

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 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 10, 2017
at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Lenice Taylor, County Manager's Office
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
Jeri Wilson, Glades County School Board
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
John Biggs
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
11 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Board Selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Attorney Pringle stated that the Board, by statute, was required annually to re-organize by electing a Chair and a Vice Chair. He stated the statute did not describe a specific process for the Board to use and he was not aware of any policy the County had used the process of receiving nominations. He stated this was done by opening nominations

and receiving nominations. He stated no nomination had to be seconded. He stated anyone could nominate anyone on the Board. He stated he would then entertain a motion and second on closing the nominations and then call for a vote on each of the nominees. He stated once a Chair was selected he would move forward with the selection of a Vice Chair. He stated the Board could then decide whether or not the new Chair would take over the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long nominated Commissioner Ahern.

Commissioner Strenth nominated Commissioner Storter Long.

Commissioner Storter Long respectfully declined the nomination.

ON MOTION of Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board closed the nominations for Chairman of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Nomination were closed.

Commissioner Ahern was selected as the new Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Ahern and Commissioner Pryor changed seats. Chairman Ahern asked that nominations proceed for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Pryor nominated Commissioner Stanley

Commissioner Stanley nominated Commissioner Pryor.

Commissioner Pryor respectfully declined the nomination.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board closed the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Stanley was selected as Vice Chairman of the Board.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

2. Proclamation Commemorating Glades County School Choice Week
County Manager Carlisle read the proclamation into the record.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved a Proclamation commemorating January 22 – 28, 2017 as Glades County School Choice Week.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Update of the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan to Incorporate an updated Capital Improvements Program, a Transportation Improvements Program, and an updated Glades County School District 5-Year District Facilities Work Program

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board was briefed on this item every year. He stated this was part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Attorney Pringle reminded the Board that this was a public hearing and had been properly advertised as such. He asked that the Chairman called for public input prior to any vote.

Chairman Ahern called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2017-1, amending the Capital Improvement Element to incorporate a revised Capital Improvement Program as Appendix I, a Transportation Improvement Program as Appendix II, and a revised School Board District 5-Year Facilities Work Program as Appendix III.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on jail renovations and asked if this was referring to the old jail facility.

County Manager Carlisle stated funds had been set aside to do these renovations when the time came.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested naming the facility something else so that everyone understood that this was not renovations to the new jail facility.

Chairman Ahern called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 79934 – 80094
EMS Award Grant: 1924 – 1926
SHIP: 1668 – 1670
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1460
Intergovernmental Radio: 10317 - 10319
5. **Deleted Items from Property Records and Declared as Surplus – (Exhibit B)**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. **Glades County Tax Collector Budget Resolution No. 2017-**

Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector, stated she came before the Board every 4 years to request that the Board adopt a Resolution in order to control the Glades County Tax Collector's budget.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2017- 1, providing for budgeting for the Glades County Tax Collector.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. **Award Bid for Publishing Delinquent Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Tax Assessments**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board was required to advertise the delinquent taxes each year. He stated proposals had been sent to the Hendry Glades Sunday News and the Glades County Democrat. He stated one proposal had been received from the Glades Democrat.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if there was a reason the other paper did not respond.

County Manager Carlisle stated he did not know why they did not respond. He stated a reminder email had been sent but no response was received.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board awarded the bid to publish the Delinquent Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property Assessment for Glades County to the Glades County Democrat in the amount of \$0.10 / per line.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Community Action Partnership Licensing Agreement

County Manager Carlisle stated the Community Action Partnership had been providing services in Glades County and was currently using a space about one day week in the Community Development Building. He stated the Partnership would like to rent office space in the Community Development Building.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the Licensing Agreement between Glades County BoCC and the Community Action Partnership and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. Termination of Easement between Duda and Glades County Board of County Commissioners

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had entered into an agreement in 2001 with Duda for excavating material off of the bank of the River. He stated the material had been used for road projects and things of that nature. He stated the easement had a termination clause that required the Grantor give 90 days' notice in order to terminate the agreement. He stated on October 19, 2016 the Board had received a letter from Duda giving notice of termination.

Commissioner Pryor asked how long the County had maintained this easement.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had not hauled any material out of there in nearly 2 years.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked why the County had quit hauling material from the site.

County Manager Carlisle stated the material had ran out.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved termination of an easement with A. Duda & Sons, Inc. and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. Consider Amendment 2 between the Department of Economic Opportunity and Glades County

County Manager Carlisle stated in 2015 the County had applied for and received a \$300,000.00 rural infrastructure grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity. He stated the money was designated to do the design, permitting, and post construction services for the infrastructure for the Loves parcel. He stated the project had come in below this amount and there was \$125,000.00 in excess funds. He stated he had asked the Department of Economic Opportunity to move the funds over into the Construction Phase of the project. He stated this agreement would allow this to happen.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved an Amendment to the Rural Infrastructure Grant allowing for the funding of infrastructure improvements and post design services.

Motion carried by 5 - 0 vote.

11. 2017 Board Member Appointments

County Manager Carlisle stated he had taken each Commissioner's selections and compiled a spreadsheet. He asked that the Board make the final selections.

16 County Coalition for Lake Okeechobee

Commissioner Pryor
Commissioner Storter Long - alternate

Area Agency on Aging

Commissioner Storter Long

Canvassing Board (in election years – even years)

No election this year therefore no appointment was made to this Board.

Community Traffic Safety Team

Commissioner Strenth

Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

Chairman Ahern stated this appointment had been transferred to a member of the Hendry County School Board.

Economic Development Council

Chairman Ahern
County Manager Carlisle

Enterprise Zone Development Agency

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County Manager Carlisle stated this Agency had been eliminated therefore no appointment was necessary.

Fisheating Creek Settlement Agreement Advisory Board

Commissioner Strenth

Florida Association of Counties

Vice Chairman Stanley

Commissioner Pryor

FHERO

Commissioner Storter

County Manager Carlisle

Glades Correctional Development Corporation

Chairman Ahern

Glades County Regional Training Center Steering Committee

Chairman Ahern

Commissioner Pryor

Glades Youth Livestock/Doyle Conner Building

Chairman Ahern

Heartland Library Cooperative Board of Directors

Commissioner Storter Long

Hendry Glades Behavioral Health

County Manager Carlisle stated this Board had been disbanded. He stated the building had been closed due to no funding in 2015.

Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board

Vice Chairman Stanley

Lee Memorial Trauma Advisory Council

Commissioner Storter Long

Commissioner Storter Long stated this Council was also looking for a non-commissioner member and if anyone was interested they could apply.

Liaison to Legislature & Tallahassee Agencies

Vice Chairman Stanley

Commissioner Pryor

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Vice Chairman Stanley
County Manager Carlisle

Moore Haven Canal Moonshine Marsh Project Liaison

Chairman Ahern
Commissioner Strenth

Risk Management/Insurance

Commissioner Storter Long
County Manager Carlisle

Seminole Tribe of Florida Liaison

Commissioner Strenth

Small County Coalition

Chairman Ahern
Commissioner Pryor

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Commissioner Storter Long
Commissioner Strenth

Tobacco-Free Partnership

Commissioner Strenth

Tourism Development Council

Vice Chairman Stanley

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board

Commissioner Storter Long

United Way

Vice Chairman Stanley

12. Budget Transfer Request

County Manager Carlisle stated additional funds were required to finish the infrastructure at Loves. He stated this transfer would fund that difference. He stated these funds would be refunded if the Board chose to do a special assessment.

Chairman Ahern how the special assessment was coming along.

County Manager Carlisle stated it would be coming before the Board for consideration at the first meeting in February.

Attorney Pringle stated there were a number of steps still left but everything required had been done so far.

ON MOOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the transfer of \$355,000.00 from General Fund Reserves for Special Projects to BoCC Professional Services.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. 5 Year Resurfacing Plan for Glades County

County Manager Carlisle stated this was being presented at the request of the Board at the last meeting. He stated Washington Park had been moved from the top of the list because the County was moving forward with the sewer project. He stated that should the sewer project fail, Washington Park would be put back to the top of the list. He stated they did not want to go in and pave a bunch of roads that would have to be dug up when the project started.

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, stated these roads were not set in stone. He stated if the situation arose where a road needed to be moved up on the list, he had the ability to do that. He stated this was just a proposed list.

Commissioner Storter Long noted that under the years of 2017-2018 where the list named Crescent Acres Avenue and Cornelia Drive under District 4 that these roads were actually in her district - District 2. She suggested that the Board clarify that this list would replace any prior lists. He stated all of the drainage issues had been addressed and the culvert installations on Crescent Acres Drive had been completed.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked Mr. Brown for completing this work.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received an email from the residents of Crescent Acres and they would like to move forward with the study to see what it would cost to improve all of the roads and drainage in Crescent Acres. He stated he would have the item on the next agenda. He stated it would cost \$3,500.00 for Johnson Engineering to do the study.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the improvements would be at their expense.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct, the Board would impose a special assessment for them for the improvements.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the 5-Year Road Plan (replacing any prior plans) as presented by the Road Department with the revision of Crescent Acres Avenue and Cornelia Drive being in District 2 and not District 4. (Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

14. Fire Truck Replacement for Lakeport Fire Department

County Manager Carlisle stated the fire engine that was currently stationed in Lakeport was a year older than the one the Board just got rid of. He stated the cost of repair far exceeded the value of the truck. He stated when the last truck was retired they had found a used truck, but the used trucks were bought fairly quickly and not on the market long. He stated there were several options for the Board. He stated the first would be to purchase a new truck and put the cost into a regular budget. He stated a second option would be for the Board to allocate funding so that if a good used vehicle was found they could purchase it without having to wait 2 – 3 weeks for the next Board meeting. He stated the County did have excess funds left over from the insurance proceeds received for the demolition of the Glades Inn. He stated these funds amounted to nearly \$250,000.00. He asked the Board for direction on this matter.

Commissioner Strenth suggested the Board transfer the excess insurance funds for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the purchase could be put out for bid and at the same time staff could continue to look for a good used vehicle.

County Manager Carlisle stated the fire trucks were bought off of state bids. He stated those bids were already there. He stated getting a price would not be an issue. He stated the challenge was with the purchase of a used vehicle. He stated the vehicle would have to be inspected and purchased fairly quickly before someone else brought it.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated another issue with bidding a new truck out would be the build time. He stated if the truck was purchased now it would not be delivered until August or September. He stated he had looked at a truck that was 10 years old with 175,000 miles on it for \$230,000.00. It stated this was a Seagraves 4-man truck. He stated a 2-man truck was listed for \$195,000.00 with 50,000 miles. He stated he had also looked at a 2007 truck with 179,000 miles. He stated he could purchase a brand new 4-man truck off the state bid list for \$242,000.00 or a 2-man truck for \$239,000.00. He stated the department probably did not need a 4-man truck at this time but 5 – 10 years from now when there were some full time fire fighters hired they would be required to have a 4-man truck. He stated the trucks were not custom they were commercial.

Commissioner Pryor commented on the values of the used trucks versus the brand new trucks.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what was next in line to be replaced after Lakeport.

Mr. Jones stated the last truck that was purchased was a used truck for Muse. He stated they were going to go on a 5 year schedule; however, they had not met that schedule. He stated the next truck purchased would be for Ortona. He stated he would then look at replacing the truck that was used for the City of Moore Haven.

Commissioner Strenth stated he had been told that the Seminole Tribe had quite a few fire trucks in Hollywood that were still certified but surplus to their need. He stated it may be a possibility that the County could work a deal with the Tribe. He stated the money needed to be set aside in case something good did come up on the purchase of a used truck.

Mr. Jones stated he could bring bids back to the Board for consideration at the next day meeting. He stated he had financed Engine 12 located in Moore Haven. He stated 5 payments in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year had been made.

Commissioner Pryor stated he did not want to purchase a 10 year old used truck for \$239,000.00 when a brand new truck could be purchased for \$242,000.00.

Chairman Ahern stated he would like to see this item placed on the agenda for the next meeting so that all options could be explored.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if a motion was need to give discretion to Mr. Jones and County Manager Carlisle so that if they did find a good used truck they could go ahead and make the purchase.

Commissioner Strenth asked what the time frame would be for transferring the excess insurance funds.

County Manager Carlisle stated the transfer would have to be done in an official meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested amending today's agenda to include the transfer.

Mr. Jones stated he may find a good deal on a used truck between now and the next meeting.

Attorney Pringle stated the transfer of the funds would need to occur before the Board could authorize the expenditure. He stated the purchase would be more than \$50,000.00 and he was not positively sure that the purchase would not require some kind of competitive selection process. He stated if the reason for doing a competitive selection process was because of the County's own policy then the Board could waive the requirement. He stated the requirement could not be waived if it was a statutory requirement.

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Commissioner Strenth asked if the Board could make the decision today to transfer the funds for fire protection or fire safety.

Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director, stated the funds would need to be transferred from contingency.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County's Purchasing Policy allowed the Board to waive the requirement for a competitive selection process in emergency situations.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board could amend the agenda to add Item #20 so that they would have an opportunity to approve the bid response for the demolition of the Glades Inn (Item #19) first. He stated the Board could then transfer the remaining funds with a budget amendment.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board moved to amend the agenda to add Item #20 – Transfer of excess funds from the insurance settlement on the Glades Inn from Contingency to Fire Department Equipment.

Commissioner Pryor expressed concern with moving the excess insurance funds so quickly. He stated he supported the idea of buying a truck. He stated there could be issues with the demolition of the motel and if a fire truck was purchased with the excess funds there would be no funds left to deal with the issues. He suggested waiting until the next meeting to make the decision to transfer funds.

Commissioner Strenth asked if there was a deadline for the demolition of the Glades Inn.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was a performance bond in place. He stated the agreement would allow 15 days for the contractor to execute all paperwork and provide the performance bond. He stated if the contractor failed to perform the bid bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 could be used to hire someone else to do the demolition and any amount over that would be paid by them. He stated if they failed to complete the demolition the performance bond would complete the demolition of the motel.

Attorney Pringle stated there were protections in place in the form of a bond. He stated there were still some risks to the project but they had done everything possible to minimize them.

Commissioner Pryor asked what the time frame was for the completion of the demolition of the motel.

County Manager Carlisle stated if the Board approved the bid tonight the contractor would have 15 days to get the documents and the bonds back to the County. He stated the contractor would have until March to complete the demolition.

Attorney Pringle stated the County's risk would become much smaller after the 15 day period.

Commissioner Strenth stated the funds could always be put back if they were not used.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

County Manager Carlisle suggested tabling this item until the next day meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long made a motion to continue this item to the night meeting so that the research of the used vehicles and the options with the Tribe could be considered and continue the cost of the new vehicles on the state bid list to the day meeting.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if there grants that could be applied for to help the purchase of future fire trucks.

Mr. Jones stated there were some grants available. He stated the DOF grant excluded the purchase of any high priced items. He stated this grant was also a 50/50 matching grant.

Attorney Pringle stated a number of fire districts in Lee County used a lease purchase arrangement to finance the purchase of new equipment. He stated the concept was that the costs were spread out over time so that taxpayers in the future who benefited from the use of the equipment paid a part of the cost of the equipment with their future tax dollars. He stated this was another option.

Chairman Ahern stated there was a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Pryor seconded the motion on the floor.

Mr. Jones stated he could probably bring all of the information back to the night meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long amended her motion on the floor to bring all of the research regarding this item back at the night meeting. Commissioner Pryor amended his second to the motion on the floor.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

15. Award Bid for SHIP 2016-Demo-1, 2016-Demo-2, and 2016-Demo-3

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated these bids were opened last week. She stated 2 bids were received from Clyde Johnson on 2016-Demo-1, one for a stick built home and one for a CBS. She stated Central Mobile Homes and Brian Sullivan had also submitted bids on this project. She stated she had several people that lived in the area where this home is located that have termite problems. She stated the house that was

being demolished also had termite problems. She recommended a CBS home over a wood frame home.

County Manager Carlisle stated they were not aware if the other homes in the area had been properly treated for the termites. He stated for the cost value it would be better to go with a CBS home.

Mrs. Whidden stated 2016-Demo-2 was located in the Horseshoe Acres area. She stated Clyde Johnson had submitted 2 bids (wood frame and CBS), Central Mobile Homes, and Brian Sullivan had also submitted bids. She stated this area was prone to flooding and asked that the Board keep this in mind when awarding this bid.

Mrs. Whidden stated 2016-Demo-3 also had 2 bids from Clyde Johnson (wood frame and CBS), a bid from Central Mobile Homes, and one from Brian Sullivan. She stated the Board should be aware that Central Mobile Homes had indicated that it will be very difficult to get the crane back to the home site. She recommended one of the options for this bid.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if wood frame was the same as CBS as far as the SHIP Program was concerned.

Mrs. Whidden stated the SHIP Program had approved either type of home.

Mrs. Whidden stated 2016-Demo-1 and 2016-Demo-2 had been approved for \$80,000.00 and 2016-Demos-3 for \$100,000.00. She stated all of bids for 2016-Demo-3 had come in over this amount; however, the applicant's family was willing to fund the difference.

County Manager Carlisle stated the motion needed to be contingent on the applicant obtaining the difference in funding.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board awarded the bid for 2016-Demo-1 to Clyde Johnson in the amount of \$79,557.00; bid 2016-Demo-2 to Central Mobile Homes in the amount of \$79,850.00; bid 2016-Demo-3 to Brian Sullivan in the amount of \$116,000.00; contingent upon the individuals obtaining additional funding after the cap; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Pryor asked that Mrs. Whidden bring a report back to the Board after these homes were completed to let them know how the construction went.

16. SHIP and HHRP Mortgage Satisfaction

Mrs. Whidden stated the homeowners had completed the program and their loan was ready for satisfaction.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved satisfying the mortgage and loan agreement between the Glades County BoCC and Charles and Paula Franklin and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

17. Consider Citizen Application from Samuel A. Thomas for appointment as Public Designee for Commissioner Ahern on the Agriculture and Labor Program Board

County Manager Carlisle stated the person filling this position had recently resigned. He stated another individual had applied and asked that the Board consider his application.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board appointed Samuel A. Thomas as the public designee for the Agriculture & Labor Program.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

18. Appoint Board Member to the Glades Correctional Development Corporation Board

Chairman Ahern stated Alvin Ward had resigned at the GCDC Board's last meeting of the year. He stated the Board had met yesterday and Stuart Whiddon had volunteered to serve. He asked that the BoCC ratify the appointment of Stuart Whiddon to the GCDC Board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board ratified the appointment of Stuart Whiddon to the Glades Correctional Development Corporation (GCDC) Board.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how the GCDC Board had voted on this appointment.

Chairman Ahern stated the vote had been unanimous for the appointment of Mr. Whiddon.

Motion carried by 5- 0 vote.

19. Request for Proposal #01-2017 – Demolition of the Glades Inn

County Manager Carlisle stated a proposal for the demolition had previously been accepted; however, the contractor was unable to perform under the conditions and terms of the contract. He stated the project had been bid out again and was before the Board for consideration. He stated the bids had been opened at 2:00 p.m. on January 5th. He stated 2 bids had been received: Marty Thompkins Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$249,000.00 and Samsula Waste, Inc. d/b/a Samsula Demolition in the amount of

\$167,011.00. He stated he had done some research and background searches on Samsula Demolition both in Georgia and North Florida. He stated all of the contractors that had worked with them had good things to say about them. He stated they were punctual and had no change orders.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the difference in the bids. She asked if this was a bigger company that could afford to do the work for a lesser amount.

Commissioner Strenth stated the other company was going to sub the work out which resulted in a higher bid amount.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had specifically stated on this bid that the contractor must perform at least 80% of the work themselves.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board awarded RFP #01-2017 – Demolition of the property located at 1100 US Hwy 27, Moore Haven, Florida (formerly the Glades Inn) to Samsula Waste, Inc. d/b/a Samsula Demolition in the amount of \$167,011.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

20. Approve transfer of funds

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board tabled Item #20 – Approval of the Transfer of Funds to the January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated he been in several conversations with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) about the mulching (compost) facility in Lakeport. He stated the DEP representatives were present at the Legislative Delegation and they had been in touch with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the mulching facility. He stated the EPA had jurisdiction over the site; however, DEP was going to try to meet with the facility regarding the issues. He stated the DEP had discovered that the facility was changing contractors quite frequently. He stated each time this happened they were not following the terms and conditions of their permit. He stated they were not allowed to

store material outside of the building. He stated they were all aware of the issues and were working towards a solution.

Chairman Ahern stated he had met with Lewis Gopher who had spoken with Andrew Bowers about the issues. He stated they had spoken with their Environmental person also. He stated he would provide the contact information to Commissioner Strenth.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Legislative Delegation had gone well. He stated Senator Grimsley and Representative Pigman had stayed after the meeting for a one on one session. He stated he had gone into more detail with some of the County's request and would be following up with them regarding the concerns. He stated some of the issues were well received. He stated he thought it was good of them to spend the extra time with him and staff on these issues.

Chairman Ahern stated County Manager Carlisle had done a great job at discussing all of the issues the County was facing. He stated he was very prepared and had options for all of the issues whether it was for the Moore Haven Canal project or the PILT issues.

County Manager Carlisle thanked Chairman Ahern for his comments. He stated the Board had discussed addressing the redistricting this year. He asked if the Board wished to schedule a workshop to discuss the matter. He stated he would come up with some dates and present them at the next meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to have County Manager Carlisle bring back dates for a Redistricting Workshop.

County Manager Carlisle stated his contract required that the Board do an evaluation of his performance each year. He stated the Board typically did a one on one evaluation. He stated it would be at the will of the Board to decide how they wished to handle it this year.

The Board agreed that they would do a one on one evaluation of County Manager Carlisle's job performance.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Main, Buckhead Ridge, had signed up to speak, but declined when called upon.

Mr. Williamson stated he had talked with the Road Department in December and the contract would be let out the first of this month to complete the road work on SR 80. He stated the project should begin in late April.

Chairman Ahern stated this was good news.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

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Commissioner Strenth stated he had the pleasure of watching Mr. Chapman's volunteer firemen do a burn. He asked that a proclamation be drawn up to commend Mr. Chapman for his services and dedication to the County. He stated he spent a lot of his time and effort with the fire departments.

Chairman Ahern agreed and asked that the proclamation come before the Board at the night meeting.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated Buckhead Ridge would be hosting their annual Catfish Festival on the last Saturday of January. He invited everyone to attend. He stated the cell tower should be coming soon.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association would be hosting a spaghetti dinner this Saturday from 5 – 7 p.m. She stated the dinner tickets were \$8.00 at the door and \$7.00 if purchased in advance. She stated she appreciated the County's staff. She stated the County was blessed to have employees that went out of their way. She commented on County Manager Carlisle and the Department Heads' efforts. She stated she had seen some real improvements in the Community Development Office. She stated she was very pleased with the improvements.

Commissioner Pryor wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated the Division of Forestry had numerous grants available and suggested that County Manager Carlisle check into them while researching ways to purchase the new fire truck for Lakeport.

County Manager Carlisle stated they had a grant where they will pay the first matching part of the USDA funding that would come out in October. He stated he would research the grants with them.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had received a couple of complaints this week regarding Animal Control and no one being able to get a hold of them.

Bob Jones stated they had some phone issues this past week but they had been resolved.

County Manager Carlisle stated there had been some issues at the Building Department as well. He stated the calls were not routing correctly.

Commissioner Storter Long asked why the calls went to EOC.

County Manager Carlisle stated Audra (at the EOC) logged the calls and reported them to Mr. Jones.

Mrs. Williams stated there were no other lines available and the calls had to be routed to the EOC now.

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Chairman Ahern stated the GCDC continued to work on the problems with the inmate population. He stated they continued to work with the investors on getting new bonds. He stated the new Sheriff was also exploring some options. He stated the Moore Haven Canal project was coming along well. He stated he would do his best to fulfill the duties of Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the Board always having the same Chairman. She stated she believed it would be better to share the position, not only for the public but for the Commissioners as well.

Attorney Pringle thanked Commissioner Pryor for acting as Chairman for the past year.

Chairman Ahern stated Commissioner Pryor had done a great job as Chairman and that he served the County well at the State level and the Association of Counties.

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 10:56 a.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: January 23, 2017

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