

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE  
HAVEN, FLORIDA

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The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, February 27, 2017  
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  
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director  
Paul Carlisle, County Manager  
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent  
Dwayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant - County Manager's Office  
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator  
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff  
3 citizens

Chairman Ahern called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**

**General Fund: 80333 – 80413**  
**Intergovernmental Radio: 10323**  
**Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1463**

**2. Approved the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular meeting**

Correction to be made to Commissioner's names and seats held in the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. Clerk had incorrect Chairman and Vice Chairman and Tim Stanley was not named. Revision will be made to final minutes.

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**3. Resolution No. 2017-5 Opposing actions that do not provide solutions for excessive water releases to Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River Estuaries**

County Manager Carlisle stated this Resolution had been drafted at the request of the Board. He stated the resolution was in opposition to South Florida Water Management District purchasing additional lands south of Lake Okeechobee. He stated the Resolution also requested that the State use the lands that they had already purchased and that they promote the current Everglades Restoration Plan.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2017-5 Opposing actions that do not provide solutions using land already in public ownership for excessive water releases to Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River Estuaries and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

Commissioner Storter Long suggested adding an adjective before the word "solutions" in the title and in Section 3. She suggested using "viable" or "feasible".

County Manager Carlisle suggested revising the language as follows: "...that doesn't provide solutions utilizing lands already in State (Government, Public) ownership".

Commissioner Storter Long also corrected a typographical error in the second paragraph. She stated the word "has" needed to be replaced with the word "have" in the sentence "Whereas, planning and execution "have" been underway..."

County Manager Carlisle re-read the revised title of the Resolution into the record.

Commissioner Pryor amended his motion on the floor to include the revisions. Commissioner Strenth amended his second to the motion on the floor.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**4. Resolution No. 2017-6 Regarding the Ortona Indian Mound Park Project**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Ortona Indian Mound Park had been in need of repair for some time. He stated the boardwalk had become impassable and had to be boarded off. He stated the interactive signage and benches had fallen into disrepair. He stated there was a grant available through Florida Lands that could be used to restore the park. He stated this park was a very important part of the heritage and part of what made Glades County. He stated the grant was in the amount of \$89,000.00 with a proposed match in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there were any other grants available that could be used to replace the benches.

County Manager Carlisle stated the benches would be included in this grant.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the University of Florida had aged the park older than the Miami Canal. She stated the park was very historic.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2017-6 Regarding the Ortona Indian Mound Park project to promote nature-based tourism in Glades County and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**5. RFP #05-2017 Purchase of Property located at 1100 South US Hwy 27, Moore Haven Florida (formerly the Glades Inn)**

County Manager Carlisle stated he had revised the RFP and that it was ready to be advertised. He referred to page 6 paragraph “q” of the RFP. He stated the Board had previously agreed upon six different uses: Motel/Hotel; Restaurant; Lounge as part of the Motel/Hotel; Extended stay as part of the Motel/Hotel; Professional Offices; and a Grocery Store. He stated because the property had escheated back to the County, the Board had the ability by law to dictate what the uses of the property would be. He asked if the Board wished to allow any other uses or reconsider the ones listed.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he felt the Board should clarify what Professional Offices consisted of.

County Manager Carlisle stated Professional Offices was defined in the County's code.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if only allowing these six different uses would slow down the sale of the property.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had several people interested in the property for a Hotel/Motel. He stated the County was in a better position now than in the prior sale to negotiate. He stated the Board could list the professions allowed by County Code in the RFP.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if there was a way for the County to offer a better sales price if someone was willing to purchase the property for the construction of a full-fledged grocery store.

County Manager Carlisle stated if someone did provide a proposal for a grocery store they would have to provide a plan to the County and the Board would then authorize himself and Attorney Pringle to negotiate the terms of the deal. He stated the deal would then be brought before the Board for final approval or denial.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested clarifying that this was not a prioritized list of uses.

County Manager Carlisle suggested defining the Professional Offices per the County Code.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the advertisement of RFP #05-2017 for the sale of property located at 1100 South U.S. Highway 27, Moore Haven, Florida (formerly the Glades Inn).

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

#### **6. Contract for Nuisance and Exotic Vegetation Removal at the Glades Business Park**

County Manager Carlisle stated the wetlands located in the Glades Business Park were being treated twice a year for noxious vegetation and undesirable exotic vegetation. He stated some progress had been shown; however, the County was not in compliance with the terms of the agreement. He stated if the County was not in compliance within 5 years the monitoring period would have to be extended. He stated Johnson Engineering suggested increasing the treatments to four times per year. He stated Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, had contacted Applied Aquatics for a quote. He stated the cost would be \$10,000.00 to provide 4 treatments per year.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Agreement with Applied Aquatic for treatment of the Glades County Business Park in the amount of \$10,000.00 and authorized the County Manager to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**7. Budget Transfer for Applied Aquatics**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the transfer of \$10,000.00 from General Fund - Contingencies to General Fund Industrial Park - Contracted Services for the contract with Applied Aquatics.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**8. Transfer Budgeted Position to Contracted Services**

County Manager Carlisle stated that during the budget process this past year the Board had budgeted funds to hire a part-time person to clean the restrooms at facilities that were not under a Maintenance Agreement. He stated no applications had been received. He stated the ones that had expressed interest were current employees. He stated because of the Fair Labor Standard Act the employee would have to be paid overtime even though the job was for a different position and the job description was for a different job than the one they were hired for. He stated the services had been put out to bid and no bids were received so he could now negotiate for contracted services. He stated the funds for the position would need to be moved from the Salaries, FICA, and Retirement accounts to Contracted Services.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how the County could not require the same liabilities for insurance.

County Manager Carlisle stated the person would sign a hold harmless agreement.

Commissioner Storter Long stated when the job was advertised before she had heard that the insurance requirements for coverage made the premium so costly that it was not worth doing.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had only one person from Fort Lauderdale inquire about the job.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if this limited the cleaning to one person to do all of the sites. He asked if each individual site could be done under a contract.

County Manager Carlisle stated this could be done. He stated he had several people interested and would have the ability to negotiate.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if someone could be hired full-time that would do the cleaning as their primary duty but that could also help the Maintenance Department.

County Manager Carlisle suggested discussing that option during the budget hearings.

Chairman Ahern stated the job would be done primarily on the weekends.

County Manager Carlisle stated the job would entail the cleaning of the restroom facilities at the following locations: Muse Fire Station, the Training Center, Indian Mound Park, Buckhead Ridge, and Harney Pond. He stated the employee would also conduct inspections of the other parks and report back to him.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how the County would handle the addition of more facilities in the future.

County Manager Carlisle stated if restroom facilities were added to Community Centers the maintenance and cleaning of these would be included in the Maintenance Agreements.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested having one handicapped accessible, stainless steel restroom at these sites instead of multiple stalls.

Commissioner Strenth suggested paying the employee a set amount per restroom.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the County supplied the cleaning supplies and a vehicle for travel.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County did not.

Commissioner Strenth suggested paying the employee \$50.00 per restroom and that someone do an inspection of the facilities periodically.

County Manager Carlisle stated the challenge with paying per cleaning was how would the County charge to do the inspections on the cemetery and other parks.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the transfer of \$12,480.00 from Parks & Boat Ramps - Regular Salaries, \$955.00 from Parks & Boat Ramps - FICA, and \$940.00 from Parks & Boats Ramps - Retirement for a total of \$14,375.00 to Parks & Boat Ramps - Contracted Services.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

## **9. CDBG Mortgage Satisfactions**

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated she had 3 individuals who had successfully completed the terms of their loans. She stated all of these mortgages were through CDBG.

Commissioner Storter Long corrected the spelling of Lalaine Collier's name.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the satisfaction of a CDBG mortgage for Mable Teal, 2 CDBG mortgages for Lalaine Collier, and a CDBG mortgage for Dorothy Hyatt.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**10. Modification No. 1 to Subgrant Agreement between the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Glades County (DEO Contract No. 16DB-OH-09-32-01-E 06)**

County Manager Carlisle stated this had been given to him at the last minute. He stated he had been inquiring of DEO why the County's request for payments had not been paid. He stated DEO had informed him that the County's agreement with them was not in compliance with Florida Statutes. He stated DEO had 14 days, per statute, to tell the County what was wrong with the County's invoice and if they did not they were supposed to pay the invoice. He stated the contractor was basically done with the project and had not been paid one dime. He stated there were several areas of the contract that needed negotiation. He stated some of the conditions were not in the best interest of Glades County. He stated the termination clause would need to be negotiated. He asked that the Board allow him and Attorney Pringle to negotiate the terms of the amendment to the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the original agreement was signed by Commissioner Stanley when he was Chairman. She asked if he would need to sign this amendment.

Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant, stated a new signature page had been provided and Chairman Ahern could sign the amendment.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved Modification No. 1 to Subgrant Agreement modifying DEO Contract No. 16DB-OH-09-32-01-E 06; authorized the County Manager and County Attorney to negotiate the terms of the amendment; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Sheriff Hardin stated there were currently 407 inmates at the jail and 25 more were being transported in tonight. He stated everything was looking good for GCDC. He stated he had approximately 10 civilian positions open and 15 officer positions open.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

County Manager Carlisle stated he had attended a River Coalition meeting in Martin County and they had been supportive of the purchase of land south of the Lake. He stated he had proposed that they look at restricting the growth and how they store water when they do new developments and how this affected Glades County. He stated his proposal had been received well and they had asked that he speak with several of the groups after the meeting. He stated he was looking forward to meeting with this group. He stated he had attended a meeting in Pasco County with a group that offered several options for opening a clinic for the School, City of Moore Haven, and County employees to use instead of having to travel to coastal areas for health reasons. He stated he would bring the item back to the Board during the budget hearings. He stated the Loves Travel would open March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated the grand opening and ribbon cutting would be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. He stated the Moore Haven Canal project was moving right along. He stated the Glades Inn had been completely demolished. He stated the contractor had also contracted with the City to take down some additional buildings in the City. He stated the contractor was using the old hotel site to crush part of the materials from these buildings.

Chairman Ahern stated they had contracted with the City on the old Lundy building and the taxes would be paid on the old abstract office and it would be demolished as well.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there was any liability concerns with allowing the contractor to use a County site to crush the concrete.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was a bond in place and the County had the contractor's certificate of insurance. He stated the contractor had also signed a hold harmless agreement with the County.

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, stated the Road Department had purchased the material (crushed rock and asphalt) from the demolition of the old motel. He stated he would bring the budget transfer to the next meeting for approval by the Board.

Chairman Ahern stated the Road Department had hauled 68 loads of this material from the site today.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.



**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Strenth commented on attending the Field Day festivities at the Reservation. He stated the event had turned out very nice. He invited everyone to attend the Chalo Nitka Livestock shows and events during the next week and weekend.

Vice Chairman Stanley commented on attending a recent Heartland Regional Transportation meeting. He stated there were projects that would affect Glades County but they were scheduled for years down the road. He asked if the other Commissioners received the information about these projects. He stated he would forward the information to the other Board members. He commented on the membership being based on population and not the roads. He stated the tower in Buckhead Ridge may be coming on within the next 2 weeks or so.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on her husband's recent encounter with the Public Safety team. She stated Ortona had held their last spaghetti dinner this past week. She stated the next dinner would be held in the Fall. She stated Ortona's Ice Cream Social would be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Pryor commented on some of our constituents changing the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier today. He stated the presentation was made on behalf of Florida's 67 counties.

Chairman Ahern stated the Moore Haven Canal Project was coming right along. He stated the Sheriff had given a report on the population and status of the GCDC. He stated Commissioner Storter Long had commented on the dinner in Ortona. He stated he had attended and the dinner was great. He commented on the work that had been done on the building. He stated the facility was a completely different facility from what they had before. He invited everyone to attend Chalo Nitka.

**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 7:00 p.m.

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John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: March 14, 2017

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