

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 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, January 9, 2018
at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Susan Whidden, E911 Coordinator/ BOCC Admininstrative Assistant
Keri Vanderhoff, SHIP Coordinator
Robert Demann, Chief Deputy - Sheriff's Department
Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections
Tycee Prevatt, County Extension Agent
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director
Dr. Joe Pepe, Glades County Health Department
Christopher Felker, Glades County Democrat
3 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Board Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Attorney Pringle took over the meeting. He stated that he would accept nominations for
Chair and Vice Chair and then a motion to cease nominations.

Vice Chairman Stanley nominated Chairman Ahern for Chair.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board moved to cease nominations.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Attorney Pringle stated that because there was only one nominee, Chairman Ahern would become Chairman for the next year.

Chairman Ahern thanked the Board and stated hopefully they could continue in a good, positive direction.

Commissioner Pryor nominated Vice Chairman Stanley for Vice Chairman.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board moved to cease nominations for Vice Chairman.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated Vice Chairman Stanley always filling in when he couldn't be here.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Note: Unanimous Board Action is required to amend agenda for official vote.

County Manager Carlisle stated that Agenda Item 5 needed to be reviewed further and brought back to the Board at a later date.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board amended the agenda by striking Agenda Item 5.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)

General Fund: 82342 – 82554

EMS Award Grant: 1931

SHIP: 1698 – 1703

Intergovernmental Radio: 10343 – 10344

Buckhead Ridge Utility Authority: 231

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Anyone wishing to provide public comment on an Agenda Item please fill out a comment card on the table at the entrance to the Commission Chambers.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Bids received for Publishing Delinquent Tax Assessments (2017)

County Manager stated that Hendry Glades Sunday News had submitted a bid of .10 cents per line for Real Estate and .02 cents per line for Tangible Property Assessments and the Glades County Democrat had submitted a bid of .11 cents per line for Real Estate and .11 cents per line for Tangible Property Assessments.

ON MOTION Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the selection of the Hendry Glades Sunday News in the amount of .10 cents per line (Real Estate Assessments) and .02 cents per line (Tangible Personal Property Assessments) to advertise the delinquent Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Assessments for Glades County.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

4. Un-encumber SHIP Funds

Susan Whidden, E-911 Coordinator/BoCC Administrative Assistant, stated that Applicant #2017-DPA-2 had not been able to secure financing. She asked that the Board un-encumber the previously approved encumbrance of SHIP funds.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board moved to approve the un-encumbrance of SHIP funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Fiscal Year 2014/2015 in connection with Applicant Number 2017-DPA-2.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. Encumber SHIP Funds

This item was struck from the agenda.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Clerk Brown stated that several vendors have asked to be paid by ACH and asked if the Board had any objections before moving forward.

Chairman Ahern stated he did not have any objections. He stated he was seeing more and more of this.

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County Manager Carlisle stated the Board would still see all payments made.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned establishing an on-line account for the payment of the County's credit card statements. She stated this would help in avoiding interest payments.

Clerk Brown stated she would look into doing this.

Dr. Joe Pepe, Director - Glades Health Department, stated there had been a huge ramp up in flu season this year. He asked that those who had not been vaccinated yet please consider doing so. He stated the Lee Health Department had announced that they had treated over 300 new cases of influenza recently. He stated the Health Department had been fortunate enough to receive a Sexual Risk Avoidance grant, which helped fund some of the educational programs that they had been doing in the schools. He stated this program targeted against risky behavior and teen pregnancy. He stated Glades County was fortunate to not have a huge amount of teen pregnancies. He stated the Glades Health Department had recovered well after Hurricane Irma. He stated no services had been disrupted so far. He stated he had also applied for expansion of grant funding for a HIV Program. He stated if the funds came through he would be able to firm up some more resources in Glades County. He stated this would also allow him to bring on some more medical staff to expand services. He stated the Veterans' Administration continued to be an item that he was monitoring. He stated he had not received any concrete information from the VA as to what their long term plans were for Glades County. He stated there were times when clients had shown up and the provider had not. He stated there seemed to be some sort of miscommunication internally to the VA. He stated he was waiting on some clear direction from them as to what their plans were. He stated the Glades County Health Department had received funding to firm up their preparedness operations. He stated the Department had actively been working through Project Public Health Readiness, which were the internal plans and operations to make sure they were as prepared as they could be moving forward. He stated the goal was to be much better suited to handle sheltering operations. He stated he would be speaking in Tallahassee next week, representing Hendry and Glades Counties, regarding some of the work he was doing with Adverse Childhood Experiences and where they were headed with the program. He stated the program had received a lot of attention statewide.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Board had made the right decision in urging the State to hire Dr. Pepe. She stated there was a program called "Stop the Bleed" that Lee Trauma was going to try and get into the school system and every patrol car.

Dr. Pepe stated all of the school staff and nurses had been training in CPR and the next step was this program (Stop the Bleed). He stated the Health Department would be dispensing kits in the health departments and requested more kits for each of the schools. He stated the kits included a quick clot package, a tourniquet, and other supplies needed to stop a bleed.

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Chief Robert DeMann stated GCDC was running at 85% to 90% occupancy. He stated they appeared to be back on the right track.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there had been any further discussions with ICE on using the old jail facility for housing juveniles and women.

Chief DeMann stated unless ICE could guarantee numbers then they would not be going through the negotiation process again. He stated it was not viable to take the women out of the main unit. He addressed an email he had received regarding an issue with the Somali inmates that were in custody with ICE. He stated everything had been investigated. He stated the facility had passed every inspection. He stated the folks that were being housed were criminal aliens and were here because they violated the law. He stated all of their methods and procedures were standard within the industry. He stated being in detention was not fun for anyone; but there were rules and procedures in place.

There was a brief discussion regarding the email.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated one of the complaints was that the Somali inmates were not being fed the proper foods based on their religion. He asked if this was a requirement for the facility.

Chief DeMann stated it was a requirement in some cases. He stated the facility had to follow the National Detention Standards. He stated there was a common fare menu that included certain meals. He stated special meals were ordered for the Jewish population. He explained the differences in costs for these meals. He stated until he received direction from ICE to do things differently he would be doing things this way.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated the job Chief DeMann and his staff were doing. He stated he stopped in about once a week and they were doing a great job.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and stated that he would be glad to answer any questions.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle reminded everyone of the Joint Meeting with Hendry County that would be held on Thursday, January 11th at the Training Center. He stated he had also invited Glades County School Superintendent – Scott Bass and the School Board Chairman – Mike Pressley, to join the meeting. He stated he would attend a meeting in Stuart on January 12th with the Sierra Club regarding issues with Lake Okeechobee. He stated there would be a meeting with the U. S. Army Corps to discuss the dike that they wanted to build on the north end of the Lake. He stated he had received a call from Brandon Tucker with SFWMD and significant changes had been made to the original plan. He stated he had not seen the revisions yet, however, from what he understood there would not be a 15 foot deep reservoir but more of a water treatment and storage

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area. He stated Chairman Ahern, Commissioner Pryor, and himself would attend some meetings with Senators in Tallahassee from January 16th through January 18th. He stated these meetings would be to request more funding for Glades County and our schools. He commented on the Food Truck event held at the River last night. He stated the event had been a great success. He stated these events would be held on the first Monday of every month. He stated the Ortona Cemetery had been broken into recently. He stated the County was purchasing all new equipment. He stated Mr. Randolph would be coming to the Board for a budget transfer in the near future. He stated he would also be working with the staff to find a more secure way to store the equipment.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he had been approached by some people wanting to put wreaths on the Veteran's graves next year at Christmas. He asked who they would need to get approval from for this.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would have to approve it and would have to check the Ordinance regarding temporary wreaths.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he would have the people contact County Manager Carlisle.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth stated the Lakeport Community was doing well.

Vice Chairman Stanley reminded everyone of the Catfish Festival coming up on January 27, 2018. He invited everyone to attend.

Chairman Ahern reminded everyone of the Art in the Park event that would be held on that same day at the City Park in Moore Haven.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association would be hosting their first Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She stated they would also be holding their bi-annual election of officers on January 25th. She stated they were currently looking for someone to serve as President. She stated the Muse community would be holding their annual Honey Festival on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Commissioner Pryor commented on Glades County moving forward in more than one way. He stated he was looking forward to another great year.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve as Chairman again this year. He stated the County did have a lot going on and seemed to be moving in a positive direction. He stated he appreciated Vice Chairman Stanley staying on top of the issues with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Commissioner Storter Long suggested that the Board discuss a possible burn ban at a future meeting.

Vice Chair Stanley asked if there had been any activity on the hotel property.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had sent some information to an interested party. He stated he was optimistic about the inquiry.

Commissioner Pryor asked if the old B & B building was being demolished.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had heard that the building was being gutted, and based on what the insurance would pay, the owner would decide whether to refurbish the building or demolish it.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated there was a person living in a motor home and running it off of a generator on a small piece of property by the Community Center. He asked if this was an allowable use.

County Manager Carlisle stated this use was not allowed.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated someone would be filing a complaint today. He stated there were also some office buildings that were zoned commercial in Muse that were being lived in and rented out.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would investigate this situation.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Approved: January 22, 2018

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