

GLADES COUNTY COMMISSION – JANUARY 22, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE
HAVEN, FLORIDA

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, January 22, 2018
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Susan Whidden, E911 Coordinator/ BOCC Administrative Assistant
Alexis Crespo, Planner
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Tycee Prevatt, Glades County Extension Agent
Libby Pigman, SFWMD Representative
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
10 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ahern called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Strenth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

County Manager Carlisle asked that a Letter Opposing Proposition 69 Regarding Special Districts be added to the Business Agenda as Item #10.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board amended the agenda.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Glades County Point In Time Count Day Proclamation

County Manager Carlisle asked that the Board consider approving a Proclamation declaring January 28, 2018 as Glades County Point in Time Count Day.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved a Proclamation declaring January 28, 2018 as Glades County Point in Time Count Day.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Revisions of Chapter 125 – Land Development Regulations – regarding agriculture and farm animals

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated a workshop had been held regarding these revisions and changes had been made according to the direction given. She stated only 2 documents had changes. She stated the definitions now included “rabbits” and the definition of “sold” in the commercial kennel definitions. She stated there were multiple changes in the new special exception language. She stated several changes in the wording under Section D had been made since the packets were given out. She stated on page 2 of 3 the word “existing” was being added between the words “an” and “animal”. She stated the word “use” would be struck and the word “approval” would be added. She stated the word “this” would be struck and the word “the” added. She stated “application” would be added to the end of the sentence. She stated all of these changes had been highlighted.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned Item 3 on page 2 of 3. She stated the special exception shall run with the property and not the land owner and shall expire with the sale or transfer of the land. When the special exception expired, any structure such as coops, pens, etc. shall be removed. She asked if these structures were existing now and the property owner did not obtain the special exception and had no animals, would they have to remove the structures.

Mrs. Williams stated if the property owner did not have animals then she would not do a code compliance complaint against them.

County Manager Carlisle stated the property owner would not have to remove barns and buildings that could be used for storage. He stated these structures could remain. He explained that there were several caveats to this. He stated certain structures did not require a permit. He stated the structures that were built with a permit could not remain if they did not meet all of the criteria for the structure to be there. He stated if a property owner built a stall but did not have any horses and the stall did not meet the building qualifications or was located within the property set back, it would have to come down.

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Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 17 or 20. She stated under C – Property Standards, Item #5 the language stated that no more than 8 individual animals shall be permitted regardless of size, weight, or species. She asked how staff had arrived at the number 8.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was a difference between kennels for pets such as dogs and livestock. He explained it would not be reasonable to have 8 cows on 2 acres so a special exception would address this. He cautioned the Board about being specific about the numbers for each type of livestock or animal.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she understood the number 8 was based on the largest animal although it could not be specified.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was a provision for increases in the number. He stated if the increase was not substantial it would be allowed.

Mrs. Williams stated a foot note could be added to explain that un-weaned animals would not be included. She clarified that the Use Table footnote #1 should read “total maximum 20 animals including un-weaned”.

County Manager Carlisle stated this language did need to be clarified; however, it did not have anything to do with the special exceptions. He stated this number was for a different land use category.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 3 of 20 under the definition of “animal”. She stated the definition needed to read “livestock means a domestic animal” and not “animals”. She stated she believed the word “button” should be removed from the document. She stated there were 130 varieties of quail. She asked why staff had included “button” quail but no other variety. She asked if a special exception was needed to have a miniature horse or a pigmy goat.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct. He stated the definition of quail would be updated and the word “button” removed from the document.

Commissioner Pryor commented on someone having 20 head of cattle on 3 or 4 acres of land. He stated common sense would tell you this was not reasonable.

County Manager Carlisle stated the fees for the existing non-compliant uses would be waived if these changes are made. He stated it had been discussed and would need to be done by resolution. He stated the consensus in the workshop was that the fees be waived until July 1st.

It was the consensus of the Board to use the July 1st date.

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Alexis Crespo, Waldrup Engineering, apologized for not attending the workshop. She thanked staff for these changes. She stated she would respectfully request that the Board consider having the special exception run with the property owner and not the land. She stated having the ability to market the property as being approved for owning a horse or 2 would be very important for resale value in the Ranchettes. She stated that although special exceptions typically run with the land; the Board had the authority to have it expire with the property owner. She stated it was important that the exception move forward to the next owner. She stated she appreciated everyone's time and consideration of these items.

County Manager Carlisle stated he understood what Mrs. Crespo was saying; however, if the new property owner wanted anything different than what was already there, they would still have to apply for a special exception. He stated he felt the exception should expire with the property owner.

Mrs. Crespo stated if it was the exact same animal with the exact same barn location and the new owner could meet all of the requirements for the special exception approval that they would be allowed. She stated any change in the type of animal would have to come back for approval.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the most it would cost the new property owner to apply for the special exception would be \$500.00.

Sheri Denning, Realtor - Southern Heritage Real Estate, stated the ability to market the property to have animals had been the Ranchettes' greatest selling point. She stated this had never been an issue in the past. She stated she had been in real estate in the area for over 30 years and back to when the Port LaBelle Ranchettes started out. She stated she believed because the County had permitted the barns and other structures that the special exception should run with the land. She stated this would actually devalue the property. She stated the ability to be able to advertise that the property owner could have agricultural animals in a beautiful agricultural subdivision had been the reason this had been such a popular area.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the real estate market was part of the reason the problem existed. She stated the property was never zoned for animals even though it was advertised that way.

Mrs. Denning stated she had been in real estate for over 30 years and this was the first she had heard of the Ranchettes not being an equestrian subdivision.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Board was trying to help the land owners now that the problem had been brought to their attention.

County Manager Carlisle stated there would only be 8 property owners in the Ranchettes that could apply for the special exception. He stated not all of the land owners in the area could apply because there were only 8 properties that were in non-compliance.

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Commissioner Pryor asked why Mrs. Denning could not market the properties with the understanding that the new land owner could apply for a special exception to have animals.

Mrs. Denning asked if the special exception could be guaranteed.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County could not guarantee special exceptions now.

Mrs. Denning stated she did not agree with changing something that had worked well for over 30 years.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the County did not have the staff to go out and find all of the violations; however, the County was reacting to complaints in the Ranchettes and the County was trying to resolve this issue.

Commissioner Pryor stated the Board was not trying to push anyone out. He stated they were trying to find a solution that worked best for everyone.

Terri Banky, Real Estate Broker - Belle Realty Company, stated she had been in real estate for 27 years and had also lived in the Ranchettes for a time. She stated she did not feel this issue was a lack of due diligence on the real estate community because they had always gone by the deed restrictions that were provided to them at the time the development was developed. She stated the deed restrictions provided for one animal per acre. She stated she did not understand how the deed restrictions and plat were approved years ago and now were not valid.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the deed restrictions were not a County document and were not enforceable by the County. She stated she believed the zoning had come after the plat for the development was approved and had not been challenged by any realtors or property owners.

Mrs. Banky expressed concern with trying to reinvent the wheel on something that had been in place for 30 years. She stated by making the special exception go from property owner to property owner and not the land, the Board would be making it very cumbersome for the property owner and potential buyer. She stated contracts would have to be written contingent upon the special exception. She stated this would create delays.

County Manager Carlisle stated the deed restrictions had nothing to do with the County. He stated the deed restrictions were not presented to the County, approved by the County, nor enforced by the County. He stated the deed restrictions were completely separate from the County's zoning and planned use. He stated he believed the request was for the entire Ranchettes to be granted a special exception. He stated this would be impossible. He stated there were only approximately 8 pieces of property in the Ranchettes that would be affected if the County granted the request to have the special exception run with the land. He stated the hardship would always be present.

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Mrs. Banky stated she understood the special exception being required for the new property owners. She stated she appreciated that the Board was trying to find a vehicle to do this. She stated she did not understand why the people that were already there who had barns were having to tear them down if they did not have animals. She stated this was wrong.

County Manager Carlisle stated no one was asking them to tear down their barns.

Chairman Ahern stated if there were no problems with the zoning and set-backs the barns could remain.

County Manager Carlisle explained that the barns could remain but could not be used for agricultural animals without obtaining the special exception.

Mrs. Banky stated again that this would create a hardship on the property owners who wished to sale their property.

Mike (inaudible last name), Property Owner in the Ranchettes, asked if he would have to put illegal animals on his property in order to apply for the special exception. He questioned the term “existing” animals.

County Manager Carlisle stated the animals had to be “existing” in order to get the discount on the fees.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the exception would expire when the property was transferred. She stated the fee would be waived until July 1st and anyone could come in apply for the special exception prior to that date.

Mrs. Williams stated the fee would only be waived for those property owners with existing animals.

Chairman Ahern clarified that the advertising costs would be due.

Mrs. Williams stated the special exception process would only take about a month and a half.

Mrs. Banky stated the Board was only looking at one aspect of a sale. She stated if someone wrote an offer on a piece of property and needed financing, they would not spend money on appraisals, surveys, etc. until they knew they could use the property for what they intended. She stated this would delay the entire transaction process. She stated the special exception would have to be applied for before the financing. She stated financing and closing would take approximately 60 days. She stated something that would normally take 60 days would now take as much as 5 months.

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Commissioner Storter Long stated the new buyer would be making this decision and would have to apply for the special exception.

County Manager Carlisle reminded the Board that they would need to take a roll call vote.

Mrs. Williams questioned the maximum number of animals for the foot note in the use table.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested using 20 and including the un-weaned animals.

Commissioner Strenth stated the advantage to the new buyer having to apply for the special exception would be that he would not have to accept the property "as-is". He stated if the buyer brought the property with the special exception, he would not be able to increase or decrease the size of the barn, it would remain "as-is". He stated he believed having the special exception run with the property owner would actually hinder the sale.

Mrs. Banky stated that could go either way. She asked what vehicle would be in place for a buyer to apply for a special exception to do something different with the property. She asked what would allow the buyer to do this prior to closing. She stated the contract would have to be made subject to the special exception being approved.

County Manager Carlisle stated this would be contract zoning which was illegal.

Mrs. Banky stated there had to be a vehicle that would not delay people for 5 months.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the properties in the Ranchettes were marketed that way before according to the deed restrictions. She stated this non-compliance could not be left open forever.

Chairman Ahern stated this exact same problem existed in other places in the County. He stated it had been the Board's good fortune that the residents of the Ranchettes had pursued this issue and pushed for these changes.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if the entire Ranchettes community could be zoned as an equestrian neighborhood.

County Manager Carlisle stated that was an option. He stated the entire neighborhood would have to go thru the rezoning process and be re-platted. He stated every property owner would have to apply for the rezoning and the process would be expensive. He stated there would be some property owners that would not want the change.

Mrs. Williams clarified that the foot note would read "a maximum of 20 animals, including un-weaned". She questioned the 8 individual animals under the new special exception. She asked if this number would include weaned or un-weaned animals.

It was the consensus of the Board to include the un-weaned animals.

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Chairman Ahern asked that the person making the motion could read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Commissioner Storter asked that all of the noted changes be incorporated into the Ordinance. She stated the testimony presented today should be made part of the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved adoption of Glades County Ordinance No. 2018- 1, amending the Glades County Code of Ordinances, Part II Land Development, Chapter 125 – Land Development Regulations; by revising Article I – In General, Section 125-1 – 125.157 – Table of Zoning District Uses, Section 125.160 – OUA, Section 125.162 – ARS, Section 125-163 – RF-1, and Section 125.164 – AR; and Revising Article V – Supplemental Regulations by creating New Division 3 – Special Exception Use Regulations; providing for incorporation of recitals; providing for codification; providing for scrivener’s errors; providing for conflict; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; incorporating the changes/revisions made during the discussion; and making the testimony presented part of the record.

Commissioner Pryor thanked the people of the Port LaBelle Ranchettes for their efforts and time to address this issue. He stated they had worked very hard and he felt everyone was on common ground now.

Chairman Ahern echoed Commissioner Pryor’s comments.

A lady in the audience questioned the number of animals allowed.

Commissioner Storter Long stated there was no guarantee for the individuals who would be making application for the special exception. She stated they may not get approved for exactly what they wanted because their request would be subject to certain conditions listed in the codes and enforced by the Planning Agency. She questioned the Resolution that would be needed to waive the fees.

County Manager Carlisle stated that Resolution would come back to the Board for approval.

Chairman Ahern called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Strenth - Yes
Vice Chairman Stanley - Yes
Commissioner Storter Long - Yes
Commissioner Pryor - Yes
Chairman Ahern - Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 82555 – 82666
Tourism Development Council – 1049 – 1050
Intergovernmental Radio – 10345
Buckhead Ridge Utility – 232
- 4. Approved minutes of the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- 5. Approved minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by 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.

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 6. Resolution 2018-1 Amending the 2017/2018 General Fund, Transportation Trust, Building Fund and Solid Waste**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was part of the insurance proceeds received from PRM and World Risk Management for damages due to Hurricane Irma and some funds to pay for the Building Official's licensing which would require a transfer from General Fund Contingency.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2018-1, amending the General Fund, Transportation Trust, Building Fund, and Solid Waste Budgets.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

- 7. Budget Transfer Request**

County Manager Carlisle stated these funds would pay for the debris pickup from hurricane Irma until reimbursement was received from FEMA.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if FEMA had paid out any funds to the debris contractors.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County would pay the contractors and FEMA would reimburse the County.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the General Contractors would have to give the County a release of any kind.

County Manager Carlisle stated a conditional release of lien would not hurt, but it was not required.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the budget transfer request in the amount of \$500,000.00 from Account 001-511007-500991 to Account 001-511005-500340 to cover expenses for Hurricane Irma debris pickup and a budget transfer request in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Account 001-511007-500991 to Account 001-511006-500911 to cover expenses for the Building Official's licensing requirements.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Local Planning Agency – Board Appointment (Planning and Zoning Board)

County Manager Carlisle stated Jeffrey Patterson had submitted an application for the Planning and Zoning Board. He stated Mr. Patterson also serves on the TDC Board as well as others.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the application of Jeffrey Patterson and appointed him to the Planning and Zoning Board for a term that would expire March 2020 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. 2018 Appointments for Commissioner's Service

Chairman Ahern stated Mrs. Whidden had gathered everyone's preferences and put them together in a spreadsheet.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had checked a box incorrectly. He stated he was supposed to be on the Small County Coalition and not the Seminole Tribe of Florida Liaison.

Commissioner Starter Long clarified that "FHREO" should be "FHERO" – Florida Heartland Economic Region of Opportunity.

County Manager Carlisle pointed out that Commissioner Strenth served on the CTST (Community Traffic Safety Team) and that the CTST was going to try and expand. He suggested that he and Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director, be appointed to this team as well.

Chairman Ahern stated Vice Chairman Stanley had agreed to serve on the Canvassing Board this year. He asked who would like to serve as an alternate.

Commissioner Pryor agreed to serve as the alternate on the Canvassing Board.

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Chairman Ahern clarified that a School Board member from Hendry County would be serving on the Early Learning Coalition board this year.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Area Agency on Aging had requested that she personally serve on their Board of Directors and she had declined. She stated she had not heard from them since.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the 2018 Appointment List as follows:

16 County Coalition for Lake Okeechobee:

Commissioner Pryor

Commissioner Storter Long – alternate

Area Agency on Aging (AAA):

Commissioner Storter Long

Canvassing Board:

Vice Chairman Stanley

Commissioner Pryor

Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST):

Commissioner Strenth

County Manager Carlisle

Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director

Economic Development Council (EDC):

Chairman Ahern

County Manager Carlisle

Fisheating Creek Settlement Agreement Advisory Board (SAAB):

Commissioner Strenth

Florida Association of Counties (FAC):

Vice Chairman Stanley

Commissioner Pryor

FHERO:

Vice Chairman Stanley

County Manager Carlisle

Glades correction Development Corp (GCDC):

Chairman Ahern

Glades County Regional Training Center Steering Committee:

Chairman Ahern

Commissioner Pryor

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Glades Youth Livestock/Doyle Conner Building:
Chairman Ahern

Heartland Library Cooperative Board of Directors:
Commissioner Storter Long

Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board:
Commissioner Storter Long

Lee Memorial Trauma Advisory Board:
Commissioner Storter Long

Liaison to Legislature & Tallahassee Agencies:
Vice Chairman Stanley
Commissioner Pryor

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):
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 (STOF) Liaison:
Commissioner Strenth

Small County Coalition (SCC):
Chairman Ahern
Commissioner Pryor

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (RPC):
Commissioner Storter Long
Commissioner Strenth

Tobacco-Free Partnership:
Commissioner Strenth

Tourism Development Council (TDC)
Vice Chairman Stanley

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB):
Commissioner Storter Long

United Way:
Vice Chairman Stanley

10. Letter opposing Proposition 69 regarding special districts (This item was added to the agenda by amendment)

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received a letter from the Florida Association of Special Districts this afternoon addressing Proposition 69. He stated this proposition could have some effects on special districts. He stated Glades County had 2 Mosquito Control Districts plus the Barron Water Control District that did provide ad valorem assessments on properties. He stated if this constitutional revision were to pass there could be some negative consequences to the City of Moore Haven and Glades County. He stated the special districts would have to go out for referendum every 10 years for them to remain. He stated the Florida Association of Special District's believed that if the voters voted the special district out that the County or City would be responsible for any debts, services, or liabilities that the special district had. He stated that if the special district wanted to issue bonds to do improvements at the Barron Water Control District, bond companies would most likely not issue municipal bonds on a district that may or may not be around in 10 years. He stated this proposition could be detrimental if it were to pass as described. He asked the Board to authorize him to do a little research on this issue and to draft a letter opposing Proposition 69. He stated the letter was needed by Thursday.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if these special districts could be dissolved without this proposition in place.

County Manager Carlisle stated these districts were complicated. He stated there were regulations in place that limited what they could do. He stated the State Legislature already had control over special districts and could disband or dissolve them if they so desired.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board authorized County Manager Carlisle to research the details of Proposition 69 regarding special districts and to draft a letter opposing it; and authorized the Chairman or Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Hardin thanked the Board for addressing the issues at the Ranchettes. He stated there were 510 inmates at the facility over the weekend. He stated this had broken a 5 year record. He stated this afternoon the inmate count was down to 497, of which 46 were County inmates, 14 were US Marshall inmates, and the remainder were ICE inmates.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was none.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle commented on his recent trip to Tallahassee. He stated a lot had been accomplished. He stated there had been a lot of buy in on the PILT issue. He stated they had attended some really good meetings. He stated he looked forward to returning on February 6th. He stated he had attended the Everglades Coalition meeting in Hutchinson Island. He stated he sat on a panel and gave insight as to why lands should not be taken from agricultural areas. He stated he had been approached by numerous people at the meeting indicating that they had no idea this was being done and asking how they could help. He stated he had heard no negative comments regarding the issue. He stated he felt he was making some head way with getting the message out.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association would hold their bi-annual election of officers on Thursday night at 6 p.m. followed by a pot luck dinner.

County Manager Carlisle gave a brief overview of the joint meeting held with Hendry County regarding the Training Center. He stated Hendry County and Glades County would both be looking to find funds to hire a Director for the Training Center. He stated they would also be looking for private partnerships to help fund the Director position. He stated the Director would be able to look for grants and manage the center. He stated once a Director was hired they would be able to get an employee through the USDA free of charge. He stated this would put 2 people at the Training Center working on developing the center into what it was originally designed for. He stated this issue had been discussed as well in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had received an email regarding CRC Proposal 95. He stated this proposal would reverse home rule and would be bad for local communities. He stated this proposal would be coming up Friday in the legislature.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not believe that the people of Florida realized what was happening in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Strenth invited everyone to attend the Catfish Festival in Buckhead Ridge on Saturday.

Vice Chairman Stanley invited everyone to attend Art in the Park at the City Park in Moore Haven on Saturday. He stated he had sat in on a meeting with the Corps of Engineers on Wednesday regarding the proposed reservoir. He stated it looked as though the Corps would be cutting the reservoir depth to 4 – 5 foot. He stated he believed this was

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something that he could probably live with. He stated he was happy with the response he was getting from them on this issue. He stated Okeechobee County had signed an agreement with Bass Pro recently and would have 6 months to come up with a plan. He stated he wanted to make sure that some of the highway footage along Hwy 78 was left open so that it could be zoned commercial and used in the future.

Chairman Ahern commented on the trip to Tallahassee. He stated County Manager Carlisle had done a great job explaining the County's position on various issues. He stated Commissioner Pryor had worked a lot of hours in Tallahassee. He stated Commissioner Pryor had done an excellent job. He stated he and County Manager Carlisle had met with the restaurant/lodging association and had discussed the property located here in Moore Haven. He stated they had a lot of contacts in the industry. He stated the Tourist Day had turned out well in Tallahassee.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received some correspondence from the DEO naming Glades County as 1 of 12 counties in the State that the DEO would be working with on rural economic development. He stated DEO representatives would be touring Glades County on February 23rd. He stated he felt the voices of Glades County residents were being heard in Tallahassee.

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 7:25 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: February 13, 2018

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