

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 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 Thursday, June 23, 2016 for a Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.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
Shelly Ridgdill, Finance Director - Glades County Sheriff's Department
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
Dawn Oliver, Court Administration
Tycee Prevatt, Ag Extension Agent
Randy Waguespack, Glades Soil & Water Conservation
Susan Whidden, SHIP Coordinator
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director – EDC
Gabrielle Ibiattoramendia, Human Resources Director
Lori Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Dr. Joe Pepe, Glades County Health Department
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Tim Stanley
2 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Pryor moved the Economic Development Council's budget up to item #3 due to Mrs. Whirls having another meeting to attend.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

County Manager Carlisle stated there was no one present representing the State Attorney's Office. He stated this budget did not have any significant changes from last year.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mark Humphrey, Finance Director - Public Defender's Office, stated this budget was pretty much flat except for one large item. He stated there had been a 23% increase overall for Glades County due to the purchase of a document management system that had been put into place. He stated he had tried to cut the budget everywhere possible. He stated the overall cost of the document management system for Glades County was \$2,500.00. He stated last year's budget was approximately \$8,000.00 and this year's budget was approximately \$10,000.00. He stated this was a one-time and the reoccurring costs would be approximately \$200.00 per year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Tracy Whirls, Executive Director - Glades County Economic Development Council, stated the Board's contribution to her budget had been penciled in at the same amount it had been for the past 2 years. He stated the overall budget was fairly consistent with last year's budget. She stated FHERO had recently changed their bylaws and now required non-county economic development entities to start paying dues. She stated the amount for the dues was \$2,500.00 per year. She stated the office supplies and cleaning line item included a cleaning person that would come in twice a month.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

CIRCUIT JUDGE

COUNTY JUDGE

PROBATION

Dawn Oliver, Deputy Court Administrator for Glades and Hendry Counties, stated the Circuit Judge's budget and the County Judge's budget remained the same as last year. She stated there had been a slight increase in the Probation Department's budget. She stated there had been an increase in the minimum wage (\$588.00/year). She stated there was a \$200.00 increase for postage as well. She stated drug screen letters were sent certified mail and the fee had increased this year. She stated the significant increase (11%) in the Court Administration budget was in the technology line item. She stated this was for a one-time cost of replacing some servers. She stated a new polycom teleconferencing unit was needed for the courtroom. She stated this would cost approximately \$7,500.00. She explained that this allowed the Judge and court personnel to see inmates over a teleconferencing system versus having to transport them from the jail to the courthouse. She stated the other increase in the technology budget was to replace the Ethernet that supported the network as well as the CJIS System. She stated the overall increase in the Technology line item was \$10,753.00 (\$7,500.00 of this amount

being for the teleconferencing unit in the courtroom). She stated the overall increase to the Court Administration budget totaled \$11,541.00, which was an 11% increase.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked Mrs. Oliver for sending a letter explaining these increases in advance.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Joe Pepe, Glades County Health Department, stated he was asking for level funding and there were no major changes in his budget. He thanked the Board for being so supportive of the Health Department's efforts. He stated the department was looking to expand some of its programs, specifically in school based services. He stated he was looking at expanding school health, team health, and the dental sealant program. He stated last year considerable resources had been spent firming up the emergency preparedness and response. He stated pretty much everything was pre-staged for special needs sheltering in Moore Haven. He stated the department had firming up responses for protective equipment in the event of an outbreak. He stated he had asked the State for additional funds in response to Zika. He stated Ebola funds were being transferred to Zika.

HOPE CONNECTIONS

County Manager Carlisle stated this budget was level funding. He stated Hope Connections had lost the building they were in and he was helping them relocate to another facility. He stated these services were much needed.

SUNRISE COMMUNITY

Debra Howell, Program Director (Clewiston), stated Sunrise Community was asking for slight increase in their budget. She stated they continued to serve individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. She stated 8 individuals were from Glades County and there were 3 more that were getting ready to start their program in September. She stated the caregivers in these families would not be able to work and support their families without the services that Sunrise Community offered. She stated she was asking for a \$5,600.00 increase that would provide support in the amount of \$36.00/day for 155 days. She stated there were at least 3 individuals in Glades County that should be getting one on one services. She stated if the one on one rate was charged the services would be decreased and the parents would have to stay home. She stated Sunrise Community provided a lot of services that they were not being paid; however, with the help of the County they would be able to provide these services. She invited everyone to come visit the program.

DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board really had no control over this budget.

GLADES SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Randy Waguespack, Supervisor – Glades Soil & Water Conservation District, stated this budget would remain the same as last year. He thanked the Board for their support.

GOOD WHEELS

County Manager Carlisle stated in the past the Board had not funded this budget; however, the Board had funded \$9,000.00 last year to help with the purchase of a new bus. He explained that this was not part of the route from Moore Haven to Lakeport, Buckhead Ridge, and on to Okeechobee. He stated this was the Transportation Disadvantaged and the County's state cost share. He stated Glades County's share amounted to \$24,000.00. He stated there were approximately 5200 riders per year which amounted to about \$4.66/person. He stated Good Wheels provided transportation for people to get to the doctor, fill prescriptions, attend appointments, etc. He stated he would like to see the Board help fund this budget again. He stated the people of the County needed these services.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she served on the Transportation Disadvantaged Board and that they were very efficient. She stated they knew how to search a dollar.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated a lot of people used their services.

County Manager Carlisle stated the ridership seemed to be increasing year by year.

Chairman Pryor asked what the Board had funded last year.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had not helped fund this budget last year. He stated the Board had given them \$9,000.00 to help with the purchase of a new bus. He stated they had applied for a grant to help with the transportation costs.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated Good Wheels provided a good service and that he would like to see the Board help in some way.

COMMISSIONERS

County Manager Carlisle stated this was basically a flat budget. He stated everything had been trimmed down to what the County was actually being billed. He stated this budget was \$428,000.00 less than last year's budget. He stated this budget included a 1% – 3% raise for all employees – 1 to 5 years = 1%, 5 – 10 years = 1.5%, and 10 years and above = 2%; and then there was 1% raise that was based on merit. He stated insurance had increased by 6% for medical and 17% for workers compensation. He stated the utilities expenses for the EOC and Public Safety had been consolidated. He stated there were also some large equipment purchases made last year that were not in this budget. He stated the majority of the increases to these budgets were due to the increases in insurance and workers compensation. He stated there had been a 30% increase in technology. He stated this was due to the purchase of a \$10,000.00 firewall for the Training Center and an \$11,000.00 technology software purchase for the Clerk of Courts. He stated the Board had asked that all of the technology budgets for the Constitutional Officers be combined under one budget. He stated the State had put a lot of new requirements on the Clerk's Office to document their employees allocated time (Board or Court), and leave time (vacation and sick). He stated the Affordable Care Act also required the County to document a lot of this information. He stated this new

software would help remove this burden from staff. He stated the Clerk's Office was under staffed.

Commissioner Storter Long there was a new line item under Human Resources named Promotional. She asked what was included in this budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Human Resources Director would be participating and hosting health fairs throughout the year to promote people to live healthier lives. He stated gift cards and prizes would be given as incentive for the employees to attend these events. He stated the healthier the employees were the lower the overall medical insurance rates would be for the County. He stated he thought this was a great idea.

COUNTY AGENT

County Manager Carlisle stated the County's share amount had increased and the Extension Agent had received a pay increase for her promotion to Director. He congratulated Mrs. Prevatt on her promotion and the fact that she was being considered for tenure. He stated the travel line had also increased on this budget.

Vice Chairman Ahern thanked Mrs. Prevatt for all of her hard work. He stated she took care of a lot and did a great job.

Chairman Pryor stated he appreciated Mrs. Prevatt bringing the students to Tallahassee. He stated the students got to see how the funds were appropriated from the State down to local agencies.

Vice Chairman Ahern some of the students were very interested in State government and how it operated.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not think the County had ever had more participation and satisfaction than they had with Mrs. Prevatt. She questioned what was in the budget for other contractual services.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the account for the County's share of the co-pay for the County Agent.

LIBRARY

County Manager Carlisle stated there had been an increase for health insurance in this budget. He stated some funds had been reallocated to different accounts but the bottom line of this budget was basically flat.

Commissioner Storter Long stated we should expect some changes from the Highlands Library Cooperative in the near future.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Library had received some substantial donations which would take care of some remodeling that would spruce up the building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Storter Long stated this budget included a part-time salary only. She stated she and County Manager Carlisle had discussed possibly making this a contracted position.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had not had a chance to contact Hybrid yet to see if the County could contract with them.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this may work better than having a part-time employee.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would follow up with this request. He stated Attorney Pringle would be filing a Motion to Continue on all of the current Code Enforcement cases so that this matter could be resolved.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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EMERGENCY - BASE GRANT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – HAZ MAT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – TERRORISM

County Manager Carlisle stated all of these budgets were basically level. He stated the Emergency Management – Haz Mat grant had decreased.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the miscellaneous supplies line item. She stated \$7,000.00 had been budgeted last year but only \$1,055.00 had been spent.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was grant. He stated this total included any kind of any kind of supplies, decorations, awards, etc. He stated these funds were on a different funding cycle because the State's fiscal year was different.

Commissioner Storter Long stated nothing had been spent from the Machinery and Equipment line item; however, the amount had been increased. She asked if there was some anticipation for a large purchase there.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had been told what this increase was for but he did not make note of it.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the Travel & Per Diem line item. She stated for several years there was no money budgeted and now there was \$8,000.00 in this line item.

County Manager Carlisle stated Audra and Melissa had been hired and were attending various training classes. He stated they were both required to have all of their certifications because of the grant.

Commissioner Storter Long stated 4,000 books had been purchased last year. She asked what kind of books or publications these were.

County Manager Carlisle stated these were flyers and pamphlets that were handed out to the public regarding public awareness and preparedness.

EMS

County Manager Carlisle stated this budget had increased due to the increase in health insurance premiums and workers compensation.

Commissioner Storter Long asked why there was an increase in the Professional Services line item.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was for the billing company. He stated the County would not be able to balance bill any longer.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the EMS staff was professional, proficient, economical, and compassionate. She stated she appreciated Bob Jones and his staff.

County Manager Carlisle stated some new ambulances would be needed in the near future.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the regular salaries line item.

County Manager Carlisle stated this line item included a 1% – 3% increase (raise) for the regular employees and a raise from \$15 to \$25 per call for the volunteers.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the increase for the volunteers should be shown under the volunteer pay.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the Travel and Per Diem line item.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated Jerry and some of his staff had to travel to Ocala for fire training and continuing education.

Commissioner Storter Long asked about building maintenance in the amount of \$461.00.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the Fire Department's pro-rata share of the maintenance.

County Manager Carlisle stated they were trying to hold off on some of the expenses so that they could get another jaws of life.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Lakeport Fire Department did not have any building maintenance listed. She stated the Buckhead Ridge Fire budget did include maintenance and repairs. She commented on the expenses for utilities in the amount of

\$1,500.00 for the Palmdale Fire Department. She stated these expenses should be listed under the Palmdale Community Center maintenance expenses. She stated there was no fire department equipment located at the building.

County Manager Carlisle stated the building was used by others and the fire department and community center were all on one meter.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the maintenance fees at the South Glades fire department.

County Manager Carlisle stated a new room had been added since last year and there had been talk about the residents starting a new Homeowners' Association.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned why \$1,700.00 had been budgeted for this fire department.

County Manager Carlisle stated actual expenses were \$856.00.

Chairman Pryor stated electric would costs approximately \$100.00 per month which would total \$1,200.00 per year.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated several of these buildings were using different utility companies. He stated he had done some comparisons on using Glades Electric versus Florida Power & Light when the City of Moore Haven was considering changing its utility company.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on budgeting \$3,200.00 for the Moore Haven Fire Department when the actual expended amount totaled \$2,630.00. She stated the projection for the year was only \$650.00. She stated this maybe an area where the budgeted could be decreased.

County Manager Carlisle stated part of the Moore Haven Fire Department building would be used for Hope Connections and they wanted to make sure they had the expenses covered.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the overtime being broken out differently on this budget. She clarified that when overtime was paid it was still subject to taxes and retirement.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct.

MAINTENANCE

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

COMMUNITY CENTERS MAINTENANCE

There were no questions regarding this budget.

DOYLE CONNER BUILDING

Commissioner Storter Long questioned only budgeting \$2,610.00 for maintenance for the Doyle Conner Building.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he and County Manager Carlisle had met recently with a contractor to address the issues with the air conditioning system. He stated the flooring and ceiling would also need to be addressed. He stated Glades Youth Livestock was interested in doing some upgrades on the building. He stated GYL would have approximately \$100,000.00 to help fund the improvements. He stated these funds included the last \$50,000.00 from the one cent funds.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned who cleaned the new Health Department Building.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Health Department employees cleaned the building.

Commissioner Storter Long asked why \$1,000.00 had been included in the budget for cleaning supplies.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County still supplied the cleaning supplies.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned Buckhead Ridge Community Center already exceeding their budget for utilities. She asked why \$1,500.00 in utilities would be charged to the Fire Department. She stated she felt the utilities expense should show under the maintenance of these buildings.

Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director, stated she would make a revision to reflect the utilities under the maintenance of the buildings versus the Fire Departments.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the budget for the maintenance at the new EOC Building.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was one of the budgets that had been cleaned up. He stated all of the utilities were being broken out into different accounts. He stated these accounts were being over budgeted. He stated these had been consolidated into one account. He stated different accounts would still be charged to that budget.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the water and sewer for the EOC Building was combined with the Health Department. He asked if part of the bill was split out to the EOC budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated a new meter had been put on the new EOC Building to keep track of its usage.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the water use was not able to be separated out.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had tried to get the City to split the 2 buildings completely but the way the water main was run did not allow for it.

PARKS & BOAT RAMPS

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he hoped one day the County could afford to have someone to take care of the parks and boat ramps on the weekends.

County Manager Carlisle agreed.

Commissioner Storter Long stated these parks and boat ramps were part of what drew people to Glades County. She stated these facilities needed to be maintained and kept nice. She suggested having a concessionaire on the weekends. She stated if they were selling something there on the weekends they could clean the bathrooms for the right to set up there. She suggested considering doing this during season.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated it would be limited as to where a concessionaire would want to set up. He commented on the restroom facilities at the parks and boat ramps and the need for cleaning.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the concession set up at Fisheating Creek in Palmdale worked really well.

County Manager Carlisle stated if the County did something like this they would have to set a fee schedule and collect fees.

Commissioner Beck stated the ideal situation would be a concession set up for air boat rides and lake tours. He stated the people could see the wildlife and nature that the lake had to offer. He stated he had done a study on this idea and if tour buses were used the County, within 4 years, could be grossing well over \$1 Million dollars per year.

Vice Chairman Ahern agreed that the lake and air boat tours were something that all of the tourists looked to do while in Glades County. He stated he would bring the idea to the Tourism Development Council.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Commissioner Storter Long stated this office had received a nice salary increase from the legislature and questioned why it was not included in this budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated the salary increase had not yet been published and would be included in this budget when the actual figure was known.

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Lori Ward, Property Appraiser, stated her budget had increased by 9/10ths of a percent. She stated this increase was due to the increase in health and life insurances and the proposed raise. She stated a few items had increased and decreased throughout her

budget but that the figures had off-set each other. She stated she was very glad to hear that the Board was considering a pay increase for the employees. She stated the county employees were one of Glades County's greatest assets.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated Mrs. Ward's office did a great job.

Commissioner Beck asked if the property values on the County tax rolls appeared to be increasing.

Mrs. Ward stated the taxable property value had increased by approximately 2%.

TAX COLLECTOR

Gail Jones, Tax Collector, stated her budget had increased by \$1,500.00 due to postage and data processing. She stated there had been several line items increased and some decreased and that she had moved the funds around to show a more accurate budget. She also thanked the Board for considering a pay raise for the employees. She stated she had several employees that had left her, after being trained, because they could make more money somewhere else.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated Mrs. Jones's office did a great job and he knew that she had personally picked up a lot of the slack due to a shortage in staff.

Mrs. Jones stated it was her pleasure and picking up the slack was part of her job.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the customer service was exceptional in all of the offices, except the Building Department. She stated the employees were cordial and went out of their way to help.

Mrs. Jones stated her employees were representing the County so she wanted the very best. She thanked the Board for the compliments.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Shelly Ridgill, Finance Director, stated the Sheriff's Department budget had increased by approximately \$86,000.00. She stated this was due to an increase in the retirement and the proposed salary increases. She stated she had not received the health insurances rates yet and probably would not receive them for another 3 – 4 weeks. She stated the remainder of the budget had stayed the same.

Chairman Pryor commented on how well the Board got along with the Sheriff's Department. He stated he appreciated the service the Sheriff's Department provided.

County Manager Carlisle stated one of the things the Board may wish to consider was increasing the MSTU for Law Enforcement. He stated this would not be a tax increase on the Sheriff's Department but would off-set some of the expenses. He stated the Sheriff's budget would not change. He stated the funds could be used to off-set the \$2.1

Million deficit in the budget. He stated the increase would generate approximately \$400,000.00 that could be reallocated.

Commissioner Storter Long stated her goal would be to let the MSTU fund the entire Sheriff's budget but she realized this could not be done in one step. She stated she would certainly consider increasing the MSTU for Law Enforcement.

County Manager Carlisle stated the current millage rate for the MSTU (Law Enforcement) was at 2.45; and if increased to 2.5 it would generate approximately \$100,000.00.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the MSTU had only been increased once since establishment.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the increase would be paid across the board by the tax payers and would not single out one certain group or tax bracket of people.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the increase in taxable property values.

County Manager Carlisle stated the budget had 1% figured in right now, but this figure could possibly go up to 2%.

Commissioner Beck asked how much a mill was worth.

County Manager Carlisle stated a mil was worth approximately \$300,000.00. He explained that the MSTU was paid by everyone and the millage rates were not paid by those residents that had homestead exemption and fell below the minimum value.

Commissioner Beck stated he understood this, but did not feel that there were many that fell under the exemption and that it would not be that great of a percentage. He asked if the MSTU could be dropped if the County experienced new growth in the future.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the ad valorem could be reduced by the MSTU could not.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he hoped the County reached that point one day.

Commissioner Storter Long stated everyone paid on a MSTU and that she did not always oppose them. She stated it would depend on the service.

It was the consensus of the Board to look into increasing the MSTU – Law Enforcement rate to 2.5 mils.

Vice Chairman Ahern commented on the tax certificate sale held by the Tax Collector's office. He stated there were a lot of properties that went back to the County. He stated he would like to know how much the tax deed sale would have brought in versus no one buying the tax certificate.

County Manager Carlisle stated the property had to be valued over a certain amount to revert back to the County. He stated there was some building going on within the County and land was becoming a little more desirable now.

CLERK OF COURT

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated her budget showed a \$7,100.00 increase. She explained that \$2,800.00 of this amount was for the increase in the insurance rates. She stated the total also include the increase due to the proposed salary increases. She stated she had increase her office supplies by \$1,000.00 and had added \$1,000.00 for equipment under \$1,000.00. She stated these funds would be used to purchase computers, if needed. She stated the State of Florida had taken the Clerk's 10% fund that used to fund purchases such as this. She thanked the Board for the proposed salary increases for the employees.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked Ms. Brown to keep up the good work.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

County Manager Carlisle stated the restricted funds were dedicated to certain items. He stated the transfer to the Building Department was a deduction because the Building Official was a contracted employee whose salary did not include benefits. He stated this was a considerable savings for the County. He stated there was no transfer made to the 911 budget this year because grants would cover that budget. He stated the Reserves (Cash Carried Forward) had been reduced from 18.5% to 13.5%. He stated the overall budget had gone down \$428,000.00 but the County's deficit was up \$327,000.00 (revenues versus expenditures). He asked that the Board keep in mind that a lot of this was restricted funds. He stated the County had no revenue coming in but the funds had to be shown as an expense. He stated he believed the County was in good standing with this budget.

Commissioner Storter Long stated County Manager Carlisle, the Department Heads, and the others that worked on the budget saved the Commissioners a lot of work.

County Manager Carlisle stated Ms. Brown and Mrs. Patterson had done a great job putting the budget together. He stated the County was a point where it was budgeting what it was billing. He stated there was very cushion built in this budget. He stated that was why there were sometimes budget adjustments done. He stated the departments and County offices were only spending what they were getting.

Chairman Pryor stated everyone understood this concept and was trying their best to do their part.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was reflected in the bottom line of the budget.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this was why it was important to keep these good employees. She stated most of the employees were committed to being here and the County should try to keep them happy and help them to stay.

County Manager Carlisle stated the institutional knowledge was a huge benefit. He stated historical knowledge and years of experience was very valuable. He stated he was grateful for the employees the County had. He stated the proposed raise would help offset some of the insurance expenses and would impact the employees retirement benefits. He stated he would hope that the Board would consider giving the raises.

Chairman Pryor asked for a recap of what changes would be made to the budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Palmdale Fire Department utility expenses would be reflected under the Palmdale Community Center utilities; review of a possible increase in the MSTU for Law Enforcement; and review of contracting the Code Enforcement position. He asked if the Board wanted him to look into adding a part-time position to the budget for the cleaning of the restrooms at the parks and boat ramps.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he would like to see this position added.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to see if a concession on air boating could be put into place.

Chairman Pryor stated a concession such as this would only take care of the cleaning of the rest rooms at one boat ramp.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated it would take an employee a full to cover all of the rest room facilities within the County.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would like to see the facilities at Harney Pond taken care of, at least. He stated that particular boat ramp had a lot of visitors. He stated he and Vice Chairman Ahern were meeting with federal legislators next week to discuss the Moore Haven Canal project and attempt to get some additional funding.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if consideration had been given to the idea of a State Park.

Chairman Pryor stated he would not want a State Park. He compared it to a federally run park – the Everglades National Park and stated the government would come in and control the entire park. He stated it may be different; however, there were mandates put on the parks and he did not wish to see that happen to any of the parks in Glades County.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Fisheating Creek campground was run by the State and seemed to work very well. She suggested that the Tourism Development Council budget for the maintenance of tourist attractions.

County Manager Carlisle stated there were only 3 areas that they could spend funds on. He stated the TDC's budget included advertising and promotional expenses and salaries for an employee.

Vice Chairman Ahern committed on the Tourism Summit that was held a couple of months ago. He stated the Corps of Engineers had several representatives there and the campground area had been discussed. He stated the property was ready to be leased out and one of the representatives from the Corps felt that there may be some federal matching funds available for whoever leased it. He stated the endeavor would have to be for profit and with the Corps. He stated the property would be offered for a 25 year lease.

Commissioner Storter Long asked when the Board would know if the revenue from the Seminole Tribe compact in the amount of \$150,000.00 would be received.

County Manager Carlisle stated portions of the compact would remain in place, the portion that may not pay out was on black jack. He stated the Board would not know what this figure was for some time.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned \$94,365.00 being budgeted for administration fees when only \$13,700.00 had been received so far.

Mrs. Patterson stated this was an end of the year thing. She stated each department was charged a certain percentage for managing grants and a portion of the County Manager's salary.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had seen where 20% of the SHIP Administrator's salary was being removed from the County Manager's budget.

Mrs. Patterson stated this was correct.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the remaining 80% of the SHIP Administrator's salary.

Mrs. Patterson stated only 15% would remain under the County Manager's budget. She stated the remainder of the salary would show under the SHIP budget.

County Manager Carlisle explained that 10% of the SHIP funding could be used to pay the SHIP Administrator's salary. He stated a request had been made to fund the construction of rest room facilities at the Lakeport Community Center playground. He stated one cent funds would be used for this project. He stated a request would be coming to the Board to move these funds and explained that this would not be included in the proposed budget because the funds were in reserves. He stated the Lakeport Community Center had also requested additional flooring to be funded with one cent funds. He stated the Washington Park Community had requested \$20,000.00 from the one cent funds for their park and basketball court. He stated he was working with Fred Fox in pursuing CDBG funds for the sewer in Washington Park. He stated if the grant was awarded, CDBG funds could pay for the Park versus County funds and it would help the County meet the requirement of low to moderate income households that would

benefit. He stated the funds for the Training Center would part of this year's budget. He stated \$350,000.00 in grants had been received for courthouse improvements.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how much was in the one cent fund.

Mrs. Patterson stated there was approximately \$1.2 Million total in the one cent fund; however, only \$993,000.00 was available in the fund.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

County Manager Carlisle stated the only change to this budget was in the equipment line item. He stated Mr. Brown needed to purchase a couple of trucks. He stated he hoped this fund would go up with the generation of more gas taxes with the Love's Travel Center coming in. He stated the groundbreaking for the project would be held on July 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, stated the road from the boat ramps to the Observation Tower at Harney Pond really needed to be addressed.

County Manager Carlisle stated one cent funds could be used, if needed. He stated the road and parking at the Alvin Ward Boat Ramp was also in need of repair. He stated he would bring some figures to the Board for their review.

Mr. Brown asked what kind of time line there was on the CDBG grant for sewer installation in Washington Park.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County could not apply for the grant until January so it would be the end of next year before construction started, if the grant was awarded.

Mr. Brown stated the roads in that area were in bad shape. He stated they should've been paved last year because they were in the plan. He stated he may have to hire a small paving company to do some piece work on the roads until something else could be done.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck commented on the possibility of bringing air boat tours to the area. He stated there would need to be 2 venues due to time constraints and possible inclement weather. He stated the second venue could be the Seminole Casino at Brighton. He stated the tours could be advertised by both the air boat tour company and the casino.

Chairman Pryor commented on the numerous air boating placed down in Everglades City and how busy they stayed during the winter months.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested this topic be discussed with Patti Register, Chairman of the TDC.

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Commissioner Storter Long stated she was seriously considering the increase to the MSTU for Law Enforcement. She asked that County Manager Carlisle bring several increments for the Board's review.

Commissioner Beck agreed.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated this year's budget process had been fairly easy for the Board. He stated he appreciated all of the hours staff had put in. He stated had been presented well.

Chairman Pryor thanked all of the Department Heads, Constitutional Officers, and other County staff for staying within their budgets and doing what they could to help protect the entire County.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further discussion Chairman Pryor adjourned the workshop at 10:51 a.m.

Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: June 13, 2017

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