

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 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, May 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Martin Murphy, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Shelly Ridgdill, Finance Director - GCSO
Paul Mcgahee, TDC and Glades Electric Cooperative
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Matthew Howard, AIM Engineering
Archie Branch, Public Works Director
Jamie Brown, MHMHS School Principal
Susan BuChans, Community Development Director
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Aletris Farnam, Glades County Supervisor of Elections
Christopher Felker, Glades County Democrat
Lorie Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services
Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator
Moore Haven Jr.-Sr. High School Honor Roll Students
30 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

Vice Chairman Pryor requested that a Public Safety Award presentation be added to the agenda.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board amended the agenda as requested.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Stanley placed the item under Presentations/Awards as Item 3A.

PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

1. Teacher of the Year Recognition

Chairman Stanley congratulated the teachers and students on their awards.

Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal – MHMHS, made the following presentations:

Summer Odom – MHMHS (present)

Anthony Narehood – MHES (not present)

Jade Osceola – Pemayetv Emahakv Charter (not present)

Brad Smith – West Glades (present)

2. Moore Haven Junior Senior High School Honor Roll Recognition

Mr. Brown stated these graduates had an unweighted GPA of 3.6 or higher. He stated the honor chord requirements had changed this year. He introduced the following honor roll students:

Jaime Hingson

Nyha Davidson

Larry Casellas

Cheyenne Osborne

Gracie Goodwin

Austin Lee – Salutatorian

Jacey Ridgdill – Valedictorian

3. Proclamation Observing May 2019 as Trauma Awareness Month

Chairman Stanley stated Lee Health had requested that the Board proclaim May as Trauma Awareness month.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she served on the Trauma Advisory Committee and this was done every year to remind people of the services provided by them.

Commissioner Storter Long read the proclamation into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the Proclamation declaring May as Trauma Awareness Month.

Motion carried by 5 - 0 vote.

3A. Public Safety Award (added to the agenda by amendment)

Vice Chairman Pryor stated the ambulance had been called to Wayman Road on April 24, 2019 where a practice roping was taking place and a horse had become tangled in a rope causing it to fall on a young man. He stated the medics that arrived on scene had discovered signs of a possible pelvic fracture. He stated the young man was stabilized and air lifted to the Trauma Center in Lee County. He stated he was present that night and had seen our Emergency Medical personnel in action. He stated it had really opened his eyes as to how good these employees were at their jobs. He stated from the volunteers to the EMT's, paramedics, and Sheriff's Department employees, these people needed to be recognized for what they did and do on a day to day basis. He stated the young man was Cross Fulford and was present today at the meeting. He asked Cross to come forward to help with the presentation.

The following employees were presented a Public Safety Award:

Adam Marquith
Matt Simmons
Clay Sapp
Steven Anderson
Mike Nelson

Vice Chairman Pryor stated Mr. Nelson had been the first on scene that night and had taken control of the situation immediately. He thanked the employees for their service to Glades County.

4. Johnson Engineering (John Curtis) Options for Glades County Business Park Wetlands

John Curtis, Johnson Engineering, stated in December 2005 the Glades County Detention Center project was originally permitted by the South Florida Water Management District (Exhibit A). He stated onsite wetland mitigation was promoted by the regulatory agency back then. He stated that permit required the County keep exotic vegetation below 5% coverage and desirable wetland plants to be 80% coverage or above. He stated the permit had required a conservation easement so that the wetlands could not be developed and the uses would be limited. He stated the permit also required monitoring for at least 5 years. He stated to date, at least 10 years had been monitored. He stated shortly after this permit had been issued the regulatory agencies determined that onsite mitigation had a high risk of failure. He stated they began encouraging the use of mitigation banks. He stated between 2008 - 2019 there had been a number of non-compliance letters. He stated it was a very difficult site for a number of reasons. He stated some of the letters received from Water Management District (WMD) had indicated that there was excessive exotic vegetation, not enough desirable wetland plants, and

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ruttled soils from routine mowing which had increased exotic seed sources. He stated some of the monitoring reports had also indicated that there could be some hydrologic or water level issues. He stated there were some ditches and berms nearby. He stated in January, the mitigation area failed the final site inspection that had been conducted by the WMD. He stated WMD had requested corrective actions. He stated he had worked with County Manager Murphy and WMD to come up with a plan. He stated the plan included removal of the exotic vegetation and an intensive replanting with desirable wetland plants. He stated he had also looked into several other options that may be beneficial to Glades County. He stated part of the assessment he had done looked at purchasing mitigation bank credits. He stated 7.38 acres in wetland credits would need to be purchased. He stated there were 3 options. He stated the first was to purchase 7.83 acres of wetland credits at \$105,000.00 per credit or \$820,000.00, which would be a one-time cost. He stated there would be no further responsibility for the County. He explained that one of the ways the County could recoup some of the costs was to purchase the credits, get the conservation easement released, and the sell that land. He stated this option was actually the least costly in the long term. He stated there would be no ongoing exotic vegetation maintenance, consulting, or potential fines for non-compliance. He stated there were some cons to choosing this option. He stated it would be the highest initial cost and would require some WMD permit approvals. He stated option 2 was the current plan in place and the least initial cost up front. He stated this option entailed doing 1 or 2 very intensive exotic vegetation control events to get this back under control. He stated desirable wetland vegetation would then be installed. He stated some plants that were highly tolerable at variable water conditions had been selected. He stated he had designed a planting plan that would give the best chance for it to move forward. He stated the estimated cost for option 2 was \$235,000.00 over the first 5 years. He stated the County would still have ongoing exotic vegetation removal, some consulting and some monitoring costs. He stated these ongoing costs would ultimately surpass the costs of option 1. He stated he had estimated, based on the costs of maintenance and monitoring that this would be approximately 18 years. He stated 18 years did not include if the County were to sell the land to a developer. He stated this number would be much less. He stated this plan did have a moderate risk of failure because of the ditches and hydrological issues. He stated this option was more costly long term than a mitigation bank. He stated there were ongoing costs for maintenance and monitoring. He stated this option also required a commitment by County staff as well. He stated option 3 was basically a redesign. He stated some survey information would be obtained and some water level monitoring wells would be installed to get an idea of what the optimal elevations would be. He stated some of the soil may need to be removed so that it would hold more water and be more viable, long term, as a wetland system. He stated the areas would be regraded to the level that was determined to be most appropriate and then install the native wetland plantings. He stated the County would then carry on with the exotic vegetation maintenance.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated this option would be making a wetland out of land that was not a wetland.

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Mr. Curtis stated the land was transitional at the beginning. He stated he had looked at a lot of historic aerials and the property was really wet pasture land.

Commissioner Strenth agreed with Vice Chairman Pryor.

Mr. Curtis stated option 1 would get the County out of the requirement to maintain a wetland area on the property.

Vice Chairman Pryor asked if trading this wetland area for another was an option.

Mr. Curtis stated he had discussed this idea with WMD; however, this was not a practice that occurred these days. He stated the County would still have the exotic vegetation maintenance in perpetuity. He stated the agency staff would still have to inspect the property and the County would still be liable.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what the penalties were if the County did nothing.

Mr. Curtis stated fines in amounts up to \$10,000.00 per day could be imposed.

There was some discussion on how the County became involved with the conservation easement.

Commissioner Strenth asked how many acres were in the conservation easement.

Mr. Curtis stated he believed there was a total of 12.65 acres within the 3 wetland areas.

County Manager Murphy stated he and Mr. Curtis had tried to explore as many alternatives as possible during a phone conference with WMD; however, his impression was that WMD was not interested in negotiating anything other than compliance. He stated the County had received 4 proposals to do the current mitigation plan (option 2). He stated unless the Board directed him otherwise, he would be executing a contract to commence that effort this week. He reminded the Board that they were at the point of non-compliance and that it had done the clearing out of vegetation, re-planting of vegetation and spraying and had not accomplished the exotic to native plant ratio that WMD wanted.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the contractors who had done the mitigation work and how the project had been monitored.

The Board discussed the different options and the possibility of purchasing wetland credits.

County Manager Murphy stated the quotes received for the planting, spraying (as needed), and maintenance ranged from \$42,064.00 to \$55,766.25. (See Exhibit F)

The Board agreed to direct staff to inquire about financing the mitigation credits and, in the alternative, bonding.

The Board continued this item until the next night meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Case COMP 19-02LS – Elk Tree Farms, LLC (Glades County Ordinance No. 2019-)

Susan BuChans, Community Development Director, stated before the Board today was Case COMP 19-02 Elk Tree Farms, LLC requesting approval of a large scale plan amendment. She requested that the application and staff report be made a part of the record. She stated the public hearing had been properly advertised. She read the title of the Ordinance into the record. She stated this this large scale Comprehensive Plan amendment had been expedited for review. She stated it had been transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity for their review and comment. She stated the case had been heard by the Planning & Zoning on January 8, 2019 and by the Board of County Commissioners on February 12, 2019. She stated an amended staff report had been provided and explained the revisions. She stated a recommendation to change from industrial to transition had been incorporated on page 7 of the amended staff report. She stated the State agency comments had also been included. She stated she had listed the agencies that had provided comments. She stated none of the comments required any proposed amendments to the staff report because they would not adversely affect any state resources; however, technical comments were provided from the Florida Department of Transportation. She stated here were just technical assistance comments to guide the County in the future if the property was developed at some point. She stated this would ensure that Glades County coordinated with Hendry County at the time of development. She stated they anticipated that Flaghole Road would become overly crowded and its normal service would increase. She stated they had recommended that another network system be put into place to ensure that the traffic flow continued. She stated they had also recommended that some of the roadway systems be taken to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Counsel so that they could be placed on a priority list. She stated these comments were in the staff report under Attachment F. She stated staff recommended approval and was available for any questions.

Chairman Stanley asked if the recommended road improvements were required or simply recommended.

Mrs. BuChans stated this was correct. She stated they were recommendations only.

Chairman Stanley asked what the plans were for this property.

Attorney Pringle swore Mr. Aboujaoude in as a witness.

Rock Aboujaoude, Engineer and Applicant's Representative, stated the owner had no immediate plans for the property. He stated this amendment was in anticipation of what the future may hold.

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Chairman Stanley called for public comment. There was none.

Attorney Pringle reminded the Board that this was the Comprehensive Plan amendment only and that the rezoning would come before the Board in the near future.

Commissioner Ahern clarified that the distance from Clewiston was more than 3 miles as stated in the proposed motion.

Attorney Pringle stated the actual City limit boundaries of Clewiston could be clarified.

Mrs. BuChans explained that the nearest intersection was Flaghole Road and US Hwy 27.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board, based on the findings and analysis in the amended staff report dated May 7, 2019 and findings present at the public hearing, adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2019-7, amending the Glades County Comprehensive Plan by revising the Future Land Use Map from Agriculture to Transition for 72 +/- acres of land located along the Glades/Hendry County Line west of Clewiston, Florida; Property Owner – Elk Tree Farms, LLC; Parcel Numbers: A32-42-33A00-001B-0000 and A3242-33-A00-002A-0000; Case Number COMP 19-02LS; providing for inclusion of Ordinance and revised Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan; providing for an effective date; made the application and staff report part of the record; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- 7. Approved the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- 8. Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit B)**
General Fund: 85543 – 85653 (85542 Voided)
ACH Payments: 137 – 146 (136 Not used)
E911 Maintenance Grant: 131 – 133
Driver's Education: 10009
Small Cities CDBG: 117
Buckhead Ridge Utility: 247

**Intergovernmental Radio: 10381 and 10383 (10382 – Voided)
SHIP: 1805 - 1809**

9. **Declared the stolen 2009 Anderson Trailer, #3643 and the items from the Property Appraiser's Office surplus and deleted them from the Property Records (Exhibit C)**
10. **Approved Records Disposition Document 2019-1 – Clerk of Court (Exhibit E)**
11. **Approved Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the City of Moore Haven, Glades County BoCC and the Port LaBelle Community Development District with Public Risk Management**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 5 – 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.

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

12. **Glades County Resolution No. 2019- Vacating and Closing a portion of Cove Street**

Susan BuChans, Community Development Director, stated the Board had voted on April 9, 2019 to adopt a resolution setting today's public hearing.

Mrs. BuChans read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Mrs. BuChans stated Ms. Driggers was the applicant and the property consisted of .02 acres. She stated the current use was a single family residence. She stated a portion of the residence was built within the Cove Street right-of-way. She stated in order for Ms. Driggers to sell the property the title company was requiring that the residence be moved out of the right-of-way. She stated the application complied with Florida Statutes, the Glades County Land Development Code, and the Glades County application had been paid. She stated the public hearing had been properly noticed in the newspaper and neighboring property owners had been properly noticed. She stated letters had been received from review agencies and there were no issues.

Chairman Stanley asked if any response had been received from the neighboring property owners.

Mrs. BuChans stated no responses had been received. She stated this resolution would not close Cove Street in its entirety. She stated this would only vacate a portion of the street so the Ms. Driggers's property would meet set back requirements. She stated there was still plenty of access for the neighbors.

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Attorney Pringle stated this item had been properly noticed as a public hearing and any witnesses would need to be sworn in and public input would need to be called for.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

John Taylor, resident of 1650 Cove Street, stated he had lived on Cove Street for approximately 35 years. He stated the surrounding property owners would like to see the easement extended the length of the street.

Attorney Pringle stated another application would need to be made in order to vacate more of the street.

Mr. Taylor stated the residents that lived on the road had always maintained it.

Commissioner Storter Long stated when the County vacated a road it did not give the owner (applicant) ownership of the property. She stated this would only make her set back from the right-of-way.

Attorney Pringle stated by vacating the public roadway the County would be extinguishing any interest the County had on that road and would give the interest to Ms. Driggers.

Mrs. BuChans stated if the Board approved this resolution today, a notice of adoption would be published for 30 days and then the resolution would be signed.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2019-11, on a Petition to Vacate and Close a portion of Cove Street from Bonnie Driggers pursuant to Sections 336.09, 336.10 and 336.12, Florida Statutes; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

- 13. Glades County Resolution No. 2019- Establishing a line item in future Annual Operating Budgets beginning in FY 2019-2020 in an amount sufficient to ensure conditions specific to the success of the Mitigation Plan**

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Attorney Pringle stated this resolution was related to the Moore Haven Canal work that had been performed and the permit that had been issued. He stated this resolution addressed the future maintenance requirements and the annual budgeting requirements for the maintenance costs. He stated Section 3 of the resolution committed Glades County to annual include a budget line item in the initial fiscal year budget in an amount sufficient to financially assure Glades County's compliance with the conditionals of the permit with the Army Corps.

County Manager Murphy explained that the Corps of Engineers had set special conditions on the extension of the permit and this was one of the requirements. He stated there was a possibility that the Corps could reject the resolution.

Attorney Pringle stated he Corps wanted the Board to obligate, into perpetuity, the inclusion of a line item in the County's budget, annually. He stated he did not believe the Board could legally commit future Boards to take that action.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2019-12, Establishing a line item in future Annual Operating Budgets beginning in FY 2019-2020 in an amount sufficient to ensure conditions specific to the success of the Mitigation Plan; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflict; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

County Manager Murphy stated another special condition on the permit was a planting plan. He stated he had received 2 bids for the planting (Exhibit D). He stated the lowest bid received was approximately \$16,000.00 for the planting of both banks along the canal.

14. Glades County Ordinance No. 2019- amending the Glades County Code of Ordinances, Part II Land Development, Chapter 137 - Subdivisions

Susan BuChans, Community Development Director, stated this public hearing had been properly advertised and noticed.

Mrs. BuChans read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

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Mrs. BuChans stated she had received several inquiries for additional exceptions for platting procedures. She stated some individuals wanted to know if there were ways to divide land without having to go through the platting or subdivision process. She stated some individuals felt that the simple subdivision was another form of subdivision and they were looking for other exemptions. She stated she had worked with Attorney Pringle, as well as, the Planning & Zoning Commission to resolve this matter. She stated she had presented the final draft ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 12, 2019. She stated the Planning & Zoning Commissioner and the Community Development Department would like the Board of County Commissioners to consider a fifth exemption. She referred to page 2 of 4 under 137-13, number 5 would create an exemption for the divisions of land for tracts that were 20 acres or larger. She stated there would be minimum right-of-way dimension requirements for access if the tracts were used for any of the following: bonafide agriculture; deemed a target industry; single family resident with an agriculture land use category and zoning designation; or all tracts had direct access to principal arterials and collectors or legal access. She referred to the definitions section on page 1 & 2 of 4. She stated this defined what the County's target industries were.

Attorney Pringle stated this would create a way for certain people to subdivide their property without having to go through the subdivision process. He explained some of the pros and cons of approving this ordinance.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board, based on the findings and analysis in the staff report dated April 25, 2019 and findings presented at the public hearing, adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2019-8, Amending the Glades County Code of Ordinances, Part II Land Development, Chapter 137 – Subdivisions; specifically amending Sections 137-3 and 137-13; providing for incorporation of recitals; providing for codification; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflict; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; made the application and staff report part of the record and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

15. Glades County Resolution No. 2019- Amending the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated this resolution would recognize the receipt of additional revenues – an ambulance grant, an anonymous fire department donation, and donations to the library.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2019-13, Amending the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

16. SCOP State Funded Grant Agreement FPIS No. 436657-1-54-01

County Manager Murphy stated this was a contract for a State funded grant agreement for a SCOP project in the amount of \$5,446,303.00. He stated this grant would cover a 5.2 mile resurfacing project on CR 74 from approximately 2.5 miles East of Fire Tower Road to SR 29.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the State Funded Grant Agreement FPIS No. 436657-1-54-01 with the Florida Department of Transportation and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

17. Request for Letters of Support from Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

County Manager Murphy stated the Executive Director at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was requesting letters of support from County Managers in the 6 County region. He stated these letters were in support of their application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for community planning and technical assistance to development a substance abuse and mental health resource guide for each county within the region and to update the 2009 Comprehensive Florida Charlotte Harbor Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Letters of Support requested by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley commented on a meeting he had attended in Hendry County regarding mental health issues. He asked if the other Board members were receiving emails from them.

The other Commissioners stated they had not received the emails.

Chairman Stanley stated he would start forwarding the emails. He stated that meeting had addressed a lot of issues with mental health problems in the area due to the lack of keeping counselors here. He stated the counselors were paid on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Ahern stated he knew that Scott Bass, Glades County School Superintendent, was trying to help with addressing these issues.

Motion carried by 5 - 0 vote.

18. Board Appointment to the Continuum of Care Board

County Manager Murphy stated the Continuum of Care Board had requested representation from the Board of County Commissioners. He stated representation from the Board would improve the Continuum of Care Board's scoring on grant applications.

Chairman Stanley asked if anyone on the Board would be willing to serve.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board appointed Commissioner Strenth to the Continuum of Care Board (FL-517); directed staff to draft an Appointment Letter; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Strenth was not present during the vote.

19. Street Name Request

County Manager Murphy stated Mr. Baker owned several properties in Glades County and some were connected. He stated one private driveway served 4 residents and a 5 home was being constructed. He stated the National Number of Emergency Association Standards states that the same driveway, access road, or other primary entrance into a property that shares the same drive with 2 or more residents is to be named. He stated this would make the road a private road. He stated Mr. Baker had requested that his access road be named Goa Way. He stated the cost for road signage would be approximately \$67.80 - \$167.80. He stated these costs would be paid by the resident. He stated as the owner of the property, Mr. Buker could recommend a name; however, the ultimate decision would be up to the Board.

Commissioner Strenth returned to the meeting.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the request of Robert Buker, Glades County Resident, to name the private driveway located on and between Parcel Numbers A33-42-31-A00-001E-0000, A33-42-31-A00-0050-0000, A33-42-31-A00-0040-0000 and A32-42-31-A00-0040-0000 - Goa Way; with all expenses to be paid by the property owner; and the private road to be maintained by the land owner.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

20. Board Appointment to the Agricultural & Labor Board

Chairman Stanley stated the Board had recently voted to temporarily appoint Ms. Ricker to this Board; however, he had decided to take the appointment.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board terminated Cynthia Ricker's temporary appointment to the Agricultural & Labor Board and appointed Commissioner Timothy (Tim) Stanley as the County's Representative on the Agricultural & Labor Board until further action of the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

21. Request for Change Order - Muse Fire Department

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated the old pump at the Muse Fire Department had burnt up. He stated the pump was approximately 10 years old. He stated Clyde Johnson Contracting and Roofing had requested that the Board allow Crumb's Well Drilling to install a new pump. He stated the pump was a 5 horse submersible pump with a 2 year warranty and would have a 40 gallon pressure tank.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the water usage at the Muse Fire Department building.

Mr. Jones stated the usage would be minimal.

Commissioner Storter Long expressed concern with using a 5 horse pump on a 40 gallon pressure tank.

Mr. Jones stated he did not plan on filling any fire trucks using the pump. He stated the trucks were filled using Mr. Mudge's water source.

There was a discussion regarding the size of the pump and the need for such a large pump for only 40 pounds of pressure.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved a change order requested by Clyde Johnson Contracting and Roofing in an amount up to \$4,320.00 from one cent sales tax funds (Account # 301-522-006-500.620) to replace the submersible pump at the Muse Fire Station; authorized Mr. Jones to explore other options on the size of the pump; and authorized the County Manager to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated he had received the ambulance that the County had applied for on a grant approximately a week ago.

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Archie Branch, Public Works Director, stated the fuel tank replacement had been just a gas tank replacement. He stated that would be the only thing that he would not pass inspection on at the end of the year. He stated the other tanks would be good for another 4 – 5 years. He stated he had some prices out for the replacement of the Palmdale playground equipment in case Vice Chairman Pryor had anyone inquire. He stated he should be finished with the replacement of the walk to the second ramp at the boat dock at the Harney Pond Canal by June 1st. He stated he had not spent all of the funds that had been allocated for this project; therefore, he would be doing some more repairs to the fishing pier and the boat ramps. He stated he had expended approximately \$2,000.00 and still had approximately \$20,000.00 to expend. He stated he would be installing new culverts on Silver Lake Road in Muse and Main Avenue in Palmdale. He stated the mulching machine was now in Lakeport and would be finishing up there by the end of next week. He stated from there he would be moving to the Ortona area. He stated he would be re-mulching the flower boxes at the Courthouse, several other County buildings, and the playground areas. He stated he hoped to have this work completed by the end of June.

Chairman Stanley questioned the recycling of plastic jugs and the vendor not picking them up.

Mr. Branch stated the vendor was no longer picking them up; however, there would be another company that would be taking over. He stated he was still working on this issue.

Chairman Stanley expressed concern with losing the recycling funding.

Mr. Branch stated he was in the process of getting a vendor to take over.

Chairman Stanley expressed concern with someone dumping a whole load of concrete on the side of the road at Access Road.

Mr. Branch stated he was taking care of the situation.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked Mr. Branch for accompanying her on a tour of her district. She stated she was very impressed with how well Mr. Branch knew the drainage issues and road conditions. She commented on Mr. Branch assisting with a fire at the Muse Fire house. She expressed concern with the delay in response to the fire.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle clarified that he and County Manager Murphy would work carefully through the process in regards to the resolution passed in today's meeting concerning the Army Corps permit for the Moore Haven Canal. He clarified that Ms. Ricker had not resigned from the Agricultural & Labor Board, it had simply come time to change from the temporary appointment status to the permanent appointment status. He thanked the Board and County staff for their support of him and his family recently.

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Commissioner Starter Long questioned when a resolution was needed versus an ordinance and when a public hearing was required.

Attorney Pringle stated Chapter 125 and Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes governed the processes. He explained that certain actions could only be taken through the adoption of an ordinance – land use changes, COMP Plan amendments, zoning changes, and any change to the Glades County Code. He stated resolution adoption was sometimes required by State law. He stated an ordinance would need to be adopted at a public hearing. He stated many resolutions could be adopted without a public hearing; however, there were some that, by State law, required a public hearing. He explained that if the County to have wanted enforcement authority then he would recommend adopting the measure the Board wished to enforce by an ordinance. He stated the ordinance would become part of the County Code. He stated this would be the most defensible and formal action the Board could take.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Murphy stated subsequent to the Lake O Coalition meeting held last week the 6 surrounding County Managers had held a conference call to discuss their next steps in producing a letter to address Lake O levels. He stated he had requested an estimate from Allen Norton and Blue to research the labor and legal implications of training and deploying Public Works employees to respond and engage in firefighting activities. He stated he had been informed that depending on the depth of research needed this could cost approximately \$700.00 - \$3,000.00. He stated he would be asking them to at least begin the preliminary research on what the State and local oversights would be and the ramifications for Florida retirement. He stated he had received 3 proposals from qualified full service auction companies to handle the disposal of surplus County owned equipment. He stated the companies would all pick up the equipment at our location and take it to their facility, handle the advertising, the registering of bidders and handle all of the financial transactions and title transfers. He stated these companies worked on a 3% buyer's commission. He stated he felt the one that would provide the best service was Ensite Auctions out of Sebring. He stated he believed the County could get on their July 13th online/on sight auction.

Ms. Brown reminded the Board that they should make sure everything was first deleted off of the property records and that there was a list of all that was being auctioned.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jimmy Cianfrani, resident of Muse, questioned why the County would use an auction house and pay them for their services. He asked what was wrong with the system that was already in place.

Chairman Stanley stated the 3% would be above what the bid was. He stated he believed the County would profit more by placing the items for sale on an international (web based) site due to the additional number of bidders.

County Manager Murphy recognized Ms. Williams from Senator Albritton's office.

Ms. Williams stated Senator Albritton invited everyone to reach out her and the Senator with issues they were concerned with.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth had no comments.

Commissioner Ahern stated several residents from Port LaBelle had been present to express concern with modular homes being constructed in the Port LaBelle Unit 102 area. He stated Kenny Kinney was present tonight to address some of the concerns.

Kenneth Kinney, 891 CR 78 LaBelle, stated he had reached out to Commissioner Ahern about the concerns. He stated he had put together a list that would show all of the values of the modular homes that had been constructed in Hendry County in the Port LaBelle area. He stated Hendry County had also done a study to show the values. He stated their study had also showed appreciating values just the same as a site built home. He stated what had alarmed people in the community the fact that this particular home had been brought in on wheels and it had not been lifted with a crane and placed on a concrete stem wall. He stated he had gone back this week and put in a footer and stem wall. He stated there were 2 ways of setting a modular home – on frame and off frame. He stated both methods met State statute. He stated he had also met with Scott Wegscheid who was an appraiser in the area about setting up some meetings with some of the residents that were alarmed so that they could have input. He stated he wished to have the homes fit in with the area. He expressed concern with some flyers that had been circulated attacking the owners (Mr. Schofield) of the Log Cabin restaurant in LaBelle because he had sold him that lot. He stated there had been approximately 374 comments on social media and maybe 30 were negative and 250 positive comments. He stated he intended to make the home fit in better with the existing homes. He stated there were 3 modular homes already on that same block and people did not realize they were there. He asked that people hold their reservations until he was finished with the construction of the home. He stated the home would look like the other 3 when complete. He stated he did not intend to junk up the area. He asked that the residents wait for the final result.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated that by law the Board could not do anything about the home. He stated the residents would have to form a Homeowners' Association and regulate what homes were constructed in the area.

Mr. Kinney stated he understood this. He stated he had lived in the Hendry and Glades community for 45 years and he wanted to be a good neighbor. He stated he wanted to reach out to the Board and let them know that he was making an effort to rectify this situation. He again expressed concern with Mr. Schofield being attacked because of this situation. He stated he had also reached out to Mr. Beck regarding the construction of garages and carports to make the homes fit in with the surrounding properties. He stated there were modular homes that had been constructed years ago in that same area that had never been of concern. He stated if anyone wished to contact him with their concerns he could be reached at (863) 673-4325 – cell phone or at (863) 675-8888 - office. He

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stated they could speak with Pauletta or Kelly and he would be happy to meet with anyone who had any concerns. He stated he did not wish to bring down property values in the area and understood the resident's concerns.

Mrs. BuChans stated there was a Planning & Zoning Board tonight and she had been asked by the Board to work with them. She stated she would be presenting what the Hendry County residents had presented to their Board. She invited Mr. Kinney to attend the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Kinney stated he had been working with the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners since early January 2018. He stated he would attend the meeting.

Commissioner Ahern stated he was glad that everyone was coming together to work on this issue. He stated the residents were concerned with the appearance of the home. He stated this was one of the best areas to build within Glades County as far as property values and the quality of homes. He commented on the millage rate increase for fire services and the residents of Port LaBelle paying more than other residents. He stated these homes were valued more than most in the County and they were the group that was provided the least amount of services within Glades County. He commented on the meeting held in Okeechobee regarding the Lake O water levels. He stated after the meeting he and Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services, had met with Congressman Mast's aid regarding the issues. He stated he had agreed to meet with them on May 31st at 11:00 a.m. in West Palm Beach. He stated he believed this issue should be approached the same as other issues that the Board had lobbied for in Tallahassee. He invited the other Commissioners to attend. He stated he and Attorney Pringle would be reviewing the proposed contract on the hotel property this afternoon. He stated there was still a lot of work to do on the contract.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had attended an interesting meeting at Muse last night. She stated Danny Calahan had invited the Venus Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief to address some of the resolutions and issues that they faced that were similar to ours. She stated the meeting had been very interesting and she appreciated the information. She stated it had been quiet in Ortona. She commented on the recycling program and what was being accepted. She asked what a .5 mill would generate for the Public Safety Department. She asked if an alternate budget had been requested from them for comparison.

Chairman Stanley stated one mill would generate approximately \$62,000.00.

County Manager Murphy stated he and staff had just started on budgets.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested having budgets presented both ways.

Vice Chairman Pryor had no comments.

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Chairman Stanley stated he had attend the Lake O meeting and most of the counties had supported Glades County and were against the 10.5 feet water level because they had realized they had to have water storage also. He invited everyone to attend an ice cream social at the Lakeport Community Association tonight at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Stanley adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Tim Stanley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: June 24, 2019

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