

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 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 23, 2017
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Dwayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Lenice Taylor, County Manager's Office
Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections
3 citizens

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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approved minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting**

2. **Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 80095-80200
Intergovernmental Radio: 10320 – 10321
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1461 – 1462
Buckhead Ridge Utilities: 220
SHIP: 1671
3. **Approved Public Official Bonds for David Hardin, Sheriff and Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections**

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 AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **Student Ride Agreement between Glades County EMS and South Florida State College**

County Manager Carlisle stated this agreement had been used previously by the County. He stated Attorney Pringle had reviewed the agreement and had some additional language he wished to include. He asked that the Board approve the agreement with the revisions to be made and authorize the Chairman to sign.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Student Ride Agreement between Glades County EMS and South Florida State College with revisions to be made by Attorney Pringle and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. **Glades County SHIP Bid Award**

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated she had made a mistake on the 3rd bid she had brought before the Board at the last meeting. She stated the amounts were incorrect. She stated Brian Sullivan had submitted a bid in the amount of \$129,000.00 and not \$116,000.00; which the Board had awarded. She stated Mr. Sullivan had informed her that he could drop his bid down to \$116,000.00 if the County waived his bond; however, she nor County Manager Carlisle were comfortable doing that. She stated Central Mobile Homes had bid \$115,925.00; Clyde Johnson had bid \$109,354.00 (wood frame) and \$116,000.00 (CBS); and Brian Sullivan had bid \$129,000.00 (CBS). She asked that the Board rescind the previous vote and award the bid again. She stated this was the one that the crane operator was not sure he could make the corner on.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board rescinded the motion made at the January 10, 2017 Board meeting for Applicant 2016-Demo-3 which was awarded to Brian Sullivan in the amount of \$116,000.00.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Whidden apologized again for the mistake.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board awarded the bid for Applicant 2016-Demo-3 to Clyde Johnson in the amount of \$109,345.00 (stick built).

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. Lakeport Fire Truck

County Manager Carlisle stated there were several options; however, one was no longer available. He stated he was not sure what the financing would be for these vehicles. He stated direct costs were listed for a Hall-Mark unit and several listed for several Pierce units. He stated he would really like the Board to have all of the information, including financing options, prior to making a decision. He stated Mr. Jones was here to answer any questions the Board may have.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated he had contacted Brian Stokes, Battalion Chief with the Seminole Tribe, regarding some trucks he may have had available. He stated these units had been sent to Immokalee and were no longer available. He stated he had looked at numerous brokered trucks. He stated these trucks were usually 2 door trucks with high mileage and 5 – 8 year old trucks. He stated these trucks were in the \$200,000.00 range. He stated he had checked with Pierce who had 3 or 4 trucks coming off line within the next few months. He stated they had a demo truck in Texas listed at \$243,000.00 but a contract had been signed prior to him getting to the truck. He stated the other trucks were in the \$260,000.00 range. He stated they had one listed at \$251,000.00. He stated he could probably get them to \$250,000.00 and the truck would be available in June. He stated the Hall Mark truck listed at \$244,000.00 (Port St. Lucie Fire bid) was probably the best deal. He stated this truck would not be available until September or October. He stated the Board would need to put a contract on this truck no later than the next Board meeting. He stated he had looked at all of the specs and there was not a whole lot of differences. He stated the 2 door trucks were listed at \$185,000.00 - \$265,000.00. He stated the 4 door trucks he had priced were commercial cabs.

Commissioner Starter Long asked if the Hall-Mark truck (St. Lucie Fire contract) was a 4 door truck.

Mr. Jones stated this was a 4 door truck and would be available around September.

Vice Chairman Stanley referred to the proposal for the Port St. Lucie Hall-Mark unit. He stated the base price of the truck was \$188,324.00 and \$56,529.00 worth of options had been added for a total of \$244,853.00. He asked what these added options were.

Mr. Jones stated he did not know what the added options included.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the truck could be purchased for \$188,000.00.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this was a 2 door pumper truck.

County Manager Carlisle agreed.

Mr. Jones stated the quote was for a 2018 Rescue Pumper on a Navistar 4 door chassis. He stated he could find out what the added options were.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked what the differences were when comparing the Hall-Mark and Pierce units.

Mr. Jones stated Pierce units had a better reputation.

County Manager Carlisle clarified that Spec #18 from Hall-Mark was for a 2 door truck.

Commissioner Strenth stated he would like to purchase a 4 door truck if the price difference was only \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 more.

Commissioner Pryor agreed.

Mr. Jones stated the Board basically had 2 options at this point. He stated a Pierce unit available in June could be purchased for \$251,000.00 or a Hall-Mark unit available in September for \$245,000.00.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Spec sheet listed this unit as a 2 door truck. He stated clarification would be needed on this prior to making a decision.

Mr. Jones stated the truck should be a 4 door truck. He stated Mr. Wilson had quoted him \$244,000.00 for a 4 door truck.

Chairman Ahern asked if Mr. Jones had an Equipment List of all of his fire equipment and trucks.

Mr. Jones stated he did have a list.

There was a discussion regarding the options that could be added to the base price.

Mr. Jones asked the Board for direction. He asked if they wished to purchase a new truck or a brokered truck. He stated the financing would need to be addressed as well.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Board needed to know what the current interest rates were. She stated the Clerk's Office may also have a source for funding.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board could put proposals out for banks to give financing options. He stated there was also some USDA money that may be available. He stated these things would take time to gather. He stated Mrs. Whidden had found some financing from Seacoast at 2.6% - 2.8% interest. He stated he would like to narrow these options down. He stated this would be a long term investment.

Commissioner Strenth suggested using the surplus money from the demolition of the motel to make a down payment on the new unit and then financing the balance.

County Manager Carlisle stated there were all kinds of options available.

Mr. Jones stated Engine 12 had been financed with US Government Loans out of Colorado. He stated the payments are made in arrears. He stated the loan was closed within one week. He stated the first payment was due one year later. He stated 5 payments in the amount of \$52,000.00 per year had been made. He stated there was no pre-payment penalty. He stated the current interest rate was 2.6%.

County Manager Carlisle stated he did not know that trying to find a used truck was a viable option for the Board. He suggested that the Board direct staff to look at purchasing and financing a new truck.

Mr. Jones stated the Board would probably need to get a contract on the Hall-Mark fairly quickly. He stated he would gather all of this information and bring it back to the Board at the next meeting.

County Manager Carlisle asked that Mr. Jones look into the 5 year financing option with US Government Loans.

Commissioner Pryor asked how many fire trucks and brush trucks the County had.

Mr. Jones stated they had 6 fire trucks, 7 heavy brush trucks and 4 smaller ones.

Chairman Ahern asked if Mr. Jones could provide the Board with an Inventory List that showed the make and model of each truck.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board directed Staff to look at the purchase of a new fire truck (2 and 4 door options); confirm

pricing and available financing; confirm specs; and bring all information back to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Ahern asked that the list of inventory be brought back to the Board at the next meeting as well.

7. Budget Transfer Request

County Manager Carlisle stated him, along with Commissioner Storter Long, and Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, had meet with residents of Crescent Acres regarding the flooding, draining, and road issues they had in their community. He stated the residents had been given some options about special assessments and how they would have to pay for the improvements due to the roads being private roads. He stated he had contacted Johnson Engineering to get a price on what this project would cost. He stated they had given a price of \$3,520.00 for the Engineering Study. He stated a lot of work had been done in the area.

Commissioner Storter Long stated that area had experienced some unseasonal rains.

Avant Brown, Road Superintendent, asked where the funds would be paid from.

County Manager Carlisle stated the funds would be transferred from Reserves for Special Projects.

Mr. Brown stated the funds could be taken out of Professional Services under his Road Department budget. He stated this fund was not used a lot anymore since most of the engineering costs were being paid out of SCOP and SCRAP funding.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was an allowable expense under the Road Department. He suggested that if the Board wished to do this they could deny the budget transfer request and let Mr. Brown proceed with paying for the study out of his budget.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board disapproved the budget transfer of \$3,520.00 from Reserves for Special Projects to BoCC Professional Services.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Schedule Redistricting Workshop

County Manager Carlisle stated it appeared that holding the Workshop after the next day meeting was the best time for all of the Board members. He asked that a specific time be set so that the Workshop could be advertised properly.

OM MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board scheduled a Workshop to discuss the options for redistricting for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and directed Staff to invite Jenny Allen (representative from the School Board) and Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections to attend.

Commissioner Storter Long asked that the Supervisor of Elections and the School Board representative be invited to attend.

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 the demo contractor had all of the permits ready to start demolition of the Glades Inn. He stated he had received copies of the bond and all contracts and would receive the originals tomorrow. He stated the Loves Travel Center had a tentative opening date of March 23rd. He stated a formal Grand Opening would be scheduled.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked when Loves would begin hiring.

County Manager Carlisle stated applicants could begin applying now. He stated the application was located on the Loves Travel Center website. He stated they would also be holding a Job Fair in the near future.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the advertisement for another inspector had been published.

County Manager Carlisle stated the position had been re-advertised and Gabby was looking into getting the advertisement on the FAC website. He stated he was also trying to schedule a meeting with another company that did the same kind of work.

Commissioner Storter Long stated there was a time when we had hired another County to do the inspections for us.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had talked with Hendry County about doing this but they did not have the man power to help at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had attended the Lee Health Trauma Advisory Council meeting. She stated they would be bringing their main piece of legislation to the Board for support in the near future. She stated she had attended the PRM meeting as well. She stated she found the meeting very interesting and was considering taking a HR course so that she would have a better background. She stated she had also attended the Area Agency on Aging meeting. She stated this group served elderly people who did not qualify for Medicaid. She stated Medicaid was a big drain on the State's budget. She stated she had attended the Regional Planning Council meeting. She stated the Ortona Community Association had served 287 spaghetti dinners last Saturday. She stated another spaghetti dinner would be held in February. She commented on the reasons she wanted the Supervisor of Elections to attend the Redistricting Workshop.

Commissioner Pryor commented on the Muse community wanting to have their own district. He stated a decision such as that would have to go to referendum.

Commissioner Strenth commented on the upcoming festivals in Ortona and Lakeport.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival would be held this Saturday and Art in the Park would be held on the same day in Moore Haven.

Chairman Ahern stated GCDC was still looking at options. He stated they were looking at refinancing the bonds. He stated the population was at 231 as of today. He stated he would be attending a meeting regarding the Moore Haven Canal project on Wednesday. He stated this project was coming right along. He commented on a video that had been done of the project.

County Manager Carlisle stated the video would be placed on the website as well.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION Commissioner Pryor of 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 6:47 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: February 14, 2017

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