

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Tim Stanley, Chairman
Weston Pryor, Vice Chairman
Paul Beck
John Ahern

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Dwayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
James Hull, AIM Engineering
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Lenice Taylor, County Manager's Office
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
Libby Maxwell, South Florida Water Management District
Joe Pepe, Administrator Health Department
Jack Woods, Code Compliance Officer
12 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

County Manager Carlisle requested that a letter in opposition to Florida's Critical Habitat Designation for the Florida Panther be added to the agenda for consideration as Item #16 under the Business Agenda.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board amended the agenda as requested.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Proclamation Commemorating Glades County School Choice Week

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved a Proclamation commemorating January 24 – 30, 2016 as Glades County School Choice Week.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Proclamation into the record.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Update Capital Improvements Element of Comprehensive Plan

County Manager Carlisle stated the County's 5-Year Capital Plan must be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis pursuant to statute.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the grant for the Loves Travel Center infrastructure had been applied for.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board already had that grant.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned expending the funds prior to getting the property transferred.

County Manager Carlisle stated the deed had been received and was being reviewed. He stated he and Attorney Pringle were trying to finalize the transfer from Duda to the County and anticipated that construction would start in March. He stated the Board already had the Army Corps permit as well as the South Florida Water Management District permit. He stated there was one more agreement needed with Loves before the project could go out to bid.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned if the funds for the paving of Old Lakeport Road had all been expended.

County Manager Carlisle stated the final payment had not been made for the paving of Old Lakeport Road due to some deficiencies that were being repaired.

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Commissioner Storter Long asked when the paving of Kirby Thompson Road would begin.

County Manager Carlisle stated the bids had been received for this project and were being reviewed. He stated Lynch Paving was currently the low bid but was still not within the budget.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she was glad to see all of these items listed in the plan.

County Manager Carlisle stated Inga Williams, Community Development Director, and Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director, had done a great job in putting this plan together. He thanked them for their efforts.

Commissioner Beck stated some modifications had been made to some of the guardrails near the end of Lakeport Road. He asked if these were the deficiencies that were mentioned earlier.

County Manager Carlisle stated there were some pavement failures in front of Aruba. He stated AIM was addressing this matter with the contractor. He stated this section of road would be milled out and re-surfaced.

Chairman Stanley questioned the \$400,000.00 for courthouse renovations.

County Manager Carlisle stated the majority of these funds would go to B & I Contracting for the electrical upgrades. He stated a room would be built right outside of the Clerk's Office and an electrical panel would be placed inside. He stated the generator system would be upgraded and one of the generators would be moved over to power the Community Development Building. He stated a fire system would be installed and a sally port for the Sheriff's Department would be constructed. He stated this would expend the balance of these funds.

Chairman Stanley called for public comment. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-5, amending the Capital Improvement Element to incorporate a revised Capital Improvement Schedule as Appendix I and the School Board District 5-Year Facilities Work Program as Appendix II.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Attorney Pringle asked that the Chairman call a roll call vote.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

3. Extension of Road Impact Fees

County Manager Carlisle stated all impact fees were being held in abeyance at this time. He stated this action would extend that abeyance.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-1, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of road impact fees in Glades County until on or before February 14, 2017.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

4. Extension of Emergency Management Services Impact Fees

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-2, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of emergency medical services impact fees in Glades County until on or before February 14, 2017.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes

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Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. Extension of Park Impact Fees

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-3, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of park impact fees in Glades County until on or before February 14, 2017.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. Extension of Public Education Impact Fees

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2016-4, extending the suspension of the collection of education impact fees in Glades County until on or before February 14, 2017.

Chairman Stanley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. Adoption of Resolution for Notification of County's Intention to Impose a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Fire Services and/or Emergency Rescue Services

County Manager Carlisle stated that adoption of this Resolution did not provide for the assessment but simply gave the Board the opportunity to move forward with the assessment in the future if they so desired.

Attorney Pringle stated pursuant to Section 197.3632 F.S. the County had to follow specific steps in order to impose a non-ad valorem assessment. He stated the first step was to advertise notice of the resolution for 4 consecutive weeks, which had already been done. He stated this was not binding on the County but simply created the opportunity for the Board to take further action in the future to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services.

Chairman Stanley called for public comment.

Commissioner Beck questioned how long the Board could keep this opportunity open.

Attorney Pringle stated this was a decision that would need to be made by the Board annually. He stated this step could be done over and over. He stated if the Board chose to move forward at some point with the imposition of a non-ad valorem assessment additional steps would be required.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated he realized that the Board had been putting off imposition of an additional assessment on the citizens for years. He asked if the County would see a need for the assessment this year.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County's ambulance cost were getting to a point where the County was going to have to come up with funds to pay an outside vendor or pay for it themselves. He stated the County was not getting the responses needed for the northern portion of the County. He stated there were some deficits in the budget that needed to be addressed so that essential life and health issues along with safety issues could be provided to the community.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the key words were "if", "consider", and "opportunity". She stated she believed the Board should keep the opportunity open but hoped they would not have to impose the assessment in the future.

Commissioner Ahern stated he did not believe the economy had reached the place yet where the assessment was necessary. He stated he did not believe the Board would have to implement the assessment this year.

Chairman Stanley stated the imposition of this assessment would not come without a cost. He stated a study would have to be done. He stated the Board would then have to decide if the assessment would be beneficial to the citizens.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2016-2, providing notification of the County's intention to impose a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services and/or emergency rescue services in 2016.

Chairman Stanley called again for public comment.

Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News, questioned the time frame.

Attorney Pringle stated to impose the assessment the Board would have to circulate the notice to the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser by March 1st. He stated the Board would have a window of time to do the study and the other pre-requisite steps prior to the Board's consideration of the imposition of the assessment.

Commissioner Beck questioned the worth of a mill in Glades County. He stated it would take at least 2 mills to fund one ambulance. He stated the assessment could get a little pricy.

Chairman Stanley stated this tax would not be a millage tax but a set assessment per household/parcel.

Commissioner Beck stated the imposition of this assessment would still bite the tax payers.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes
Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Approve payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 77443 – 77655
SHIP: 1642 – 1643
Court Facilities Surcharge: 1100
Intergovernmental Radio: 10286 – 10288

EMS Award: 1920
Tourism Development: 1030
Buckhead Ridge Utility: 207

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. Resolution No. 2016-1 Amending 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Fund Budget

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2016-1 amending the 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Fund budget by partial distribution received from the Estate of Barbara Oehlbeck.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Stanley asked if there was someone the Board could send a thank you letter to for this donation.

County Manager Carlisle stated Mr. Larry Luckey was the Personal Representative for the estate.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested sending a letter of appreciation to Mr. Luckey.

County Manager Carlisle asked if it would be appropriate to put up a small plaque in the library commemorating the donation.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the purchase of a plaque to commemorate the donation made by Mrs. Oehlbeck and that the plaque be placed in the library.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. Code Enforcement Resolutions

County Manager Carlisle stated there were several properties within the community that had accumulated significant code enforcement fines and there was no hope of them coming into compliance. He stated the properties were in bad shape and some of them had been abandoned. He asked that the Board direct staff to investigate foreclosing on the properties. He stated the properties could be then be sold and conditions could be placed on the sale for the cleanup of the properties.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to see Code Enforcement bring forward at the next meeting the same information on the property on Marshall Field Road that Mr. Polhill had abandoned.

Commissioner Ahern stated there were a lot of properties that would need to go through this same process.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board authorized the County Attorney to investigate the foreclosure of the code enforcement fines on the property located at 1414 Ted Beck Road, Lakeport, Florida and to bring the information back to the Board for further consideration.

Commissioner Beck commented on the foreclosure and suggested allowing this to be a test case and, if needed, move forward on the other properties with fines in the future.

Commissioner Storter Long stated if there were other properties that had similar amounts accrued they should be documented the same way. She suggested that the cut off amount be \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Beck stated the subject property was not worth \$15,000.00. He stated the cleanup of the mobile home and the lot would cost \$15,000.00 or more. He stated he did not believe the property would bring \$15,000.00 at a foreclosure sale.

Attorney Pringle clarified the code enforcement process. He stated the process was in place to bring about compliance. He stated many people would comply when they received notice and others would comply with a court order imposing a fine. He stated the foreclosure tool could be used by the Board to bring about compliance. He stated there may be parcels where the fine was lower than \$15,000.00 but where compliance really needed to be brought into play. He stated there may be parcels where the property has been abandoned and the County would want to foreclosure earlier rather than later. He stated in some instances the code enforcement lien itself would force compliance if a property owner was going to sell the property. He explained that the code enforcement lien would be in the chain of title and would have to be resolved prior to sale.

Jack Woods, Code Enforcement Officer, clarified that the total fine due as of today on this property was \$16,500.00. He stated the Judge had imposed a \$50.00 per day fine.

Chairman Stanley called for public comment. There was none.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

11. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Acceptance and Certification of Conflict for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2015-2016.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

12. Courthouse Lawn Replacement and Maintenance

County Manager Carlisle stated he and staff had tried to get the courthouse lawn into better condition since he was hired. He stated TruGreen and the Road Department crews had tried to get the lawn to grow; however, they had not been successful. He stated John Fideli had contacted him about replacing some turf, leveling out the lawn, and maintaining the lawn (irrigation, fertilization, pest control, and hedge trimming). He stated this would allow one point of contact for all aspects of maintenance. He stated this job had been publicly bid. He asked the Board to allow Mr. Fideli to move forward with the replacement and maintenance of the lawn.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the lawn had been replaced with beautiful floritam some years ago. She stated the Board had been told later that the soil that had been placed underneath had been full of seed pods and had caused the grass to go bad. She stated the soil had come from the lake bottom.

Avant Brown, Road Superintendent, stated this was correct. He stated attempts had been made to spray the soil, but this had failed to improve it. He stated the soil was rich in nutrients but it was also full of weeds.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not see the lawn getting any better until the seeds in the soil were gone. She stated she was in favor of having one source but she did not believe this would solve the problem. She asked if Mr. Fideli could do some testing on the soil prior to replacing the lawn.

John Fideli, John Fideli Landscapes, LLC, stated he had dealt with soil types such as this before. He stated it was a long term issue that would have to play its course. He stated testing could be done to see what stage the soil was in. He stated there were some very good nutrients in that type of soil. He stated there were some insects present but that they should not be an issue after treatment.

Vice Chairman Pryor asked if the entire lawn would be replaced with new sod.

Mr. Fideli stated there would be approximately 40,000 square feet of sod replaced. He stated there were some areas that would be left alone.

County Manager Carlisle stated the section of lawn where the generator would be moved was not going to be replaced.

Chairman Stanley asked if Mr. Fideli was local.

Mr. Fideli stated he was based out of Fort Myers.

Commissioner Beck stated the dollar weed had overtaken most of the lawn. He asked if Mr. Fideli would pre-treat the sod.

Mr. Fideli stated he would pre-treat the sod if needed.

County Manager Carlisle stated the hiring of Mr. Fideli would also free up Mr. Brown's road crews.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the quote from John Fideli Landscapes, LLC for lawn replacement, labor and materials, and maintenance (under Option 2) for the Courthouse lawn. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. Road Department salary Adjustments

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had been losing employees to higher paying positions over the last several months due to an improved economy. He stated he had asked Mr. Brown to come up with a strategy to offset some of the losses and try to retain and recruit employees.

Avant Brown, Road Superintendent, explained that the years that the County was not able to give raises had created a diversity in his department and local jobs. He stated it had caught up with his department in the last year. He stated he had lost 4 employees since September. He stated he had not been able to replace them. He stated he did not see how the County could hire new people at a higher rate of pay than the ones who had been here 15 – 20 years. He stated this was not a total solution to the issue but a temporary fix until it could be addressed during budget hearings.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on Mr. Brown's strategy. She stated she approved of the way Mr. Brown had adjusted the salaries.

OM MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the salary adjustments for the Road Department and made a line item adjustment to fund them.

Commissioner Ahern stated he had also spoke with Mr. Brown regarding his budget. He stated Mr. Brown's budget was funded by a different source. He stated he had seen some recovery in the local option gas tax. He stated the percentage of collection had increased creating an increase in revenue.

Mr. Brown stated that when the Loves Travel Stop was constructed and open for business the diesel sales within the County would increase and help the Road Department tremendously.

Commissioner Ahern stated that although a full recovery had not been made there had been an increase in the gas tax this past year and a decrease in gas prices overall. He stated this should be a good source of revenue in the future.

Commissioner Beck stated one of the studies that had been done regarding the Loves Travel Stop had indicated that the receivable tax revenue off the fuel would be around \$400,000.00 per year.

Mr. Brown stated these additional monies would mostly go towards the County's paving projects.

Vice Chairman Pryor questioned the number of hours per week an Equipment I Operator usually worked.

Mr. Brown stated the employees worked 5 – 8 hour days per week. He stated there was usually no over-time worked. He stated most of his employees had families to support. He stated the Road Department's wage scale was less than most of the other departments within the County.

Commissioner Storter Long commended Mr. Brown on his department and the quick responses to citizens' concerns. She called for the question.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had provided a list of each employee's name, position, and hourly rate along with a list of all salary increases since 1994. She stated these salary increases were based not solely on merit but many other factors. She suggested that the Board research these job positions and define the job descriptions more clearly. She suggested determining a better system to evaluate performance. She stated what was in place now was not adequate. She stated this matter should be looked at before budget time. She stated a lot of the employees wore many hats and covered other jobs.

Chairman Stanley stated each employees' performance should be evaluated each year whether or not they received a raise so that the employee knew where he/she stood.

Vice Chairman Pryor suggested giving performance pay.

County Manager Carlisle commented on the current evaluation tools. He stated an evaluation should never be a surprise to an employee. He stated the employer should be communicating with the employee throughout the year.

14. 2015-2016 General Fund Item to Item Transfers

County Manager Carlisle stated this transfer would take care of payment for the lawn maintenance and the adjustments to the salaries at the Road Department.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved the 2015-2016 General Fund Item to Item Transfers. (See Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

15. Delete Items from Property Records and Declare Surplus

County Manager Carlisle stated the County needed to get rid of some equipment that was not operable or no longer needed along with several vehicles. He asked that disposal of the items be included in the motion.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the deletion of the following items from the Property Records, declared them surplus and authorized their disposal: Excretion Tool S/N #107032 (Ortona Fire); Brother Fax Machine S/N #U61326J6J634775; Hewlett Packard Printer S/N #MYO1M181HO; 2006 Ford Ranger Property ID #2792; and a 2001 Crown Victoria Property ID #2551.

Attorney Pringle clarified that all of these items, individually, were under \$5,000.00 and the Board was therefore authorizing the County Manager under Section 274.06, Florida Statutes.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

16. Consider Support of Letter in Opposition to Florida’s Critical Habitat Designation for the Florida Panther

County Manager Carlisle stated all of the rural counties faced challenges. He stated it always seemed that there was someone or some entity trying to obstruct the County’s ability to develop and become self-sustainable. He stated Representative Vern Buchanan and several others had sent a letter to the President of the United States requesting that land in Florida be declared critical habitat for the preservation of the panther. He stated because the Florida Panther was designated an endangered species prior to the Endangered Species Act, the critical land designation should not and could not apply to Florida. He stated this issue had already been ruled on by the courts. He stated Mr. Buchanan and several others were asking the President to circumvent this ruling by Executive Order. He stated this designation would have numerous negative effects on the County – the cost to develop, the setting aside of properties, and the reduction in the

County's ability to develop the property. He stated the designation would not help the rural counties at all. He stated the County was not opposed to the panther but was opposed to regulations that would prohibit it from being self-sustainable. He stated Mr. Mike Elfenbein had answered Mr. Buchanan by letter and he requested that the Board support the letter.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested conditionally approving the letter since the Commissioners had just received the letter last night.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had read the letter, the back-up material, and the newspaper articles. He stated he agreed with the statements made in the letter.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she agreed with the letter.

Commissioner Ahern stated he had discussed this matter with more and more people and panthers were being seen everywhere.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved support of Mr. Elfenbein's letter to the Honorable Vern Buchanan concerning panther habitat. (See Exhibit D)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle stated there were a number of public hearings heard today. He clarified why sometimes a roll call vote was taken and other times it was not. He stated the essence of the difference was that adoption of an ordinance was the highest action this Board could take. He stated the Chairman should always read the title of the ordinance into the record, call for public input, and take a roll call vote. He stated some resolutions were also required to be adopted at a public hearing. He stated these would follow the same process. He stated if the resolution was being adopted as a normal business item the Chairman would not be required to call for separate public input and would not need to read the title of the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the process for proclamations.

Attorney Pringle stated proclamations were an action of the Board but not an action that held enforcement of the law. He stated the Board would simply be supporting what someone else or entity was doing.

Commissioner Storter Long inquired about the deed with Duda.

County Manager Carlisle stated the language of the deed would be finished this morning. He stated he hoped to have the deed before the Board at the next night meeting.

Attorney Pringle stated County Manager Carlisle indicated earlier there were several parts to this project. He stated the donation of the land by Duda was one element, the grant proceeds/funding were another, and then Duda and the Loves Travel Center had responsibilities that had to be pieced together.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manger Carlisle stated the reorganization of the Board would be on the next agenda. He stated a Chairman and Vice Chairman would be voted on. He stated the Board had asked him to look at some sound proofing for the floors in the community centers at Washington Park and Ortona. He passed around some samples of a rubber, snap & fit, floating floor system. He stated this flooring was great for sound absorption, easy to clean, replaceable tile by tile, and would wear well. He stated he had contacted several other companies to look at their selection of rubber flooring. He stated the flooring would cost approximately \$2.60 per square foot. He stated the product came with a 10 year warranty and was made from recycled rubber.

Chairman Stanley asked if the meeting room at Indian Hills had been completed.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would be asking Mr. Brown to stripe out a handicap space but the building was complete.

Chairman Stanley asked if staff was still working on the redistricting.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct. He stated Inga Williams, Community Development Director, had some maps ready for review by the Commissioners. He stated the School Board was moving forward with some ideas as well.

Commissioner Ahern asked about progress on the hotel.

County Manager Carlisle stated the last bit of language would be added to the contract today.

Dr. Pepe, Administrator – Glades County Health Department, stated the department had started the dental sealant program at the elementary school. He stated the department had already seen approximately 30 – 40 kids this week. He stated the program would be expanded to second, third and fifth graders. He stated the department would be launching their Teen Pregnancy Focus program. He stated this program targeted teen pregnancies and redundant teen pregnancies. He stated the first pregnancy may or may not be avoided but the second could be avoided. He stated there were about 50 teen pregnancies last year and about 10 of these were second pregnancies. He stated he

would be working with the School Districts and the home visitation staff to make sure this program made a difference. He stated the Human Papilloma Virus research he was conducting with FIU was moving along nicely. He stated staff would be at some of the various fairs doing surveys and giving out gift cards. He stated the data would be used to work with pharmaceutical companies to help fund a HPV vaccination program. He stated HPV had been linked to 6 – 10 types of cancers. He stated the virus, if contracted, may not have implications until later in life. He stated he was also working on a program that would give out car seats for a minimal fee of \$10.00.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News, commented on the collapse of mental health services in Glades County over the years. He stated he had heard some discussions regarding an organization called Cross Roads. He stated it was becoming more apparent that there was a need for more services in the area.

Jimmy Cianfrani, resident of Muse, stated he had been asked by neighbors and friends about the paving of roads in the area. He questioned when Kirby Thompson Road would be completed.

County Manager Carlisle stated the bids had been received for the paving of Kirby Thompson Road. He stated the price exceeded the funding so he would be getting with Mr. Brown to resolve the issue. He stated Lynch Paving had come in as the lowest bidder. He stated he wanted to make sure and get a good product. He stated that once the agreement was signed the contractor would have 30 days to begin the work.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Muse Community Association had elected new offices and several were present today. She invited everyone to attend Ortona's bi-annual election of officers and pot luck dinner on January 28th at 6:00 p.m. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Board for their support on the panther issues.

Commissioner Ahern stated excessive water had gone through the restrooms at the rodeo grounds. He informed the Board that next month's water bill would be larger than normal because of this. He stated Glades Youth Livestock would pay the bill. He stated the population at the jail was approximately 185 – 190 inmates. He commented on some complaints he had received from Lakeport residents about the compost plant nearby. He stated he had spoken with the manager of the plant several times about the matter. He stated they were working on resolving the problem.

Commissioner Beck stated the compost was supposed to have lime infused into it prior to being hauled to that site. He commented on the smell.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the plant was located on the Reservation.

Commissioner Ahern stated this was correct.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the plant would still be subject to DEP requirements and standards.

Commissioner Ahern stated he would get County Manager Carlisle the contact information so that he could address the matter as well.

County Manager Carlisle stated the plant was located on sovereign land.

Vice Chairman Pryor thanked County Manager Carlisle and Mr. Brown for getting the signs put up at 7 point to slow down the trucks. He stated there had been some issues with the trucks dodging the scales. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Beck stated the MHHS Scholarship Foundation would be hosting their annual bar-b-que on January 15, 2016. He stated the plates would consist of ½ chicken, 2 sides, and a roll and would be sold for \$10 each. He stated the funds would help fund scholarships. He stated \$75,000.00 worth of scholarships had been given out.

Chairman Stanley stated there were a lot of upcoming events. He stated the Honey Festival would both be held in Muse on January 23rd; the Catfish Festival and Art in the Park would be held on January 30th; and the Ortona Cane Grinding Festival and the Lakeport Sour Orange Festival would both be held on February 6th. He invited everyone to attend these events. He stated the TDC Board was really working well. He stated the TDC Board had rejoined Visit Florida. He stated they had applied for numerous grants. He stated the 2 bill boards would be coming down. He stated the Dollar General Store would open on February 21st in Buckhead Ridge.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Stanley adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Tim Stanley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: February 9, 2016

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