

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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, February 26, 2018
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

John Ahern, Chairman
Tim Stanley, Vice Chairman
Donald Strenth
Weston Pryor

Not present:
Donna Storter Long

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Susan Whidden, E911 Coordinator/ BOCC Administrative Assistant
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director
Dr. Joe Pepe, Glades County Health Department
Christopher Felker, Glades County Democrat
11 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Pryor 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 stated there was a revised Resolution for Item #3 under the
Business Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Hendry Glades Unmet Needs Coalition

Theresa Miazga, Coordinator – Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition, introduced Margaret England, Treasurer and Yvette Wingate, Moderator of the Round Table.

Ms. England stated the Unmet Needs Coalition was established to help provide for unmet needs of the residents of Hendry and Glades County. She stated after the residents have exhausted all other resources (i.e. FEMA or insurance), they could apply for assistance through the Coalition to help restore their pre-Irma lives. She stated the Coalition was made up of non-profit organizations and volunteer agencies. She stated funding would go through the United Way, which represents Hendry, Glades, Okeechobee, and Lee Counties. She stated all of the needs would be vetted through a Case Manager for the various organizations. She stated the Coalition would be around for a while. She stated the recovery process would take years. She referred to the Coalition's mission statement on page 2 of the hand out. She stated the mission was to partner with faith-based organizations, volunteer and social agencies, governmental agencies, community-based organizations, business and individual volunteers who seek to address the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of individuals and families affected by natural and man-made disasters in Hendry and Glades Counties. She stated the Coalition had a letter that had been approved to be sent to different organizations. She stated there was also a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Coalition and the United Way. She stated referral forms were also included. She stated the name of those applying for assistance would be kept confidential and only the Case Manager would know who had applied. She stated the Coalition was receiving referrals through the United Methodist Florida Conference for Hendry and Glades Counties. She stated the United Way had a program that would assist residents with unmet needs in an amount up to \$1,000.00. She stated the individual would make the request and, if approved, the Salvation Army would write a check to the vendor.

Ms. Wingate asked that the Board to help get the word out to the residents within the County. She stated the Coalition was also looking for professional vendors such as attorneys, bankers, etc. that could give expertise and guidance on certain issues.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated everything the Coalition was doing and that the County would help in any way they could.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated this was a very good thing that the Coalition was doing. He mentioned a resident in Buckhead Ridge that needed assistance to repair their roof.

Ms. Wingate stated everyone was eligible for assistance regardless of citizenship status. She stated the Coalition would not receive the application until the applicant had been vetted and a home/site visit had been completed.

Ms. England stated the Coalition was in the process of trying to collect referrals at this time. She stated the next meeting would be held at the Yacht Club on March 2, 2018 at

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1:00 p.m. She invited everyone to attend. She stated they would also be meeting in Clewiston in the future.

Chairman Ahern thanked the Coalition for their efforts in assisting the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 82788 – 82866
Small Cities CDBG: 0109 – 0111
SHIP: 1705
Intergovernmental Radio: 10347

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

Motion carried by 4 – 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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. **Resolution No. 2018- Amending the Glades County Fee Schedule for Certain Land Use Matters**

County Manager Carlisle stated this resolution was a follow up to a decision the Board had made in the Ordinance that amended the use of non-commercial/agricultural uses in some residential areas. He stated this resolution included a pay schedule that would reduce some of the costs to the residents in the Port LaBelle Ranchettes. He stated this resolution would also remove the costs for residents with youth participating in 4H/FFA programs. He asked for clarification from the Board regarding when the application deadline date would be. He stated his recollection was a date of July 1st; however, Attorney Pringle had put in a date of September 30th.

Chairman Ahern stated he recalled allowing the reduction of fees until July 1st.

Commissioner Strenth agreed.

County Manager Carlisle stated all of the Port LaBelle Ranchettes residents would be coming in under one application. He asked that the Board insert the July 1st date in the motion.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2018-2, amending the Glades County Fee Schedule for certain land use matters; providing for severability; providing for liberal construction; providing for scrivener's error; providing for an effective date; and revising the deadline date for submission of applications to July 1, 2018.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

4. Citizen Application for Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a citizen application submitted for appointment to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization. He asked that the Board take official action to appoint Jodi Walborn to the board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the application and appointment of Jodi Walborn to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

5. Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Agreement – DEP Agreement No. SC811

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a grant that was applied for every year. He stated the award this year was in the amount of \$90,909.00 which would be used to fund the County's recycling program (employee, electric, scale house, utilities, etc.). He stated the bailer would also be replaced using these funds.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved DEP Agreement No. SC811 – Grant Application for the Small county Consolidated Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$90,909.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

6. SHIP, CDBG, and HHRP Satisfactions

Mrs. Ricker, SHIP Coordinator, requested that the following mortgages be satisfied. She stated all of the mortgagors had followed the rules and successfully completed the program.

Mr. Carlisle stated that his signature would also be required on the Satisfactions.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the satisfaction of the following mortgages and authorized the Chairman and County Manager Carlisle to sign on behalf of the Board:

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Daniel & Sylvia Hernandez – CDBG \$89,997.00
Rachel Clewley – SHIP \$30,000.00
James Green & Calinda Chapman – HHRP \$4,100.00
Minnie Ford – SHIP \$30,000.00
Minnie Ford – CDBG \$59,896.50
Beverly Carroll – CDBG \$11,500.00
Beverly Carroll – CDBG \$34,132.55
David & Tina Heflin – SHIP \$26,608.00
Jennifer Harloff – SHIP \$30,000.00

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

7. Purchase of two tractors and a truck for the Public Works Department

County Manager Carlisle stated Mr. Brown had included the purchase of 2 new tractors in the Public Works budget prior to Mr. Randolph becoming the Public Works Superintendent. He stated the price of the 2 new tractors totaled \$109,873.90 and there was \$100,000.00 in the budget. He stated the Public Works Department would also be purchasing a Ford F250 pickup truck in the amount of \$25,665.00. He stated a budget amendment would be needed to cover the costs.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the purchase of 2 Kubota tractors from Florida Coast Equipment in the amount of \$54,936.95 each for a total of \$109,873.90 and the purchase of a F-250 Ford pickup truck from Gilbert Ford in the amount of \$25,665.00.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

8. Purchase of a Scag Mower for the Cemetery

County Manager Carlisle stated the Scag mower would be purchased from Wolff's Lawn Machines, Inc. under State contract in the amount of \$9,724.26. He stated this mower would not fall under the insurance due to the amount.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor approved the purchase of a Scag mower from Wolff's Lawn Machines, Inc. in the amount of \$9,724.26.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

9. Budget Transfer- Public Works Department

County Manager Carlisle stated this transfer of funds would pay for the items that the Board just approved. He stated \$50,000.00 would be transferred from Transportation Trust (Construction of Roads) to Transportation Trust (Machinery & Equipment) and \$10,000.00 would be transferred from General Fund (Contingency) to General Fund (Cemetery Machinery & Equipment).

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the budget transfer of \$50,000.00 from Transportation Trust (Construction of

Roads) to Transportation Trust (Machinery & Equipment) and \$10,000.00 from General Fund (Contingency) to General Fund (Cemetery Machinery & Equipment) for the purchase of 2 tractors, 1 Ford pickup truck, and a Scag mower.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

10. Student Ride Agreement

County Manager Carlisle stated this ride agreement had been negotiated by Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, and Miller Dynamics, Inc. to provide EMT and Paramedic training as requested. He stated the agreement also provided for a scholarship for a Glades County resident or employee.

Bill Miller, Owner – Dynamics, Inc., stated his school was located in Sebring. He stated he had known Mr. Jones for almost a decade and believed this agreement would mutually benefit both parties. He stated he would get the benefit of having his students ride with Mr. Jones and his staff. He stated Glades County’s EMS department was top notch.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated the compliment.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Ride Agreement between Miller Dynamics, Inc. and Glades County EMS and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

11. Site Agreement with RG Towers, LLC for VHS Paging Fire/EMS and Radio

County Manager Carlisle stated the current communication tower in Muse was in poor shape and not safe. He stated the equipment needed to be moved to a better tower. He stated RG Towers, LLC had a tower located on Hwy 29. He stated this tower would provide the County with the services needed to communicate with volunteers, ambulance and fire services. He asked that the Board consider this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if the \$900.00 per month would be covered under a grant.

County Manager Carlisle stated it would be paid with funds from the Intergovernmental Radio Trust Fund. He stated there were several issues that would need to be addressed in the near future such as radio upgrades. He stated these upgrades would also be funded through the Intergovernmental Radio Trust Fund. He stated this was not an unlimited funding source and eventually the County would be using General Funds to cover the costs.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if this was the only tower suitable for the equipment.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had tried to put out a bid to place a tower on County owned property with the stipulation that the County could put its radio equipment on the

tower. He stated this tower was already in place so the County did not have the same negotiating skills.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the Site Agreement with RG Towers, LLC; authorized County Manager Carlisle and Attorney Pringle to make final changes to the agreement; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

12. Approval of quote with Communication International, Inc. for the relocation of the Fire Paging Repeater

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a state contract with Communication International, Inc. for the relocation of the equipment to the new tower.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the quote from Communications International, Inc. in the amount of \$39,553.24 for the relocation of the Fire Paging Repeater.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

13. Authorize Payment for Fire Paging Repeater Relocation Proposal from Intergovernmental Radio Trust Fund

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the payment of \$39,553.24 from the Intergovernmental Radio Trust Fund to Communication International, Inc. for the relocation of the Fire Paging Repeater.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

14. Paving of Banner Drive, Cowgirl Way, and Oxbow Drive in Port LaBelle

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a piggy back bid. He stated the bid was for the paving of Banner Drive, Cowgirl Way, and Oxbow Drive.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the paving of Banner Drive, Cowgirl Way, and Oxbow Drive by Asphalt Paving Systems in the amount of \$367,954.54 and authorized the County Manager to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Hardin stated a safety drill had been conducted at the High School. He stated the drill was exemplary in his opinion. He stated school staff, students, and GCSO staff had all done an excellent job. He stated some mechanical problems with some door locks

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had been found and repaired. He stated GCDC had just had one of its best fiscal quarters since 2012. He stated there was currently 504 inmates being housed at the facility.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if there was a Deputy for protection at every school.

Sheriff Hardin stated one Deputy was split between Moore Haven Elementary and West Glades Elementary. He stated the High School had a full time Deputy as well as the Pematetv Emahakv Charter School.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Dr. Joe Pepe, Director – Hendry Glades Health Department, stated he had recently received the Behavioral Risk Factors survey results. He stated one of the things that was looked at was protective factors. He stated Community Rewards for Pro-Social Involvement had improved from 63% to 77%. He stated there had been some changes made at Cross Roads Behavioral Center which had been providing services to Glades and Hendry County. He stated some of the Glades County residents would be transitioning to a new provider – Central Florida Behavioral Network. He stated they were very supportive of our region. He stated the County would now have 2 providers. He gave a brief update on HB 7085. He stated this proposal was looking to expand and change some of the Health Department's role with Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities, specifically to their emergency plans. He stated this would allow the local Health Department's to work with these facilities, to review their plans, to review their facilities, and to ensure that their plans were in place prior to any storms.

County Manager Carlisle stated the CDBG grant for neighborhood revitalization was underway. He stated he would be training in Tallahassee in the next few weeks. He stated the Text to 911 was being installed now. He stated he was starting to get a little more interest in the hotel. He stated he felt it was important that everyone reach out to the Legislators on HB 7087. He stated this bill would deregulate the ability of any county or municipality to regulate businesses that sold tangible property for tax. He stated there would be no restrictions. He stated everyone in the state would be taken advantage of and the County would not be able to maintain the quality of life that its citizens expected. He stated the bill read, on its face value, as a tax cut; however, there was a section that was pretty dangerous. He stated two representatives from DEO had come down and met with himself and Chairman Ahern regarding economic challenges that the County was facing. He stated the DEO would be providing some legislative help and some resources to try to make a change in the economy. He stated they had discussed some programs that he was not aware of. He stated there would be future meetings with stake holders and business owners.

Chairman Ahern stated it was a great meeting. He stated DEO was dealing with 12 smaller counties on these issues. He stated he was looking forward to working with them.

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Vice Chairman Stanley asked if the County could get some prisoners to help clean up some areas.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had been working on this issue. He stated the prison had been on lock down because of some incidents that occurred. He stated he had not had a chance to talk to the new Warden.

Chairman Ahern stated he would follow up with the Warden. He stated he had met with the Warden about helping with the Recycling Program. He stated he had not yet heard back from him.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Pryor stated Chalo Nitka was upon us. He commented on Glades County Youth Livestock having a lot to do with helping the kids and rewarding them for good behavior. He asked that everyone come out and support the kids. He stated 122 – 125 children would be showing animals this week. He stated the livestock sale would be held on Thursday night.

Chairman Ahern commented on the Agricultural Department at the elementary school. He stated they had a garden and animals. He stated he believed this program was helping the children as well.

Commissioner Pryor stated the program was a pretty big deal for the kids. He stated the kids do not like to miss that class.

Commissioner Strenth had no comments.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Corps of Engineers had put in an access road by the Kissimmee River bridge so that they could do some repairs on the culverts there. He stated the area would be congested and very dangerous. He asked if the County could request that a caution light be installed temporarily.

County Manager Carlisle stated he could discuss the matter with DOT.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated a developer was pursuing building 500 homes just west of Buckhead Ridge. He stated this would bring much needed growth to the County. He commented on 2 mobile homes that had lost their porches during the recent storm. He stated both had applied for building permits and both had been told that a survey was required. He stated if the structure was going to be the exact same as what was previously there, he did not see having to have another survey done. He suggested the County adopt a resolution or ordinance that would change this requirement.

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Chairman Ahern commented on the ongoing project with the Moore Haven Canal. He stated he had spoken with Congressman Rooney's office regarding additional funding. He stated they were in the process now of working on and negotiating more funding. He stated he had also spoken with one of Congressman Mass's aides about helping with this project as well. He stated the DEO was also helping. He stated he had a few people calling about the hotel property. He stated he and County Manager Carlisle would be attending a Hotel/Convention Center Leadership Conference in Fort Lauderdale tomorrow. He stated he hoped to talk with others about the property while there.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: March 26, 2018

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