

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Richard Pringle, Glades County Attorney
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Lenice Taylor, Administrative Assistant - County Manager's Office
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Angie Colegrove, Emergency Management Director
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
Dwayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Neil Chapman, Firefighter
Gerald Watson, Firefighter
John Biggs, Firefighter/EMS
Joe Pepe, Director – Glades County Health Department
Fred Fox, Fox Enterprises
Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
10 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

Chairman Ahern stated there were 2 agreements that needed to be added to the agenda. He stated one was between Glades County and the City County Public Works Authority (CCPWA) and the other was between Glades County and the City of Moore Haven.

County Manager Carlisle asked that Items #13 and #14 be included under the Public Hearings portion of the agenda.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board amended the agenda to include the Agreements with CCPWA and the City of Moore Haven and to move Items #13 & #14 up on the agenda to be included in the Public Hearings.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. **Neal Chapman**
2. **John Biggs II**
3. **Gerald Watson**

Chairman Ahern stated he had 3 presentations to make to several volunteers who helped with the Fire Departments. He asked that Neal Chapman, John Biggs, and Gerald Watson come forward. He presented each with a plaque for their support of the Fire Fighter I Program and Glades County Safety.

4. **Jimmy Strickland**

Chairman Ahern stated Jimmy Strickland had come to work for Glades County in February of 2004. He stated he initially worked as an Equipment Operator and by April of 2005 he had been promoted to Road Maintenance as Technical Inspector. He stated Mr. Strickland had taken over as Traffic Control and Herbicide Spray Tech and continued to do his other duties. He stated Mr. Strickland had become certified in Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic in October 2011. He stated Mr. Strickland had been presented a certificate during 2011 for his dedication and efforts during the tornado events of October 18, 2011. He stated Mr. Strickland had been a very dependable and hardworking employee and a model to other County employees. He stated Mr. Strickland would be greatly missed by the County, his employees, and the citizens. He wished Mr. Strickland good luck, health, and a happy retirement. He presented Mr. Strickland with a plaque.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. **Case Number COMP16-04LS T. Duke, LLC (legislative hearing)**

Attorney Pringle stated he would need to swear in any witnesses who would be testifying regarding this case. He swore in Inga Williams, Community Development Director, Mr. Bennett, Agent for T. Duke, LLC, and County Manager Carlisle.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated this was a large scale plan amendment for property owned by T. Duke, LLC. She stated the property was located

south of Williams Road and north of the Caloosahatchee River. She stated the original submittal size of the property was 38.2 acres; however, after the Planning & Zoning Board meeting, the applicant had resubmitted a survey reducing the size of the property to 36.85 acres. She explained that the property that had been removed was the little peninsula south of the River Oaks Subdivision. She stated the land use designation on the property was currently residential. She stated this amendment would change the designation to Commercial with an end goal of rezoning the property to C-RV for a recreational vehicle park. She stated the applicant was requesting 10 units per acre in that rezoning. She stated the rezoning would come before the Board in the near future. She described the land use designations on the properties surrounding the subject property. She stated she had received several phone calls regarding this application. She stated these calls were questioning what was happening on the property. She stated most of the responses had been positive and/or neutral. She stated there were some questions about the property south of River Oaks; however, that piece had been removed from the application. She stated should this application be approved the applicant would need to increase the capacity of the water and the sewer plant in order to serve the property. She stated the applicant's agent had certified that there would be no road impacts. She stated the Planning and Zoning Board had recommended approval of the transmittal with a 4 – 2 vote. She stated there was one absent member. She submitted her Staff Report for the record and recommended transmittal.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the part that had been removed included the canal.

Mrs. Williams stated the portion of property that had been removed did include the canal.

Larry Bennett, Agent for Terry Duke (T. Duke, LLC), stated the density requested had been limited to 10 units per acre. He stated the actual C-RV designation allowed for a considerably larger density. He stated the RV units were getting larger and he felt the 10 units per acre density was much more appropriate than a higher density.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the peak hour number of units for traffic would be 157. She asked what this number would have to be in order to make an impact on traffic.

Mr. Bennett stated he never really made a statement stating that there would be no impact. He stated the impact was not significant enough to affect the level of service on the road.

Chairman Ahern called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the transmittal of Case Number COMP 16-04LS to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and other state departments for review and comment based on the findings and analysis in the Staff Report dated December 29, 2016 and findings presented at this public hearing.

Attorney Pringle suggest a roll call vote.

Chairman Ahern called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. Extension of Emergency Medical Services Impact Fees suspension

Carlisle Manager Carlisle explained that the next 4 Ordinances dealt with the extension of the suspension of the County's impact fees. He stated if the County wished to reinstate the impact fees another study would be needed. He stated adoption of these Ordinances would extend the suspension for another year. He stated the first Ordinance was for the extension of the suspension of the Emergency Medical Services Impact Fees.

Chairman Ahern called for public input. There was none.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance NO. 2017-2, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of Emergency Medical Services Impact Fees in Glades County until February 14, 2018.

Chairman Ahern called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. Extension of Road Impact Fees suspension

County Manager Carlisle explained that this Ordinance was for the extension of the suspension of Road Impact Fees.

Chairman Ahern called for public input. There was none.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2017- 3, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of Road Impact Fees in Glades County until February 14, 2018.

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.

8. Extension of Park Impact Fees suspension

County Manager Carlisle explained that this Ordinance was for the extension of the suspension of the Park Impact Fees.

Chairman Ahern called for public input. There was none.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2017-4, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of Park Impact Fees in Glades County until February 14, 2018.

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.

9. Extension of Public Educational Impact Fees suspension

County Manager Carlisle explained that this Ordinance was for the extension of the suspension of the Public Educational Impact Fees.

Ahern called for public input. There was none.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board was required to confer with the School Board regarding the suspension of these fees.

Attorney Pringle stated he would send the School Board a letter informing them of the suspension.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2017- 5, extending the temporary suspension of the collection of Public Educational Impact Fees in Glades County until February 14, 2018.

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.

13. Resolution No. 2017- Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (moved under Public Hearing by amendment to the agenda)

Fred Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, passed around a sign in sheet that was required by the Department of Economic Opportunity. He stated this was the second and final hearing associated with the submission of the CDBG grant application. He stated this application was for the extension of sewer lines and construction of a recreational facility in Washington Park. He stated there was one correction to be made to the public notice that had been published in the local newspaper and 2 corrections made to the initial information provided to the County. He stated a couple of the homes that were anticipated for hook up had come in over the income limits therefore, the lines could be run in front of these homes but they could not be hooked up to the sewer lines using funds from the grant. He stated the project was to put a lift station at the corner of Tobias and Green Streets and run the force main up Tobias under the railroad and down Avenue A where it would culminate into a man hole at the intersection of Avenue A and Orchard Avenue. He stated a gravity line would then be run up Green Street and hook up 3 homes on Green Street. He stated the initial project showed 4 homes but one had exceeded the income limits. He stated the second item in the primary activity was to create a small park at 1163 Latum Bell Street. He stated the budget for these activities were as follows: the construction of the lift station, run the force main, and the gravity sewer 1 block up Green Street was estimated at \$518,700.00; the hook up of 3 homes was estimated at \$10,000.00 (which included crushing and filling the existing septic tanks); and the construction of the park was estimated at \$35,000.00. He stated there was \$80,300.00 in the budget for the engineering design, bidding and inspection services, and \$56,000.00 for administration. He stated the total budget for the project was \$700,000.00. He stated there was no match included in the application. He stated

there 4 separate unmet needs, all of which were in no particular order. He stated the 4 areas were all located down Huggins Avenue. He stated the first of these was from Green Street to Williams Street with an estimated cost of \$60,630.00 for the gravity line and one additional hookup. He stated the second of these was down Huggins Avenue between Green Street and Latum Bell Street with an estimated cost of \$68,520.00 to run the line and an additional \$5,000.00 to hookup 2 residential homes. He stated the third are would be down Huggins Avenue from Williams Street to Thomas Street with an estimated cost of \$63,550.00 to run the gravity sewer and hookup 2 additional homes. He stated the last of these (one of the corrections) would be down Huggins Street between Hendrix Street and Latum Bell with a cost of \$74,790.00 to run gravity sewer and the hook up of 2 additional homes. He stated the handout had indicated 3 additional hookups but one of these homes was over the income limit. He stated the cost to hookup the 2 additional homes would be \$7,500.00.

Vice Chairman Stanley questioned the unmet needs. He asked if these were needs that had to be met in order to get the grant.

Mr. Fox stated all projects listed in the primary had to be done regardless of what the bid came in at. He stated the unmet needs would be covered if any funds were left over from the primary project.

County Manager Carlisle stated if the bid came in too high the County could reject the bid and not accept the grant funds.

Mr. Fox stated that at that point the County will have spent engineering funds and those would be reimbursable if the grant was not accepted.

Commissioner Pryor stated he believed this would be a great project and that now was the time to do it. He stated as soon as this project was completed the County Road Department could start paving the roads in the Washington Park area.

Chairman Ahern called for public comment. There was none.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017- 2, authorizing the submission of an application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

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.

14. Resolution No. 2017- Authorizing the Implementation of the Long Term and Short Term Objectives of the GCD (moved under Public Hearing by amendment to the agenda)

Attorney Pringle explained that this item was in the packet as Item #15 but was actually Item #14 on the agenda.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017- 3, authorizing the implementation of the long Term and short term objectives of the Glades County Community Development Plan and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

- 10. Approved County Warrants (See Exhibit A)
General Fund 80201 – 80332
Intergovernmental Radio: 10322
Buckhead Ridge Utility: 221
Drivers Education: 10007
SHIP: 1672 - 1673**
- 11. Approved the minutes of the January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- 12. Acknowledge Receipt of the Glades Soil & Water Conservation District's Financial Report for 2015-2016**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT 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

15. Resolution No. 2017- Authorizing entering into commercial banking arrangements with Seacoast National Bank

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017-4, authorizing entering into commercial banking arrangements/agreements for the funds of Glades County, Florida between Glades County and Seacoast National Bank and authorizing the execution of the necessary commercial banking agreements and other documentation between Glades County and Seacoast National Bank (Authorizes John Ahern, Tim Stanley, Julie Mann Braddock, and Sandra Brown to sign and will remove Paul Beck and Weston Pryor).

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

16. Agreement with Agriculture and Labor Program, Inc

County Manager Carlisle stated that this agreement was approved on January 10, 2017 and was between Glades County and Community Action Partnership. He stated upon staff sending copies for signatures it was brought to their attention that the agreement needed to be between Glades County and the Agriculture and Labor Program, Inc. and not eh Community Action Partnership. He stated the Agriculture and Labor Program, Inc. was the actual non-profit agency name.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved changing the name on the agreement from Community Action Partnership to the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

17. SHIP, HHRP, CDBG Satisfactions

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated she had 5 recipients that had completed the requirements of the SHIP program and were ready for satisfactions.

County Manager Carlisle stated only 4 recipients were listed on the agenda item summary sheet.

Chairman Ahern stated Melody Parker was listed on the paperwork but not on the agenda item summary sheet. He asked if Ms. Parker needed to be added.

Mrs. Whidden stated this was correct. She clarified that the following recipients needed satisfactions: Melody Parker, James Green, Kevin Riddell, Mable Teal, and Bette Davis.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved satisfaction of the SHIP/CDBG/HHRP mortgages for James Green,

Bette Davis, Kevin Riddel, Melody Parker, and Mable Teal and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

18. Recommendation for Reappointment of Rebecca A Hamilton, MD District 21 Medical Examiner

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved a favorable response to the recommendation for appointment of Dr. Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D., as the District Medical Examiner for District 21 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

19. Agreement with Foster and Foster to prepare other Postemployment Benefits Report for 2017

County Manager Carlisle stated the agreement dated 2015 (paragraph 6) allowed for one year extensions each year until the Board decided to seek new counsel for audit services. He stated Foster & Foster had prepared the County's Other Post-Employment Benefits Report for the past several years. He asked that the Board extend the agreement so that Foster & Foster could prepare the report for 2017.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board authorized extension of the agreement with Foster & Foster for the completion of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Report for 2017 at a cost of \$2,500.00.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

20. Lakeport Fire Truck

County Manager Carlisle stated Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, had narrowed the purchase of a new fire truck down to 2 vehicles. He stated one of these was a Hall-Mark fire truck in the amount of \$243,853.00 which would be available in mid-September. He stated the other was a Pierce fire truck in the amount of \$242,000.00 which would be available in mid-June. He stated this truck could be purchased with an option of a pre-pay discount in the amount of \$3,100.00. He stated backup information regarding financing had also been provided in the packets. He recommended purchasing the Pierce fire truck. He stated a Purchase Order (PO) could be written, funds transferred, and then staff could work towards getting the financing in place.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked which bank had the best interest rates.

County Manager Carlisle stated CenterState seemed to be the best option for financing. He stated Seacoast did not really offer any savings. He stated CenterState's interest rate was better (2.875%), there were no exclusions in the agreement, and they would allow for annual payments.

Commissioner Storter Long moved to accept the bid from Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$238,900.00.

Attorney Pringle clarified that the pre-pay option would have to be exercised very quickly. He stated the financing would not be in place for the purchase. He stated the Board may also be able to request that Ten-8 allow pre-payment at a later date and not immediately.

Mr. Jones stated a Purchase Order would have to be issued today and paid within 48 hours if the Board chose this option. He stated he had asked about paying later and the answer received had been no.

County Manager Carlisle reminded the Board that if they chose this option the County would be spending the cash up front, Ten-8 would have the money and the County would not have a truck until a later date.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board's ability to hold any funds until completion of any warranty work or repairs would be gone. He explained that he had experienced delays in delivery from other companies. He stated the Board could put some performance requirements in the agreement that would have penalties if they did not perform. He suggested that if the Board was going to pre-pay that they require a penalty for late delivery.

There was a discussion regarding performance requirements being added to the agreement.

Mr. Jones read from the agreement offered by Ten-8. He stated once the unit was released to production on-line (which would be in April) they would give us a firm date of completion which was expected to be mid-June.

County Manager Carlisle stated if Ten-8 did not have the chassis yet it could delay completion for months. He stated they would not have to provide any performance bond because of the amount of the purchase. He stated the Board could require that if they did not provide the truck by June 20th that they would have to reimburse the County the \$3,100.00.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not believe this condition would fly.

Mr. Jones stated Ten-8 was a very large manufacturer and sold trucks nationwide. He stated this unit would be built in Bradenton.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had talked with Mr. Jones and Mr. Chapman several days ago about the various other things that would need to be purchased in the upcoming months. He asked Mr. Jones to go into more detail about the air packs that would need to be purchased.

Mr. Jones stated over the next 6 months to a year all of the departments' Interspiro air packs would go out of compliance. He stated he would be looking at replacing roughly 20 air packs within the next year. He stated each air pack cost approximately \$6,000.00 for a total purchase amount of \$120,000.00. He stated the next big purchase would be that of a fire truck for the Ortona Fire Department within the next 4 – 6 years down the road. He stated he continued to pursue grants for the purchase of such equipment.

Commissioner Pryor again expressed concern with the amount of funds that would need to be spent in the next year for the Fire Departments.

Commissioner Storter Long withdrew her motion on the floor (there was no second made to the motion on the floor).

Attorney Pringle stated that other districts that he has worked with have begun trying to create a strategic plan of equipment needs based upon call volumes and the types of calls.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how these districts were funded.

Attorney Pringle stated that Lee County had independent special fire control districts. He stated those independent districts had their own separate millage.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Glades County did not have that option. She stated she would defer to Attorney Pringle's recommendation but she would still like to save the \$3,100.00.

Attorney Pringle stated if the Board wished to proceed with the cash payment he would suggest including some liquidated damages clause of some sort within the PO so that the manufacturer had a risk that was connected to non-performance.

Commissioner Strenth expressed concern with pushing them too hard and winding up with nothing. He stated \$3,100.00 was a lot of money but asked that the Board consider comparing that to the loss of even one home. He stated the \$3,100.00 would become minimum.

Mr. Jones agreed that there was always a risk in giving someone County funds up front. He stated if the County was dealing with some small company it may be a different story. He stated Ten-8 was the third largest manufacturer of fire equipment (trucks) in the United States. He stated the time frame was only 3 – 4 months. He stated they had already planned to build this truck before Glades County even came into the picture. He stated he did not see a problem with pre-paying for the purchase of this truck.

Vice Chairman Stanley expressed concern with refinancing the purchase of the truck with CenterState. He stated there maybe a 2% fee for refinancing which would amount to more than the \$3,100.00 savings. He suggested getting more details about the refinancing from CenterState before using them.

Attorney Pringle stated the use of a lease arrangement may be used. He stated the bank would technically be leasing the vehicle to the County. He stated he was not sure if this was what CenterState was wishing to offer.

Commissioner Strenth asked if the money from the excess insurance proceeds from the demolition of the motel could be put towards the purchase of the new air packs and equipment that would be needed in the future. He asked if Mr. Jones had a list of the equipment that would be needed.

Mr. Jones stated the purchases would cost roughly \$130,000.00 – \$140,000.00.

Commissioner Pryor stated he would rather see the County stay in compliance with their equipment and drive old red than risk the County being sued or someone getting hurt.

Chairman Ahern asked how long the County had before they would need to purchase the new air packs.

Mr. Jones stated he would have to look at the compliance dates again but it may be that 10 air packs could be purchased this year and another 10 next year.

County Manager Carlisle clarified that CenterState was wanting the County to obligate future millage and the County could not do that. He stated General Fund revenues could not be obligated. He stated if the County had a special assessment or a special bond they could obligate that funding. He stated CenterState would have to agree to use the fire truck as collateral.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board was interested in beginning the process to implement a special assessment for fire department funding.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board may be able to do that.

Chairman Ahern stated he would support pre-paying and then figuring out the financing.

Mr. Jones stated it may behoove the Board to pre-pay for the truck and save the \$3,100.00 then get with one of the banks and go with a 7 year loan. He stated if the Board could pay it off in 5 years then they could do so and save some interest.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board accepted the bid from Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$238,900.00 (with the pre-pay discount in the amount of \$3,100.00) to purchase the Pierce fire truck; authorized Staff to immediately begin looking for financing; authorized Attorney Pringle to include the language “to be delivered to Glades County on or before June 30, 2017 in the PO; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Pryor expressed concern again with the air packs not being in compliance and putting the County in jeopardy. He also expressed concern with how the County would finance the purchase of them.

Commissioner Strenth asked how long the paperwork would take for the financing.

County Manager Carlisle stated the paperwork would not take very long but the County would not get the financing and funds back until the truck was delivered.

Mr. Jones stated the air packs would last until June. He stated it would take him a month or two to get the list together of the equipment that was needed and to do the research on the air packs. He stated he would also be looking at grants. He stated he could bring the purchase of the air packs to the Board sometime in July. He stated he believed the time frame would work.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked what the savings had amounted to on the hotel.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County received \$405,000.00 from insurance proceeds and the demolition had cost \$167,000.00 for a total of approximately \$238,000.00 in savings.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Board could finance the air packs if needed.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Mr. Jones had been telling the Board for years that he would need to purchase trucks and equipment and the Board had not set aside the funds.

Mr. Jones stated the Board had discussed implementing an MSBU in order to hire more fire fighters. He stated the fire fighters were needed, but he suggested the Board think about implementing an MSBU for the purchase of ambulances, fire trucks, and the needed equipment for the Public Safety Department.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this was great point and believed it should be considered.

Attorney Pringle asked if the Board had any desire to put a time frame for completion in the PO. He stated they had not included any provision regarding delivery of the truck.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested giving them an additional 30 days before imposing any penalty. She stated she did not see how this provision could be included if Ten-8 had already addressed this in their bid.

Attorney Pringle stated if the Board was going to include this provision it would have to be made a part of the motion. He stated there were several possibilities. He stated the Board could say here is the deadline for completion and delivery and if they did not complete and deliver by a date certain then there would be \$100.00/day penalty. He

stated another option would be to say the Board wanted completion and delivery to be made by a date certain. He stated there would be no liquidated penalty included in this option. He stated by adding a date certain the Board would at least have the ability to say Ten-8 was in breach of contract if they did not complete and delivery by a date certain. He stated this would at least give a performance obligation versus an open ended PO.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested using a date certain without a penalty named.

Mr. Jones stated he did not believe Ten-8 would have a problem with a date certain. He stated this would give them approximately 30 days more than what their estimate for completion was.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to include this language in her motion. She suggested using the date of July 20, 2017.

There was a brief discussion regarding the date certain.

Attorney Pringle suggested using the following language in the PO: to be delivered to Glades County on or before June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Storter Long agreed and amended her motion to include the following language in the PO: to be delivered to Glades County on or before June 30, 2017.

Mr. Jones asked if the Board would like for him to step out and make sure that Ten-8 was in agreement with this language and that it would not create any problems with the purchase of the truck.

Commissioner Strenth amended his second to the motion on the floor to include the language regarding delivery in the PO.

Motion carried by 4 – 1 vote.

Commissioner Pryor voted against the motion on the floor.

21. Budget Transfer to cover cost of new Firetruck

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board tabled this item until Mr. Jones rejoined the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

22. Agreement with CCPWA (added by amendment to the agenda)

County Manager Carlisle stated this was an inter-local agreement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that was previously approved for the sewer project in Washington Park. This agreement would have the CCPWA take over maintenance of the sewer after completion.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the inter-local agreement between Glades County and the CCPWA for a CDBG project and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit B)

Commissioner Storter Long expressed concern with having only received these agreements this morning. She stated she was not comfortable with items being presented last minute.

County Manager Carlisle stated these items were not last minute. He stated they had just not been placed on the agenda. He stated these agreements included the same language as the ones signed for the Loves Travel Center project.

Commissioner Storter Long called the question.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

23. Agreement with the City of Moore Haven (water service) (added by amendment to the agenda)

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the inter-local agreement between Glades County and the City of Moore Haven for a CDBG project and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

20. Lakeport Fire Truck (item was re-opened for discussion)

Mr. Jones came back into the meeting. He stated Ten-8 had no problem including the completion date of (on or before) July 15th within the PO.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board re-opened Item #20 – Lakeport Fire Truck for discussion.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board rescinded the previously made motion on the floor regarding the purchase of a fire truck.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board accepted the bid for the purchase of a Pierce fire truck from Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$238,900.00 (using the pre-payment discount) with the

requirement included in the Purchase Order that completion and delivery be on or before July 15, 2017.

Motion carried by 4 – 1 vote.

Commissioner Pryor voted against the motion on the floor.

21. Budget Transfer to cover cost of new Firetruck

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board re-opened Item #21 – Budget Transfer to cover cost of new Fire Truck.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board authorized the transfer of \$238,900.00 from General Fund Contingencies to General Fire Equipment for the purchase of a new fire truck from Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc.

Motion carried by 4 – 1 vote.

Commissioner Pryor voted against the motion on the floor.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Hardin stated there currently 432 inmates at the County Jail and ICE Facility.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated he had been employed with Glades County for over 21 years. He stated he wished to commend Lisa Roberts, Lieutenant (C-Shift) for her efforts regarding an event that occurred this past week. He stated a 24 year old female that was 2 months post-partum had recently suffered a spontaneous coronary artery dissection. He stated this condition was only found in 0.1% of all females. He stated Mrs. Roberts had made this diagnosis and the patient had ended up with 4 stints. He stated this type of condition usually occurred in 35 – 40 year old when it did occur. He stated this was why Glades County had such a good service. He stated Mrs. Roberts deserved all of the accolades that could be given for making this call. He stated this condition would probably never be seen again in Glades County. He stated the survival rate was most often zero due to the fact that the proper diagnosis was not made. He stated the condition was usually found when the autopsy was performed.

Chairman Ahern stated he certainly appreciated the excellent care.

Commissioner Pryor commented on people hauling in debris from down south and then burning it here in Glades County even though there was a Burn Ban in place. He stated he had contacted Mr. Jones about the illegal burning and he had addressed the issue. He stated he appreciated what Mr. Jones and his staff had done to take care of this problem.

Mr. Jones stated his staff had gotten the Department of Forestry involved, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Carlisle commented on his recent trip to Tallahassee to make a presentation in support of the Washington Park sewer project. He stated he had been given only 60 seconds to make his presentation before the Department of Economic Opportunity Sub-Committee. He stated the presentation had been received well. He stated while he was there he had also presented at the committee that was trying to do away with Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida and explained to them how critical these entities were for rural communities. He stated the Governor had acknowledged this support by sending a card thanking Glades County for their efforts in helping support what he was doing in the Legislature. He stated the Moore Haven Canal project was moving along well. He stated the Glades Inn had been totally demolished and the property cleaned up. He stated he had already had some interest in the purchase of the property. He stated the trucking company had dropped off their deposit for the lease of the Training Facility for CDL training program. He stated they would be bringing in their trucks and equipment within the next 2 weeks. He stated the design for the welding and the diesel mechanic shop was at 100% and was out to bid. He stated he would be bringing this item back for final approval. He stated completion was scheduled for the end of June.

Chairman Ahern suggested that the Board review the original bid package that had been put out on the motel property.

County Manager Carlisle stated he could bring the RFP back to the Board for review at the night meeting. He stated the original RFP included a hotel with an accessory use of a restaurant/bar.

Chairman Ahern stated he would like to keep the project moving. He stated the EDC had seen some interest in the property as well. He asked that the item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long inquired about the advertisement for a custodian for the County's Parks Facilities that was to be opened tomorrow.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had not received any bids yet. He stated he had received one email and one phone call requesting more information. He stated tomorrow was the deadline. He stated if none were received he would follow the County's Purchasing Policy which stated if the bid process failed he could negotiate a best priced deal for someone to perform those services.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public input on non-agenda items.

Joe Pepe, Director – Glades County Health Department, stated he was firming up his resources to help responders in the community. He commented on the recent accident involving a school bus on Highway 27. He stated this event had caused him to begin thinking about some of the resources that could be brought to the area. He stated he had received approval to receive 4 portable ventilators. He stated he should be receiving them soon. He stated this would help in the event of a trauma event. He stated 5 of his Senior Leaders, including himself, had been through Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification. He stated he was working on improving and using business best practices in order to drive their efficiencies and better serve the community. He stated he had made contact with an audiology group regarding proving audiology services to our community. He stated had received several complaints about people who required hearing aids having to travel a significant distance for services. He stated he was working with them on some kind of arrangement to provide those services here. He stated he had been providing some office space and resources for ACT Abuse Counseling. He stated he would have an annual update and revised strategic plan for the Board's review in the near future. He stated that based on today's discussion he had already put in an email to see if there were some funding sources to help with the SBCA purchases for the fire departments.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth commented on his recent tour of the Moore Haven Canal. He stated the project was making progress. He stated he had attended the Ortona Cane Grinding Festival for the first time. He stated it was a neat event with a good turnout. He stated he had also attended the Sour Orange Festival. He invited everyone to attend the Seminole Tribe's Field Day festivities this weekend. He stated they would hold their parade on Saturday.

Vice Chairman Stanley wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Commissioner Storter Long reminded everyone of the workshop scheduled to discuss re-districting at 1:00 p.m. She invited anyone that had any questions or comments to let one of the Commissioners know before 1:00 p.m. She stated the Commissioners would present the comments and questions. She stated the Ortona Community Association would be hosting another spaghetti dinner on Saturday night. She stated the dinners were \$8.00. She thanked the Public Safety department for their dedication.

Commissioner Pryor commented on the recent Food Truck Invasion held at the City Park. He stated approximately 500 people had attended the event. He stated another event like this one was being planned for April 3rd. He stated Jake Eighner, City Council, had done a great job on the event. He stated he and Commissioner Storter Long had attended an ACC class. He stated there were several people there that talked about how they have round table discussions with their City, School Board, and neighboring counties. He stated this was something he would like to see brought back

for Glades County. He commented on Senate Bill 10 (SB10). He stated Senator Bradley was presenting this bill for the purchase of 60,000 acres south of Okeechobee for a reservoir. He stated the neighbor bill to it in the House was HB761 submitted by Thad Altman. He stated the bill was being referred to as “Negrón’s Plan”. He stated he would like to have staff draft a Resolution in opposition to these bills. He stated if this farm land was purchased it would put a lot of people out of jobs. He stated Hendry had recently adopted a Resolution in opposition of the bills. He stated Glades County needed to support their agricultural communities by opposing these 2 bills. Commissioner Storter Long agreed. She suggested that the Water Management District finish what they had already started with the lands they had already purchased.

Commissioner Pryor stated it was not fair to Glades County or the surrounding counties. He stated if the sugar mills were shut down the counties would be shut down. He stated we all depended on agriculture and more people needed to be educated about it.

County Manager Carlisle asked for a consensus from the Board regarding the drafting of a Resolution opposing SB10 and HB 761 and promoting finishing the projects that were already in place.

This was the consensus of the Board.

Chairman Ahern commented on the Food Truck Invasion. He stated it had been a great event and they had an excellent turn out. He stated the population at GCDC had greatly improved over the past week. He stated the GCDC Board had recently voted to re-do the bonds and the deal that had been offered by the investors. He stated they were moving forward with this. He stated last Friday was the first time in 2 years that GCDC had been able to pay all of its bills on time. He stated the facility was headed in the right direction. He stated ICE had talked with them about the possibility of using the old County Jail Facility for the housing of non-criminal women. He stated the County may be able to recoup some of the money lost from the leasing of the facility several years ago. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day. He reminded the Board of the workshop scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

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 11:15 a.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: February 27, 2017

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