

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016 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, June 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Weston Pryor, Chairman  
John Ahern, Vice Chairman  
Donna Storter Long  
Paul Beck

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary  
Richard Pringle, County Attorney  
Paul Carlisle, County Manager  
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent  
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
Joe Pepe, Director – Director Glades Health Department  
Marty Redovan, Auditor  
Angie Snow-Colgrove, Emergency Management Director  
Inga Williams, Community Development Director  
Paul Mcgahee, Glades Electric Cooperative  
Duane Pottorff, Deputy GCSO  
Tim Stanley  
Susan Whidden, SHIP Coordinator  
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio  
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News  
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director – Glades EDC  
6 citizens

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

**PRAYER**

Commissioner Beck gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE**

Vice Chairman Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

County Manager Carlisle requested that Item #6 - CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP Presentation of Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended September 30, 2015 be moved above the

Public Hearings on the agenda. He also requested that Item #18 - SHIP Foreclosure be removed from the agenda.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the amendments to the agenda.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

### **PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

There were none.

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

There were none.

#### **6. CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP Presentation of Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended September 30, 2015 (this item was taken out of order)**

Martin Redovan, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, referred to pages 1 and 2 of the report and stated these pages contained the opinions on the statements. He stated the County had a received an unmodified opinion. He stated there was a paragraph on page 2 that addressed a change in the accounting principles and the implementation of GASB # 68. He stated this had to do with the reporting of pensions. He referred to page 14 of the financial statements and the line that showed the Net Pension Liability. He stated the pension liability for Glades County totaled \$8,136,000.00. He stated this figure was new and had not been shown on prior financials. He stated this figure represented Glades County's proportionate share of the overall Florida Retirement System's liability. He stated the liability for the State of Florida was approximately \$24 billion. He stated every participating member in FRS had to recognize their proportionate share in their financial statements. He stated this new standard did not change the way the FRS was being funded. He stated the retirement system was paid based on payroll dollars and class. He stated the methodology for budgeting had not changed. He explained that there were 2 pieces to the FRS – the actual retirement system and the health insurance subsidy. He stated the health insurance subsidy was not being funded, which was creating problems. He stated the retirement system was over 90% funded. He referred to page 35 of the financials and stated if this standard had been implemented at the end of last year the liability would have totaled approximately \$11.5 million. He referred to page 75 and some of the findings. He stated there were some findings related to audit adjustments and journal entries that needed to be addressed. He stated there were some other findings listed on page 82. He stated the County had completed a significant amount of construction work this year, most of which had been financed by grants. He stated compliance with the grant activity had to be audited as well. He stated the County had complied very well overall. He stated the opinion on compliance had not been modified. He stated there were some minor findings regarding review and submittal of reports and the timely submission of these reports. He stated there had been one other management comment dealing with the monitoring of construction projects. He referred to page 90

and stated the Auditor General had included some additional items to be audited. He stated this was done every year. He stated one of the new items was the auditing of the Receipts and Expenditures of the E911 funding. He stated the County had to comply with Florida Statute 365.172 as far as what the funds could be used for. He stated the County had complied. He stated the compliance factors overall were very well done. He stated there had been no problems or disagreements with management and the work had gone well. He stated he and his staff appreciated all of the help throughout the audit. He stated grant auditing was not fun. He stated the County's staff had put in a lot of time and effort into this year's audit. He stated he appreciated the fact that County staff did everything they could to make the job run smoothly and to get things done.

Commissioner Beck stated it was a good report.

Chairman Pryor thanked Mr. Redovan for his hard work.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the tentative Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended September 30, 2015.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Ordinance No. 2016- Revisions to Chapter 137 – Subdivisions**

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated this Ordinance would revise Chapter 137 of the Code of Laws and Ordinances, specifically revising the language of the simple subdivision regulations of the code. She stated there were 4 sections dealing with subdivisions in the existing code – Section(s) 137-3, 137-4, 137-7, and 137-13. She stated the first section was Section 137-3 - Definitions. She stated some definitions had been added and some removed. She stated most of the definitions that had been removed were already in the code in the general section or the flood plain section. She stated some definitions had been added that specifically dealt with the new language in the simple subdivisions. She asked if there were any questions on the definitions.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 2 of 17 on line 13 and questioned the use of the word "along". She stated the word was not necessary in the sentence.

Mrs. Williams stated she would remove the word "along" from the sentence.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned line 24 and asked if the definition of "agent" was being removed from the document.

Mrs. Williams stated the word "agent" was not used in the code. She stated some of the words that had been removed were not located anywhere in the code.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 3 of 17 line 40 and questioned the changing of the word “recombination” to “combining”. She stated the word “combining” was a noun and not a verb in this context. She stated the correct word to use would be “combination”.

Mrs. Williams stated she would change the word if Commissioner Storter Long wished to do so.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she felt the words could be used either way. She referred to page 4 of 17 lines 39 – 44. She asked if the definition of the word “improvement” had been included in the previous code.

Mrs. Williams stated “improvement” was an existing definition in the code. She stated there were some definitions that had not been taken out that would most likely be removed from the next draft and that this may be one of them.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 5 of 17 lines 17-18 and asked if the definition of “lot coverage” was being removed. She asked if “lot coverage” was used in the zoning matrix.

Mrs. Williams stated “lot coverage” was already defined in the zoning matrix and not needed here.

Commissioner Storter Long referred to page 6 of 17 lines 37-40 and to page 8 of 17 line 30. She questioned defining the words “private street” (conforming and non-conforming) and the word “street”. She asked if these definitions would be better served under the definition of “street” itself.

Mrs. Williams stated she could make this change.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the definition of the word “roadway” on page 7 of 17 lines 34 -36.

Chairman Pryor stated he realized that revising the Subdivision Regulations had been a struggle. He thanked Mrs. Williams for her hard work.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the new definition of “simple subdivisions” would address the issues that the County was having with the splitting of property.

Mrs. Williams stated this was correct. She stated the next section was Section 137-4 – Design Criteria and Development Standards. She stated the major change in this section was the definition of “transportation facilities and services”. She stated the original document had referenced standards that did not exist. She stated the construction standards for the unpaved roads had been included in this draft. She stated the next section was Section 137-7 – Simple Subdivisions. She stated this section explained the

criteria to be used for a simple subdivision, what the submittal requirements were for the applications, and the approval process. She stated this draft was quite a bit more streamlined than the previous version; however, the requirements for a subdivision were defined in state statutes and had to be included. She stated the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended approval but did have several changes to the wording. She stated the suggested changes had been incorporated into the draft. She stated the last section that had been revised was Section 137-13 – Applicability and Exemptions. She stated the only revision in this section was to strike out the definition of “simple subdivision”. She stated the revisions that Commissioner Storter Long had suggested would be incorporated into the draft, if the Board chose to accept them.

Commissioner Storter Long complimented Mrs. Williams on the great job she had done on this draft.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he believed these revisions would accomplish the Board's goal.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

Attorney Pringle clarified that the Simple Subdivision Ordinance that would be adopted today, with the changes as indicated, would become a law of the County. He stated there would be other revisions to other subdivision regulations in the future that would all work with this approval.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved Glades County Ordinance No. 2016-13, amending the Glades County Code of Ordinances, Part II Land Development, Chapter 137 – Subdivisions; specifically amending Section 137-3, Section 137-4, Section 137-7, 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; and incorporating the corrections as made by Commissioner Storter Long.

Chairman Pryor called for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Beck - Yes  
Commissioner Storter - Yes  
Vice Chairman Ahern - Yes  
Chairman Pryor - Yes

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Ahern thanked Mrs. Williams again for all of her hard work. He also thanked the Planning & Zoning Board members for their efforts with this issue.

**2. Case No. RZ16-01 – Wayman Road**

Attorney Pringle stated this was a quasi-judicial hearing and any witnesses that were present would need to be sworn in and the Chairman would need to call for ex parte communication disclosure from the Board members.

Attorney Pringle swore in the witnesses. (Mrs. Williams and County Manager Carlisle).

Chairman Pryor called for ex parte communication disclosure from the board. There was none.

Mrs. Williams stated this was a County initiated re-zoning of property off Wayman Road. She stated the parcel consisted of approximately 206 acres. She stated this was the first of 2 hearings that would be required. She stated the Board would need to schedule the next hearing. She requested that it be held on July 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. She stated the property was currently zoned open use agriculture and staff was requesting that the property be rezoned to agriculture residential so that the property would be consistent with the Future Land Use Map. She stated this was a continuation of efforts to make the Zoning Maps and the Future Land Use Maps consistent throughout the County. She stated the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended denial of the rezoning. She stated their reasoning was that the uses allowed under the agriculture residential zoning, which included mobile homes and multi-family, were not consistent with what the folks in that area would like. She stated there had been a lot of discussion about how the residents' needs could be accommodated. She asked how the Board wished to proceed with this case. She stated the Board could move forward with the rezoning to Agricultural Residential or they could establish a different zoning district for this area. She stated the Agricultural Residential Single Family district only allowed for single family uses; however, this zoning was 1 unit per acre instead of 5 acres therefore, the density was much higher. She stated it had been suggested that this type of zoning district could be amended to 1 unit per 5 acres. She stated there was only one parcel with this zoning designation. She stated if that property owner was amenable to the change then the County could take this route. She stated the Board could go forward with the rezoning as proposed. She stated the Open Use Agriculture and the Agriculture Residential zoning districts allowed the exact same uses. She stated the only change would be the density.

Commissioner Beck asked if these issues could be addressed with a deed restriction by the owner.

Mrs. Williams stated this was correct; however, the County would not be able to enforce the restrictions.

Commissioner Beck expressed concern with the Board creating a stand-alone piece of property or zoning designation.

Mrs. Williams stated if the Board did create a different designation for this 206 acre parcel that there would probably be more properties along Wayman Road that would want to come and utilize the new designation.

Commissioner Beck suggested moving forward with the rezoning as proposed.

Chairman Pryor asked what the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended.

Mrs. Williams stated the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended denial of the rezoning. She stated they wanted more input from the property owners in the area. She stated she had not received any phone calls or communications from any of the property owners on Wayman Road.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated there had been discussions several years ago as to what would be built on Wayman Road and there were a lot of nicer homes in the area. He stated there were a few mobile homes in the area that really stuck out. He stated he was surprised that the other property owners had not contacted the County regarding this request.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned if the other parcels would become conforming if the zoning density was amended to 1 unit per 5 acres.

Mrs. Williams stated there would be plan amendments coming before the Board next month to amend the Future Land Use Map on other parcels. She stated this would be the final step for the rezoning portion in that area. She stated the Agriculture Residential and the Agriculture Residential Single Family zoning designations were both consistent with the Agricultural Residential Future Land Use.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there were any parcels there now that were less 5 acres.

Mrs. Williams stated there were.

Commissioner Storter Long stated these parcels would become non-conforming parcels.

Mrs. Williams stated these parcels were already non-conforming.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned how these parcels were already non-conforming. She asked if the parcels had been “grandfathered in”.

Mrs. Williams stated a few of these parcels had been created illegally. She stated most of the parcels already had structures on them.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if this rezoning would create a problem for them.

Mrs. Williams stated language had been included in the draft that stated if there was a structure already on these parcels they would become a “de facto” lot of record.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the property owners could remove the present structure and replace it if they so wished. She asked if the property owner would be able to pull building permits.

Mrs. Williams stated the 50% rule would apply (50% of the structure’s value) and the property owner would have to bring the structure up to current codes.

County Manager Carlisle clarified that the current land use and the proposed land use for this area allowed for the exact same uses. He stated no property rights were being taken away. He stated the only change would be in the density.

Attorney Pringle stated the language would be included in the upcoming Ordinance.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County was trying to clean up some issues that had happened in the past.

Chairman Pryor asked what the reasons were for the Planning & Zoning Board to recommend denial.

County Manager Carlisle stated it was because of the allowed use of mobile homes.

Attorney Pringle clarified that the reasoning was the mobile home use on a lower density. He stated the adoption of this proposed rezoning would create an opportunity for the landowner to place a higher number of mobile homes on a parcel. He stated there really was not a great way to address this issue. He stated the ultimate goal was to recognize the things that had happened in the past and the fact that they could not be un-done, but from here on forward the parcels would have to meet the new standards.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there was any public input at the Zoning Board meeting.

Mrs. Williams stated there was no public input at the meeting.

County Manager Carlisle stated there were lots in the past that did not match the zoning and therefore the owners could not build. He stated a majority of the parcels had been



changed and this proposed rezoning would correct another section of parcels that had been overlooked.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board set the second public hearing for Case No. RZ 16-01 – Wayman Road for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Storter – yes

Ahern – yes

Beck – yes

Pryor – yes

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **Approved the Minutes of the May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting**
4. **Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**  
**General Fund: 78546 – 78651**  
**Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1447**  
**Buckhead Ridge Utility Authority: 213**  
**Intergovernmental Radio: 10301**
5. **Records Disposition Documents 2016-1 and 2016-2. (See Exhibits B and C)**

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

6. **CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP Presentation of Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended September 30, 2015 (This item was previously heard)**
7. **Resolution No. 2016 - Transfer of Ownership of Sewer System at the Glades County Business Park**

County Manager Carlisle stated this resolution would transfer the ownership of the sewer system at the Glades County Business Park to the City/County Public Works Authority (CCPWA). He stated the CCPWA would then take over the maintenance, utility costs, and service of the system. He stated the ownership of the water system would be brought to the Board for transfer in the near future. He stated that, once approved, this resolution would be taken to the CCPWA for approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted Resolution No. 2016-16, approving the transfer of ownership of the sewer system at the Glades County Business Park to the Glades County City/County Public Works.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**8. Inter-local Agreement with City of Moore Haven for Local Mitigation Strategy**

County Manager Carlisle stated as part of the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the State the County also had to have a local mitigation strategy plan and inter-local agreement with the City.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Moore Haven for the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

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

**9. Resolution No. 2016- Adopting the Glades County/City of Moore Haven Local Mitigation Strategy Plan**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the actual plan that the County and City had come up with. He stated the group had looked at the projects that they wished to mitigate and ranked them.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-17, adopting the Glades County/City of Moore Haven Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if a resolution would be required for each project.

County Manager Carlisle stated this plan covered all of the projects. He stated to the Board would have to approve funding of each project.

Commissioner Beck called for the question.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if in the future staff could include an item number on the bottom of the agenda summaries.

County Manager Carlisle stated he could make that happen.

**10. Supplemental Task Authorization AIM -7 Standard Agreement**

County Manager Carlisle stated AIM Engineering was currently doing the design, engineering, and permitting for Aspen Boulevard in Port LaBelle.

Commissioner Storter Long asked for clarification of where the County line was and if a part of this project would cover a certain piece of property located near the County line.

County Manager Carlisle stated this project would be from the entrance of the Port LaBelle Inn.

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, stated the County line was south of the bridge.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the Supplemental Task Authorization AIM-7 to Standard Agreement between AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc. and the Glades County Board of County Commissioners authorizing the attached Exhibit A for Scope of Services and Exhibit B for Consultant Compensation and Schedule of Fees.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Lone questioned the time frames for this project.

County Manager Carlisle stated the engineering on Aspen Boulevard was pretty much complete; however, some drainage issues on Birchwood Parkway would need to be addressed prior to road construction.

**11. 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget for the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.**

County Manager Carlisle stated that because Glades County was a member of the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, approval of their 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget was required.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget for the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**12. Tourism Development Council (TDC) Board Appointment**

County Manager Carlisle stated Jason Griner had asked to be appointed to the Tourism Development Council. He stated he had not reviewed this agenda item and the resolution appointing Mr. Griner, which was required, had not been included in the agenda packet. He requested that the Board table this item until the next meeting.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board tabled appointed of Jason Griner to the Glades County Tourism Development Council until the next Board meeting so that a resolution could be prepared.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated Jason Griner was his step-son. He asked Attorney Pringle if he would need to abstain from voting on the appointment when a vote was taken.

Attorney Pringle stated Vice Chairman Ahern could abstain from the vote, in an abundance of caution, if he so desired. He stated it would also be acceptable for Vice Chairman Ahern to vote on the motion. He stated the decision would be up to Vice Chairman Ahern.

### **13. The National Association of Counties Board Appointment**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board needed to appoint a representative and an alternate to the National Association of Counties Board. He reminded the Board that a Commissioner must be appointed as the designated representative.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what the requirements of the member would be.

County Manager Carlisle stated as a member the County had voting rights.

Commissioner Beck suggested that Chairman Pryor serve as the member.

Chairman Pryor stated he would be willing to serve as the alternate if Commissioner Beck would serve as the designated member. Commissioner Beck accepted.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the appointment of Commissioner Beck as the designated representative for Glades County to the National Association of Counties and appointed Chairman Pryor as the alternate representative.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

### **14. Health Planning Council of SW Florida**

County Manager Carlisle stated Shannon Hall had volunteered to continue serving on the Health Planning Council of SW Florida's Board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board re-appointed Shannon Hall as the Glades County representative on the Health Planning Council of SW Florida.

Vice Chairman Ahern recognized what a great job Mrs. Hall did serving on this council.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**15. Good Wheels Funding Request**

County Manager Carlisle stated Alan Mandel, CEO – Good Wheels had applied for a \$500,000.00 funding grant in anticipation of the Training Center opening. He stated the grant would fund two buses operating seven days per week between Immokalee, LaBelle, and Moore Haven and would serve students traveling to the iTech School in Immokalee and the Training Center in Moore Haven, as well as the transportation disadvantaged. He stated Mr. Mandel was looking for some funding support to strengthen his application. He stated \$56,000.00 was the needed match. He suggested that the Board do a couple thousand dollars to show the people in Tallahassee that the Board supported this program. He stated the route would be beneficial to the County.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Collier and Hendry counties would benefit as well and asked if Mr. Mandel had requested funds from them also.

County Manager Carlisle stated his understanding was that Hendry County had offered to fund \$13,500.00 if Collier County would do the same.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the County had funded part of the purchase of a van for transportation. She asked if this route had been discontinued.

County Manager Carlisle stated the route was still in use; however, there were only about 3 people using it.

Commissioner Storter Long stated it would benefit the County to have people come to the Training Center.

County Manager Carlisle suggested funding \$2,000.00 and reminded the Board that if the grant was not received the money would not be spent. He stated the funding would at least show the County's support.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved matching funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid should Good Wheels secure the grant funding and provide an interconnecting route from the Glades County Training Center, Florida Southwestern University (LaBelle), and the iTech Center (Immokalee).

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

County Manager Carlisle stated that once Mr. Mandel received the grant a budget amendment would be brought before the Board for approval so that payment could be made.

**16. Payment Authorization CDBG**

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received a Community Block Grant for the construction of the entrance to the Loves Travel Center. He stated that in order for the grant to not be paid as a reimbursable to the County, the County was required to set up a separate banking account for the funds to be deposited electronically so that the funds would not be comingled. He stated the invoices would then be submitted to DEO then they would deposit the money into the account. He stated the County would only have 5 days to disperse that money. He stated these dates may or may not coincide with the Board meetings, therefore, he was asking for authorization so that he and Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, could go ahead and make those payments when needed. He stated the invoices would be brought to the Board.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there were any formalities or forms necessary to protect the Board and Clerk's Office during audits.

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated this and a standard operating procedure showing the Board's approval should be enough.

County Manager Carlisle explained that the goal was to have staff bring the invoices to the Board for approval, have the Board approve payment, staff would then forward the invoices to DEO, who would then deposit the funds into the designated account and staff would then make payment. He stated this approval would cover the occasions when the invoices could not be approved by the Board prior to submission to the DEO because of time constraints.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board authorized the County Manager and the Clerk of Court to make payments within the 5-day period as required by the Department of Economic Opportunity Sub-Grant Agreement Contract No. 16DB-OH-09-32-01-E 06 for the Loves Travel Center entrance.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

**17. Proposed Resolution No. 2016- Amending the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget**

County Manager Carlisle stated Gabrielle Ibietorremendia, HR Director, had set up a Health Fair. He stated donations had been received from Public Risk Management and AIM Engineering. He requested that the Board approve these donations so that the funds could be deposited into the appropriate account.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-15, amending the 2015-2016 General

Operating Fund by contributions in the amount of \$1,120.00 for the Human Resource Fair.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Health Fair was just for employees and if participation would be required.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Health Fair was just for employees. He stated attendance was not mandatory but encouraged the employees to attend.

**18. SHIP Foreclosure (deleted by amendment to the agenda)**

**19. SHIP Foreclosure**

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated the home owner of this property had moved out 28 days after the mortgage was signed. She stated the owners had moved to Belle Glade. She stated the insurance and property taxes were being paid and the owners were current with their first mortgage on the property. She stated the owner had also appeared in court in December 2009 because of some Code Enforcement issues. She stated the owner was in default due to moving out and the Code Enforcement issues.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the home was currently occupied.

Mrs. Whidden stated the home was being used for storage.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the filing of a foreclosure proceeding on the property located at 1171 Pierce Street.

Chairman Pryor called for public comment. There was none.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Chairman Pryor and Vice Chairman Pryor commended Mrs. Whidden on the hard work she is doing as the SHIP Administrator.

**20. The Southwest Florida Workplace Development Board Appointment**

County Manager Carlisle stated that normally the person appointed to the SW Florida Workplace Development Board was an elected official; however, it did not have to be.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would be willing to serve on this Board.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board appointed Commissioner Storter Long to serve as the Glades County representative on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was no discussion.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Pringle recognized that the Planning & Zoning Board, County Manager Carlisle, and Mrs. Williams had worked a lot on the subdivision regulations. He stated hours had been spent trying to get the Ordinances documented correctly. He reminded the Board that the Ordinances acted as the local County laws. He stated the Planning & Zoning Board had asked very good questions throughout the process and had spent a great deal of time working through the minute details. He stated this effort had saved the Board a tremendous amount of time. He also recognized Mrs. Whidden with regards to the SHIP Program. He stated the Board had decided to step up their efforts to ensure compliance with the program rules. He stated not every county did this. He stated the Board had recognized that if they did not recover the dollars loaned through the SHIP Program then they were taking money from other qualified recipient's hands. He stated he believed it was appropriate for the Board to pursue foreclosure upon default. He stated the main goal of the SHIP Program was to enable people to own their own homes for their own use. He stated Mrs. Whidden was doing a great job in gathering information and getting these cases to a place where he could initiate foreclosure. He stated he had served all parties on the Davis case and had defaulted 2 of the 3 defendants. He stated if Mr. Davis did not file a timely response, he would be defaulting him as well and proceeding to Summary Judgment. He stated on the Yates case, Mrs. Baker's attorney (Joseph Hendry) had filed a foreclosure action on Mrs. Baker's agreement for deed. He stated he had filed a response. He stated the agreement for deed was superior to the County's mortgage position on the property. He stated the Yates family had paid their insurance and brought it up to date. He stated they still owed 2 years' worth of taxes. He stated he had not made any additional offers to Mr. Hendry. He stated he would be filing another foreclosure today that had been previously discussed and approved by the Board. He stated Mrs. Whidden was also working with him on getting the SHIP program documents/forms updated.

There was a brief discussion regarding the updates to documents and the County's need to enforce the requirements and rules of the SHIP Program.

Attorney Pringle stated the County was like a commercial lender. He stated a commercial lender's first and foremost goal was to be repaid. He stated the County was not going out to take homes away from people. He stated if someone was in default and wished to pay the County what they owed, they could. The default would be corrected and the



County would not foreclose on the property. He stated if the owner did not pay then the County had no other choice but to foreclose.

Mrs. Whidden stated she had gone from having 39 people with defaulted taxes down to 6. She stated she had gone from having 42 people without insurance down to 9. She stated she was continuing to work with these people. She stated the State required that she did everything she could to work with the people and assist them. She stated the number one thing she needed from the people was for them to communicate with her.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the definition of the term “liberal construction”.

Attorney Pringle explained that this was a term used primarily for the benefit of the court. He stated in the event there was any litigation involving the interpretation of a resolution or ordinance (document), the County would ask the court to liberally construe the language of the document to accomplish the intent and the purpose of the document.

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received the “Promise Zone” designation. He stated the Department of Economic Opportunity was ready to partner with the County on any grants received. He stated the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council would be meeting on Friday, June 21, 2016 and believed someone should attend. He stated he was still working on the groundbreaking for the Loves Travel Center. He stated they had received their permit. He stated bids would be opened on June 30<sup>th</sup> for the entrance way. He reminded everyone of the EDC Dinner on Thursday night. He stated he continued to work on the budgets.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked if anything had been heard from the insurance company regarding the old motel.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had not heard anything recently. He stated the insurance company was doing some asbestos testing. He stated the goal was to clean the site up and re-bid the project.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the progress on Kirby Thompson Road.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received a mixed design for the reclamation project and he had spoken with the Engineer and given his thoughts on it. He stated the Engineer was now looking at a combination of asphalt, mulch, and concrete. He stated he had some concerns with using asphalt emulsion in that environment.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board was going to look at implementing a 4H Livestock Ordinance or wait another year.

County Manager Carlisle stated a 4H Livestock Ordinance would not fix the underlying problem. He explained that the problem had not been with 4H livestock but other animals.

There was a brief discussion regarding this issue. He stated he had reached out to the residents and asked if they wished to change the zoning in the area. He stated there were liabilities if the County initiated the change. He stated if the residents did not wish to change the zoning, the County would have to enforce the code as it is.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Dr. Joe Pepe, Director - Health Department stated he would be showing a viewing of "Paper Tigers" this Thursday at the high school. He explained that this was a movie that highlighted an alternative high school in Walla Walla, Washington which embraced a different type of strategy for dealing with students who were not performing well academically. He stated it focused on truancy, school violence, and youth violence. He stated they had used more of a social approach versus a punitive approach. He stated this was all based on a study done in the mid 90's that found that there was a high correlation between adverse childhood experiences and poor health outcomes, teen pregnancies, obesity, alcoholism, depression, etc. He stated the goal was to educate the school on trauma informed care. He stated the next step would be "Project Safe" in which they would keep the kids safe from pre-natal throughout graduation. He stated the goal was to improve graduation rates, employability statistics, and health outcomes. He encouraged the Board to be a part of the initiative.

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

There was none.

#### **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Beck had no comments.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she appreciated County Manager Carlisle working with Ortona to come up with some better solutions for noise control.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the population was holding steady between 190 and 200 at GCDC. He stated Arbor Tree and Land would start next Monday on the Moore Haven Canal project.

County Manager Carlisle stated the schedule had been amended because of another environmental study that had to be done.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the Corps of Engineers had gotten the old campground cleaned up and it would be ready to bid out to in the near future. He stated there may be some matching funds for the person (or entity) who bid on the concession. He stated the Corps would be offering a 25 year lease on the property. He stated he was working with Congressman Rooney and Congressman Diaz-Balart regarding water quality issues with Lake Okeechobee.

Chairman Pryor stated it was nice to see the SHIP Program being cleaned up. He stated things were happening within the County and he was pleased to be a part of this Board.

**ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Pryor adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: July 25, 2016

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