

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 AT 9:00 A.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 Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.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  
Richard Pringle, County Attorney  
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director  
Susan Whidden, BOCC Administrative Assistant  
Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator  
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff  
Inga Williams, Community Development Director  
Chris Felker, Okeechobee News  
5 citizens

**CALL TO ORDER**

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.  
There were no amendments.

**PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

There were none.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Ordinance No. 2018- Amending Provisions of Chapter 86 of the Glades County Code**

Attorney Pringle stated this proposed Ordinance had been properly advertised as a public hearing. He stated this was a legislative hearing and did not require the swearing in of witnesses. He stated the proposed Ordinance related to boating restricted areas within Glades County and State waters. He stated this Ordinance had been prepared for some time and had been reviewed by the State of Florida. He stated after comments had been made, further revisions had been made to the Ordinance. He stated this proposed Ordinance authorized the Board of County Commissioners to adopt boating restricted areas in the future.

Chairman Ahern called for public comment. There was none.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Ordinance into the record. He noted that Exhibit A attached to the Ordinance was blank. He stated the first designated area could be adopted in the future.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2018- 6, amending provisions of Chapter 86 of the Glades County Code concerning boating in restricted areas, including no wake and minimum wake areas (noting that nothing was shown on Exhibit A) and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**2. Ordinance No. 2018- Implementing an Outdoor Burn Ban**

Attorney Pringle stated this proposed Ordinance would make it easier for the Board to impose and rescind a burn ban, as necessary, in the future by using a resolution instead of an ordinance to take that action.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the ordinance number on the agenda. She stated the reference was the original Code section number.

Attorney Pringle stated a new Ordinance number would be needed from the Clerk. He stated this proposed Ordinance amended Section 50.8 of the Glades County Code. He stated the County did not have a burn ban in effect at this time. He referred to the first page of the Ordinance in Section 3 which stated that Section 50-8 (b) of Chapter 50 of the Glades County Code was repealed in its entirety and replaced with this provision. He stated this Ordinance would give the Board more flexibility. He stated the resolution to implement or rescind would not have to be published in the newspaper.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 2 of 4, section 2 of the proposed Ordinance. She stated this section eliminated all outdoor burning, including the burning of yard waste, recreational fires, fireworks/sparklers, and use of any other outdoor ignition source. She asked if this would include a bar-b-que grill.

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Attorney Pringle stated open recreational fires would be included in the burn ban. He stated grills were enclosed and would not be included in the ban. He stated it was possible that at the time the Board adopted the resolution it may make exceptions to the burn ban.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board had a resolution to put into place today.

Attorney Pringle stated there was not a resolution before the Board today.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the Agenda Item Summary Sheet which stated background conditions existed which warranted the banning of outdoor burning.

Attorney Pringle stated he and County Manager Carlisle had not discussed imposing a burn ban today. He stated the Agenda Item Summary Sheet provided in today's packet would be good for when the Board wished to implement a burn ban.

Commissioner Storter Long asked Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, if conditions warranted a burn ban or if the Board should wait to implement one.

Mr. Jones stated he believed the burn ban could wait another few weeks.

Chairman Ahern called for public comment. There was none.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2018-7, implementing an Outdoor Burn Ban and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**  
**General Fund: 82867 – 82970**  
**Direct Wire: 001**  
**SHIP: 1706 – 1709**  
**Intergovernmental Radio: 10348**
4. **Approved Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

### **PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS**

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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**

#### **5. Appointments to the Planning Commission**

Attorney Pringle stated there were 3 members of the Planning Commission whose terms would expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated all 3 of the members had indicated that they were willing to be re-appointed to another term. He stated there was not a formal process required for re-appointment. He stated a motion would suffice.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the length of the term.

Attorney Pringle stated the term length would be 2 years.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board re-appointed Shannon Hall, James Cianfrani, and Jeffery Patterson to the Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2020.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

#### **6. Request to Unencumber SHIP Funds**

Cindy Ricker, SHIP Administrator, stated there were 4 applicants that for various reasons no longer met the requirements for SHIP funding. She asked that the funds be unencumbered.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board unencumbered SHIP funds for the following applicants: 2017-DEMO-1 Hall - \$100,000.00; 2017-DEMO-2 Rodriguez - \$100,000.00; 2017-DPA-2 Kelly - \$15,000.00; and 2017-REHAB-1 Parker - \$30,000.00.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

#### **7. Request to Encumber SHIP Funds**

Mrs. Ricker stated she had 4 applicants that she would like to encumber funds for. She stated the first was for reconstruction of a handicap wheel chair ramp in an amount up to \$10,000.00. She stated the second was for a barrier free handicap restroom. She stated this home had been built with SHIP funds in 2005 and the owner had become disabled. She stated the third request was for an applicant who had suffered storm damage to the exterior of her home. She stated these funds would replace the siding on her home. She stated the final applicant lived in a mobile home that was in extremely bad shape. She stated the funds would be used to demolish the mobile home and build a home on site. She stated all of these applications totaled \$174,000.00.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the encumbrance of SHIP funds for the following applicants: 2018-BF-1 Rodriguez - \$10,000.00; 2018-BF-2 Drayton - \$14,000.00; 2018-REHAB-1 Thatcher - \$30,000.00; and 2018-DEMO-1 Mallord - \$100,000.00.

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Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Sheriff Hardin thanked Glades County Youth Livestock for putting on a very safe and successful Chalo Nitka. He stated he had met with the School Board last Thursday and had been able to move some man power around so that a third Resource Officer could be provided in light of what happened in Parkland recently. He stated this Resource Officer would be provided throughout the remainder of the school year. He stated he would met with the School Board during the summer to come up with a permanent solution. He stated the Governor signed a bill into law regarding this matter. He stated he had attended a webinar regarding how this bill would impact the Sheriff's Department. He stated the impacts would be statewide.

Chairman Ahern asked if the State had indicated how much funding Glades County could expect to receive.

Sheriff Hardin stated he had spoken with Mike Pressley last night and the School Board would be receiving funds. He stated the funding would be non-reoccurring and was figured per capita, per County. He stated there were currently 508 inmates at the Jail Facility. He stated of this number, 35 were County inmates, 23 were US Marshall inmates, and the remainder were ICE inmates.

### **COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

There was no discussion.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Pringle stated he had forwarded invoices to FDOT regarding a condemnation case related to Florida Hendry Land property on Hwy 80. He stated that because Glades County had maintained the road right-of-way for so long, they had agreed that the County should receive the condemnation revenue even though there was never a deed of conveyance to Glades County. He stated there was some controversy with a property owner, however, that had been worked through. He stated the County would also be able to recover its attorney's fees. He stated he had received a deed back from Freddie Davis on one of the SHIP properties. He stated he still needed to get a death certificate recorded for Mr. Davis's wife and then the title would be clear. He stated he and County Manager Carlisle continued to work on other County business and he would be glad to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Susan Whidden, Administrative Assistant – County Manager's Office, stated the Hendry/Glades Joint meeting had been scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in LaBelle.

### **PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

### **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Storter Long stated she appreciated Mrs. Ricker's efforts with the SHIP program. She stated the Ortona Community Association would hold their St. Patrick's Day Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday. She stated Muse would hold their annual Honey Festival on the following Saturday.

Commissioner Pryor had no comments.

Commissioner Strenth stated the Lakeport Community Association would be holding an Ice Cream Social tonight at 7:00 p.m. He stated everyone was welcome to attend.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he had attended a public hearing with South Florida Water Management District last Wednesday regarding the Lake Hicpochee property. He stated the WMD would be purchasing another 2,500 acres of Glades County's property. He stated he had responded at the meeting and let them know that the Board did not mind them doing what they were doing but did believe that the County should be reimbursed for the property that was being taken off the tax rolls. He stated the property that was being purchased was located near the Travel Center and continued all the way down US Hwy 27 to SR 78 and then to Ortona and all the way back to the rock pit. He stated Duda was selling the property to the District. He stated Brandon Tucker, Governing Board member, had asked how the County would be reimbursed. He stated he had been told that the County would have to apply for PILT funds. He stated he was going to have Mrs. Ward draw up a document showing what taxes were being collected now on the subject property. He stated all of the property was planted in cane right now. He stated he was sure the County would see WMD take more property in the future. He stated he had seen where WMD was storing water on the BOMA property now.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she was thankful that several of the Commissioners had been to Tallahassee and had been working on this issue.

Commissioner Pryor stated the PILT funds would eventually run out.

Chairman Ahern stated the County needed to be compensated for the benefit that the surrounding counties were receiving. He stated County Manager Carlisle continued to work on this issue. He stated the Board needed to find someone to sponsor a bill that would move this compensation issue forward.

Chairman Ahern stated the GCYL had had another good year with the Chalo Nitka Festival. He stated the numbers were up a little from last year. He stated the sale of livestock had brought in \$235,109.00, which did not include all of the add-ons. He stated the averages were also higher than last year even though there had been fewer animals. He stated the dance, concession stand, and rodeo gates had brought in a little over \$80,000.00 this year. He stated he and County Manager Carlisle had attended a hotel convention in Fort Lauderdale and visited with several different people and groups about the hotel property. He stated they had met with the area manager from Choice Hotels and had talked with some people from the Carlson Group, which had bought out Radisson Hotels. He stated the area representative from Carlson Group had then met with County

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Manager Carlisle for a tour of the area and visit to the hotel property. He stated he hoped to see some activity on the property in the near future. He stated he continued to work with Congressman Rooney's office on obtaining additional funding for the Moore Haven Canal project.

**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 9:36 a.m.

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John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: March 26, 2018

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