donate 70 folding chairs.

Mr. Carlisle stated the plans are to extend the existing roof 12 feet on each side with a cement slab.

Commissioner Strenth said he was approached about doing something about the bathrooms. Mr. Carlisle stated the County does have a park attendant there. Commissioner Storter Long stated that sometimes the plumbing does not work. Mr. Carlisle stated that they would check on the bathrooms.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board accepted the bid from Clyde Johnson Contracting & Roofing, Inc. for \$48,534.00 and agreed not to purchase the benches at this time. Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

16. Budget Transfer Request

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, requested the Board to transfer \$48,534.00 from Capital Outlay One Cent Sales Tax Fund to fund construction of the addition to the Ortona Cemetery pavilion.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved a budget transfer of \$48,534.00 from Capital Outlay One Cent Funds to Capital Outlay Public Works Improvements Other than building.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

17. Roads Considered for SCOP and SCRAP Projects

Mr. Carlisle stated that a list of roads recommended by the Road Department for SCOP/SCRAP is included in the packets. He stated some of the roads have already been included. He stated the list would be submitted to TPO for consideration and recommendation to FDOT.

ON MOTION Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved the list of roads submitted by the Glades County Road Department to be considered for SCOP and SCRAP projects. (See Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

18. Glades County Legislative Issues List

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated that a revised list of legislative issues based on previous comments was included in the packets. The list needs to be submitted to the Legislators by December 20th.

It was the consensus of the Board to submit the revised list and to add Glades County Schools to the list.

Mr. Carlisle stated that a Legislative Delegation hearing has been scheduled for January 6th or 26th.

19. Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Committee

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated that he received a letter from Mr. Burch, Chairman, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, requesting input on the structure of the RPC. Mr. Burch stated in his letter that before any revisions can be made to the Interlocal Agreement, the membership issue must be addressed. Mr. Carlisle stated there are 6 options for the Board to consider. (See Exhibit D for 6 options) Some of the larger counties are paying for municipalities to be part of RPC. Mr. Carlisle stated some of the challenges are if they allow the coastal counties to have all those cities we would not have the same voice.

Mr. Carlisle stated that Option 6 would give everyone equal voice on projects and he felt Glades County should have the same voice and representation as others. He stated Glades County should not be subjected to heavily weighted municipal votes.

Commissioner Stanley stated that he is in favor of Option 6 and letting them figure it out.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved Option 6 as the choice Glades County Board of County Commissioners would support to revise the Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

20. Cancel the award for Demolition of the Glades Inn

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated on October 24th the Board awarded a bid for demolition of the Glades Inn to Unlimited Restoration. He stated that staff has been unable to finalize the agreement with Unlimited and he would request the Board to cancel the award and have staff re-bid the project.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if they were non responsive. Mr. Carlisle stated they rewrote the contract and asked the county to fund 50% upfront.

Attorney Pringle stated there was a bid for demolition of the hotel site which is an unsafe structure and time is of the essence to complete demolition. Attorney Pringle stated that now the successful bidder is not responding and they were given a time certain. He stated that Unlimited does know the Board is considering withdrawing the contract offer and rescinding the award of the bid.

Attorney Pringle stated that all that was required was them to sign the contract as presented to them and they have not done that.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved cancellation of the bid to Unlimited Restoration for demolition of the Glades Inn and agreed that the contract offer by the County has been rescinded; the Board also agreed for staff to re-bid the project.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

21. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated the State of Florida requires each county to issue a COPCN to any or all Emergency Medical Services that operate within the County stating that the named service complies with all the requirements of the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1973.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Glades County, Okeechobee Fire Rescue, West Coast Ambulance, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Positive Mobility and authorized the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

22. Agreement between Glades County BoCC and CAS Governmental Services, LLC for Professional Governmental Affairs Representation Services

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated these agreements have two components – 1 legislative portion and 1 grant administration. He stated that the State legislators have asked that these two services be separated.

ON MOTION Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Starter Long approved the Agreement between Glades County BoCC and CAS Governmental Services, LLC for Professional Governmental Affairs Representation Services and authorized the Chair to execute the required documents. (See Exhibit E)

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

23. Amendment No. 2 – Agreement between Glades County BoCC and CAS Governmental Services, LLC for Grant Administration

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated this was an amended agreement to make a separate item for Grant Administration.

Commissioner Ahern stated the fees are pretty much standard in the industry. Mr. Carlisle stated they are actually less than he has seen but most are basic costs. Mr. Carlisle stated that CAS's are 4 ½ % and some others are as high as 12 %.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved the Agreement between Glades County Board of County Commissioners and CAS Governmental Services, LLC for Grant Administration of certain projects and programs as directed by the County, and also authorized the Chair to execute the required documents. (See Exhibit F)

Commissioner Pryor asked why we pay a percentage on grants. Mr. Carlisle stated that CAS administers the grants and submits the forms to the State.

Commissioner Starter Long stated the County receives 10% on the SHIP grant and she does a lot of work for that amount. She stated that CAS is only getting 4 ½%.

Commissioner Stanley stated that the State is going to be \$2 billion in the hole so there probably will not be a lot coming this way.

Motion carried 5 to 0 vote.

24. Kirby Thompson Road Budget Transfer Request

Mr. Carlisle, County Manager, stated at the January 26, 2016 meeting the Board approved paying \$84,672 from Transportation Trust to cover the overage in the contracts with Lynch and Craig A. Smith not paid by SCOP/SCRAP for Kirby Thompson Road. Mr. Carlisle stated that the final drainage costs came in for an additional \$10,306.00 and he recommended the Board transfer that amount from Transportation Trust Contingency to Road Construction.

ON MOTION Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved the transfer of an additional \$10,306.00 from Transportation Contingency to Transportation Road Construction.

Commissioner Stanley stated he had received a note from Orlando regarding discussions on SCOP and Scrap and the State is wanting to break it up into 3 parts. Commissioner Stanley stated the Board needed to oppose the change as it would take more of the county's money.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she was not against the change because if they had another company inspecting the roads they would not have had some of the problems they have had in the past.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pringle – have a good Christmas

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Carlisle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Carlisle stated that Tycee Prevatt, County Extension Agent, is going for an interview in Gainesville for her job. He stated that he is going up for the interview to support and represent her.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board could send a letter of support. Mr. Carlisle stated that was a good idea.

ON MOTION Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board agreed to send a letter of support for Tycee Prevatt to IFAS to let them know about the great job she is doing.

Attorney Pringle asked to call for public input since this was added.

Motion carried by 5 to 0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Williamson, Muse, stated that they have a county park that needs work done on it. He stated that half the basketball court has broken away, a bathroom and mulch is needed.

Commissioner Stanley stated that a new sign is needed designating a park area.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth reported that the Lakeport boat parade was successful and they raised a lot of toys for the kids.

Commissioner Strenth asked the Board to start thinking about adopting an ordinance that would allow concession trailers in the county.

Commissioner Strenth wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Storter Long stated it has been a great year working with this board. She stated that she worked with Transportation Disadvantaged and Good Wheels leaving about \$20,000 a month on the table. Commissioner Storter Long stated that she is urging them to start a route from Clewiston, Moore Haven, LaBelle and Tech Center.

Commissioner Storter Long stated there were 3 commissioners at the Port LaBelle Ranchettes annual meeting. They agreed to hire a planner to discuss their situation of allowing animals in residential area.

Commissioner Storter Long made some comments regarding the Community Development Department. She stated that all new construction has to go through that department and the Board has already discussed that commercial districts needed to be reviewed. Commissioner Storter Long stated that diplomacy is critical when any customers comes into Community Development. She stated usually the customer has invested a lot of time and sometimes the answer is no. She stated Community Development should present the response with a calm, placating manner.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Community Development should listen intently to customers' responses and try to find a way to work with them even if it requires an ordinance to be modified.

Commissioner Storter Long stated that she has heard too many complaints regarding Community Development. She stated that she always keeps in mind that there are two sides to every story. She stated the Board needed to examine the cause.

Commissioner Storter Long stated that some years back in early 2000 the County received complaints on the process and Shannon Hall had offered her services to help customers walk through the building permit process.

Commissioner Storter recommended that an omnibus men be appointed and stated that she would be willing to serve. She stated that her second suggestion would be to have every conversation audio recorded and maintained. She stated this would eliminate the "he said, she said". Commissioner Storter Long stated the county has valuable

employees that are well trained and there is too much at stake. She stated that a hand held recorder could be used and she felt it would tone down some of this controversy.

Commissioner Storter Long asked Attorney Pringle if they were allowed to record as long as it is disclosed.

Attorney Pringle stated yes, with proper disclosure and permission. He stated If the other participants reject, you could not. Commissioner Storter Long asked if there could be a written waiver. Attorney Pringle stated if the county decided to look at this they could look at it.

Commissioner Pryor stated that he has gotten the same phone calls. He stated this is like a product we are selling. When someone builds a home we are selling a commodity. Commissioner Pryor stated that he felt the County should be helping them every step of the way and that customers should be walked through the process.

Commissioner Strenth stated that he backs this 100% because he gets the same phone calls.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Community Development Director cannot answer some of the questions she asked and she did not think she deserved that title.

Commissioner Stanley stated that other counties get the same complaints when someone is told they cannot do something. He stated they just needed more compassion. Commissioner Stanley stated a guy in Buckhead Ridge wanted a shed but couldn't get one and was not happy because the guy next door had one. He stated that the county either has to follow the laws or they do not.

Commissioner Pryor stated that Christmas on Caloosahatchee was success.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Pryor adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: May 9, 2017

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