

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 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, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Lenice Taylor, Administrative Assistant - County Manager's Office
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services, LLC
Dale Milita, CAS Governmental Services, LLC
Sheriff Hardin
4 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Sheriff Hardin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

County Manager Carlisle requested that Item #4 - Resolution No. 2017- Formally Approving the Current County Commissioners' Districts be removed from the agenda. He stated he felt it would be best to have the County Attorney present in case there were questions during this discussion. He also requested that Item #10 – Clerk's Response to Audit Findings be added to the Business Agenda.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board amended the agenda as requested.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 2017- Final Assessment Resolution for Glades County Business Park Infrastructure Improvements Project**

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received the signed agreement from Loves Travel Stop and A. Duda & Sons, Inc. He recommended canceling the public hearing regarding this item.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board canceled the public hearing for Resolution No. 2017- Final Assessment Resolution for Glades County Business Park Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approved County Warrants (See Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 80900 – 81001
SHIP: 1681 – 1683
EMS Award Grant: 1929
Buckhead Ridge Utility Authority: 0224
Intergovernmental Radio: 10328

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Anyone wishing to provide public comment on an Agenda Item please fill out a comment card on the table at the entrance to the Commission Chambers.

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. **Resolution No. 2017 - A Policy for the Protection of Individuals Engaging in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstration**

County Manager Carlisle stated a resolution was required by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) regarding this issue. He stated even though Federal and State statutes prohibit this

activity they were requiring the Board to adopt policy in the form of a resolution that prohibited this type of demonstration. He stated he had spoken with Sheriff Hardin regarding this resolution. He stated Sheriff Hardin had acknowledged that this was a Board of County Commissioners action and would not be 100% binding upon him.

Sheriff Hardin stated he had no opposition to the adoption of the resolution. He stated the language contained in the resolution did not supersede or impede the Sheriff's Department in the performance of its duties.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017- 14, adopting a policy for the protection of individuals engaging in non-violent Civil Rights Demonstration, repealing all Resolutions in conflict herewith, and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the term "non-violent" was defined anywhere in the resolution.

County Manager Carlisle stated the term was not defined.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

4. Resolution No. 2017- Formally Approving the Current County Commissioners' Districts

This item was removed by from the agenda by amendment.

5. Professional Service Supplemental Agreement No. 1

County Manager Carlisle stated Johnson Engineering had completed a majority of this task for the county-wide water use. He stated the task had been stopped because it was no longer needed; however, part of the evaluation and appraisal report for the Comprehensive Plan review that was coming up did require this task to be completed. He stated he had re-engaged Johnson Engineering to complete this project and asked that the Board consider this supplemental agreement in the amount of \$9,780.00.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Professional Service Supplemental Agreement between Glades County and Johnson Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$9,780.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. (Exhibit C)

6. Job Description Change from Road Superintendent to Public Works Director

County Manager Carlisle stated everyone recognized the wonderful job that Avant Brown had done with the Road Department. He stated this job description more accurately described what Mr. Brown's duties were. He stated some preferred requirements had been added to the job description. He stated any job experience that would equal the educational requirements would be accepted. He stated the pay range would remain the same. He stated he had done some research and believed that the position could be filled with this salary. He stated he wanted the job description to be more detailed as to what that position was doing and does do versus just a Road Superintendent. He stated there was a lot more to that position than fixing and paving roads. He stated this job dealt with utilities, boat ramps, parks, and maintenance. He stated these duties fell more under a Public Works type of job.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how County Manager Carlisle had arrived at this description.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had used parts and pieces from numerous job descriptions. He stated the International City/County Manager's Association was a great resource. He stated he felt that it was important to reach out to someone that had an Engineering degree, but he also felt the person needed practicable experience in the field.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the job description classification change from Road Superintendent to Public Works Director.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked County Manager Carlisle for bringing the County closer and closer to a much more update, versatile, and efficient government.

County Manager Carlisle stated he appreciated Commissioner Storter Long's comments. He stated the County had some great staff and had been blessed for a number of years with the employees that it had.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget

County Manager Carlisle made one correction to the proposed motion. He stated this was a request to accept the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board's 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget, not to approve or disapprove it.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board accepted the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget for the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., as presented.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. SHIP Rebid

Susan Whidden, SHIP Director, stated one bid had been received on the request for bids to construct a wheel chair ramp chair ramp. She stated the bid totaled \$9,474.00. She stated she had done some research on the aluminum wheel chair ramp that was located near the Methodist Church. She stated the figures had come in as low as \$5,000.00 and as high as \$9,000.00. She stated these figures did not include labor.

Vice Chairman Stanley commented on the aluminum wheel chair ramp costing approximately the same as a wooden one.

Mrs. Whidden stated the person she spoke with had indicated that installation would take approximately 30 minutes so she did not feel that labor expenses would be that much.

Chairman Ahern stated an aluminum product would be better than wood.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board rejected the bid from Clyde Johnson Contracting and Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$9,474.00 and authorized the SHIP Administrator to send the 2017-BARRIER Free-1 project back out for bid.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. July 3rd Holiday for 2017

County Manager Carlisle stated Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Court, had informed him that the court system and the Clerk's Office would be closed by Order on July 3, 2017. He stated July 4th was the normally observed holiday. He stated if the rest of the courthouse remained open then the Clerk would have to have staff present. He stated he had checked with all of the Constitutional Officers and all had agreed to close on July 3rd in the Board chose to do so. He asked the Board to consider adding July 3rd as a County observed holiday for this year. He stated there would be some costs with shift workers, EMT's and Fire Departments. He stated he was not sure what the costs would be.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved closure of Glades County offices on July 3, 2017 and July 4, 2017 to coincide with the State of Florida's holiday schedule.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. Clerk's Response to Audit Report

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated if an audit finding had been present for 3 consecutive years on the Audit Report, the Clerk was required to respond to the Joint Legislative Committee. She stated the requirement had been waived last year. She apologized for the late notice. She stated she thought the deadline was June 30th but it was instead June 1st. She stated audited entries were adjustments the auditor's found

when doing the audit. She stated these were all types of adjustments. She requested that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the response. She stated she had received a draft audit this afternoon, but had not yet reviewed it.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Clerk's Response to the Joint Legislative Committee and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, thanked the Board for agreeing to close on July 3rd.

Sheriff Hardin stated the inmate population was down a little to 396. He congratulated the Correctional Staff for receiving very high marks on a recent inspection.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Carlisle also thanked the Board for the July 3rd holiday. He stated construction continued to move forward at the Training Center. He stated he was working on the budgets and would be bringing some budget workshop dates to the Board for consideration. He stated he would be in Charleston June 6th – 9th for the Healthstat meeting. He stated he was still trying to bring a clinic to Glades County and provide another benefit to all of the County employees.

Commissioner Pryor stated scheduling the budget workshops for a Monday or Tuesday would help him out tremendously.

County Manager Carlisle stated he was considering holding one of the workshops on the afternoon of the Monday night meeting at 1:00 p.m. He asked if the Board wished to have all departments and agencies here to make their presentations.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not believe they all needed to be present and suggested having them present only if they had a significant change in their budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated most of the budgets he had seen so far had been neutral. He stated there were some additions and deletions in some of the budgets but nothing out of the ordinary. He stated he would be meeting with each department and agency prior to workshops, as well as with each Commissioner.

Chairman Ahern stated the GCDC was in the process of re-doing the bonds. He stated the GCDC meeting that had taken place today had been recessed until June 30th so that all of the documents could be executed. He stated the Interlocal Agreement also needed to be approved by this Board as well. He stated the bond closing would be held

on June 5th and this Board would not meet again until June 11th. He stated a special meeting would need to be held prior to the 5th. He stated Mrs. Hubbard had distributed copies of the Interlocal Agreement to each Commissioner, County Manager Carlisle, and Attorney Pringle for review.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had reviewed both documents and had not seen any significant changes in them. He stated some dates had been updated. He stated the language for the budget was the same and the management of the facility appeared to be the same.

Chairman Ahern stated he agreed. He stated he did not know if the Board would like to wait until Attorney Pringle had a chance to review the document or approve the agreement tonight.

County Manager Carlisle stated Attorney Pringle had not had a chance to review the document yet. He stated the language read “the County may consider” which was a non-binding statement. He stated the decision would be up to the Board. He stated he did not wish to move forward without Attorney Pringle’s approval. He stated an emergency meeting would be needed.

Chairman Ahern stated the deadline for approval was June 5th.

County Manager Carlisle stated the 10-day advertising deadline would not be met; however, an emergency meeting could be held which only required a minimum 24 hour notice, or as soon as practical.

Chairman Ahern explained that GCDC would meet on the May 30th and the bonds would be sold on June 5th.

County Manager Carlisle stated the meeting would need to be held prior to May 29th, which was Memorial Day.

Commissioner Pryor asked that the emergency meeting be scheduled prior to Wednesday because he would be leaving for Oklahoma on that day.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had a 10:00 a.m. meeting on May 24th and asked if the meeting could be held on the same day.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold an emergency meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had been informed at the Regional Planning Council's prior meeting that Sarasota County was planning to withdraw their membership from the Council and would not be paying their assessment fee. She stated at the RPC's most recent meeting, Commissioner Frank Mann of Lee County had informed the RPC that Lee County was considering doing the same and expected the action to go through. She stated Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director – RPC, had requested time to get an Attorney General Opinion on the matter. She stated a lot of things had changed with the laws regarding the RPC. She stated the County still had to send their Comprehensive Plan Amendments to them. She stated she would be attending the PRM meeting on June 15th and would not be able to attend the RPC's next meeting. She stated she was going to see if Inga Williams, Community Development Director, could attend. She stated she did not know if the Board would want to consider withdrawing its membership. She stated the dues were a little under \$4,000.00 per year. She stated she had met with the Area Agency on Aging and would distribute some literature she had received to the other Commissioners. She thanked County Manager Carlisle for his prompt responses to her phone calls. She stated she felt well informed.

Commissioner Pryor congratulated the Sheriff's Department on the great review on the audit. He stated he liked to see young people attend the Board meetings. He asked that the young man in the front row step to the podium and state his name. Gavin Howard (Grandson of Commissioner Storter Long) stepped forward and stated his name.

Commissioner Strenth commented on the hot weather and need for rain in the area.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Buckhead Ridge Homeowners' Association would meet this Thursday night if anyone wished to attend. He stated Okeechobee County had received 2 bids come in on the Okee-Tantie deal – one from Bass Pro Shops and one from Guy Harvey. He stated he understood that the bids would be opened this Thursday and given to a Citizens' Advisory Board for review. He stated maybe the one not chosen would look at Glades County next.

Commissioner Ahern stated Justin Guerry had donated his time and airboat to take Ethan Abner from Congressman Rooney's Office to tour the Moore Haven Canal. He stated he was working with Mr. Abner now on getting additional funding for the project. He stated he had received a few calls regarding interest in the old Glades Inn property. He stated he would continue to work on this matter. He stated he realized the County was looking to hire another Code Enforcement Officer. He commented on Commissioner Storter Long pointing out some code enforcement issues in Moore Haven several months ago. He stated he had encouraged the City's Code Enforcement Officer to look at these issues and several things had been done to remedy the issues and some things were still in the works. He stated he appreciated the extra set of eyes helping point out these issues. He stated the job was a thankless job and suggested the Board consider adding a little money to the salary for that position.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: June 13, 2017

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