

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 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, August 9, 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
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant – County Manager's Office
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Libby Maxwell, SFWMD Representative
Avant Brown, Glades County Road Superintendent
Dr. Joseph Pepe, Director - Health Department
David Hardin, GCSO
Duane Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO
Tim Stanley
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
3 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 introduced Smoky the Bear. He stated there were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Aguilar stated 72 years ago tomorrow would mark the date that the Division of Forestry had come up with the idea of using a small brown bear that had been injured during a fire as their ambassador for fire safety. He stated Smoky the Bear was still being used to inform people, especially children, about fire safety and prevention.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 78955 – 79026
Intergovernmental Radio: 10305 – 10306
Courthouse Facilities Grant – 1456 – 1457
SHIP: 1657 - 1658

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

2. **Florida Department of Transportation Revised Agreement**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a second amendment to the agreement with FDOT. He stated the original agreement included a termination clause which had been revised. He stated the new agreement put the responsibility for seeking reimbursement for traffic damages and costs back on FDOT. He stated the inspections had been changed to annually versus bi-annually. He stated the agreement was more consistent with FDOT's structure and did not put as much burden on the County to maintain the traffic signals.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the revised agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation; designated the County Manager as the person approving and revising Exhibit "A"; and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

3. **Unencumber SHIP Funds**

County Manager Carlisle stated these were funds that had been previously encumbered. He stated some of the applicants had since sold their homes and some were not able to come up with the additional financing needed to complete the demo/rehab of their home. He asked that the Board unencumber the funds.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board unencumbered SHIP funds for the following SHIP projects: 2015-Demo-1, 2016 Demo/Rebuild-1, 2016-DPA-1, and 2016-Rehab-2.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

4. Request for Attorney General Opinion

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received several questions and comments from the public regarding a shooting range in Lakeport. He stated the State of Florida had placed several preemptions on counties regarding the designation of ammunition and the sale of firearms. He stated in order to know if the County's Code and Zoning Ordinances allowed the County to regulate where shooting ranges may or may not be located, he would like to obtain an opinion from the Attorney General's Office. He stated this property would fall under a special exception under the County's Zoning Ordinance. He stated there were some pretty substantial penalties for violating the sale of ammunition and firearms. He stated if the property owner needed to obtain a special exception then County staff could assist him through the proper steps.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the County's goal was to regulate the shooting range.

County Manager Carlisle stated the goal was to find out if the range could exist as was with the County's current codes or if they would need to file for a special exception.

Attorney Pringle stated the first step in the process would be for the County to receive clarification from the State of Florida Attorney General's Office as to whether the County could be involved in the process. He stated the statutes that regulated firearms and their uses had very specific language reserving the regulations to the Legislature and the State of Florida. He stated this included certain uses regardless of where the uses were taking place. He stated the request to the Attorney General's Office was to also get an interpretation of that statute to see whether the County's Zoning Regulations were still applicable or whether they have been preempted by the statutory law.

County Manager Carlisle stated if the County's Zoning Regulations were in compliance with the statute then the property owner would apply for a special exception, it would be heard before the Planning & Zoning Board, surrounding property owners would be notified and their opinions and concerns would be heard at a public hearing. He stated there were rules and processes that needed to be followed. He stated the County simply wanted to make sure that its processes and rules were applicable since the new statute had been put into place. He stated the new statute was adopted in 2011 and the County's Ordinance was much older than that.

Commissioner Storter Long stated one of the questions was whether the range was commercial or if there was money involved. She asked how this opinion regarding the statute would affect the back yard shooting ranges. She stated she had one and was concerned.

Attorney Pringle stated there were some questions about a gun club versus a commercial shooting range. He stated if the County had no regulatory authority at all then the County did not have the ability to even ask the question about what the actual uses were and the County did not have the opportunity to have the land owner make an application for the actual use.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how long it would take to get an answer from the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney Pringle stated it may take some time.

Chairman Pryor stated there were 2 individuals who had signed up to speak. He called them forward.

Nick Davitian, Attorney at Law, stated he was present today to answer questions that had been brought up during the discussion, as well as, to give the Board some background information about the range. He stated he understood that some of the Florida laws were incredibly cumbersome and imposed liability on individuals. He stated he would work with the Board and staff to get these issues ironed out. He stated this was an actual shooting range that was by membership and was insured by the NRA. He stated all of the staff on the range were certified NRA members and certified NRA instructors. He stated the range owner, Mr. Camillo was a former law enforcement marksman who was extensively trained. He stated Mr. Camillo was present anytime a shooter was on the range. He stated Mike Machly, Mr. Camillo's partner, was also a former police officer and marksman. He stated there was never anyone on the range shooting unless one of these men were present. He stated this range was not a "gun club" it was a shooting range. He stated there were hunting guides that had been shooting on adjacent lands for over 20 years. He stated the property had been used as a shooting range (not organized) for a very long time. He stated it had now been organized and made a lot safer. He stated he had spoken with some of the people that had raised some of the complaints about the shooting range. He stated they had been invited out to the property so that they could see for themselves exactly what was going on at the range and he could address their concerns. He stated Joe Thompson was a neighbor that had some concerns about the direction of shooting and noise complaints. He stated Mr. Thompson had visited the range and had been shown that the shooting was being in conducted in the opposite direction of his property and was being fired directly at a berm that had been constructed. He stated there was a 35 foot berm at the back of the property and several other berms along the sides of the property to protect the roadway. He stated the property extended for 1 mile. He stated every bullet fired on the property stayed within the property. He explained the reasons for the construction of a shooting stand on the property. He stated the stand was built for safety and a proper shooting position. He stated this range was constructed by marksmen for marksmen. He stated a lot of the shooters that visited the range were law enforcement. He stated in addition to being an attorney he was also a firearm's industry expert. He stated he consulted with city governments, law enforcement

agencies, and federal agencies on how to do business related to firearms and how to do it safely. He stated he had seen a lot of ranges and had consulted with this range's owner regarding safety. He stated the stand that had been erected was for a firing position. He stated the firing position was in a downward position. He stated all of the shooters shot from a prone position. He stated these were marksmen, professional shooters, law enforcement, and competitive shooters that were shooting at the range. He stated the shooters were extremely safe and extremely skilled. He stated instructors were present with every shooter. He addressed the concerns with the noise at the range. He stated he had reached out to a couple of contractors to discuss putting sound baffling to the rear of the range to lessen the sound for some of the residents behind the range. He stated Richard Beck had expressed concern with bullets possibly reaching his property. He stated the shooting angle, the types of weapons being used, the trained shooters, and the massive berm all prevented this from occurring. He stated that in an abundance of caution the existing berm had been extended to ensure that there was a berm between the shooting stand and Mr. Beck's property. He stated Mr. Beck had been invited numerous times to the property but he had yet to visit. He stated he understood the concerns with the Florida Statute regulating firearms and that he would work with the County to address these issues. He stated he would continue to work with staff and the residents regarding their concerns.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned limited access to the shooting range and Mr. Thompson becoming a member.

Mr. Davatian stated the owner, Mr. Camillo, was an excellent instructor and could turn anyone into a marksman. He stated anyone could come and learn to be a marksman at the range. He invited the Board members out to observe what was being done at the range.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned how many acres the property consisted of and the width of the property.

Keith Camillo, Owner, came forward to address the Board. He stated when a shooter wished to come out and utilize the range he first determined what kind of weapon he would be using. He stated the range was predominantly for long range shooting. He stated the range could be used for zeroing in hunting rifles.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if a person had to become a member to shoot at the range and if so, was there a fee for the membership.

Mr. Camillo stated there was a fee for membership and the only people allowed to shoot at the range were members. He stated he or his partner were always there to supervise the shooting.

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Commissioner Storter Long asked if the range was in accordance with what the NRA recommended.

Mr. Camillo stated the range was in compliance with NRA regulations and was insured with the NRA. He stated there were guidelines that had to be followed in order to secure the insurance.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if Mr. Camillo understood that if the opinion of the Attorney General's Office was that the County could regulate in different zoning areas then he would need to apply for a special exception.

Mr. Davitian stated he and Mr. Camillo understood this and that before the range had been started they had reached out to County personnel and inquired about the variance. He stated they had been told that because the activity that they would be performing was on land that was zoned agriculture they would not need the variance. He stated no permit was required. He stated they had attempted to comply with every code and regulation.

Mr. Camillo stated this had been done some years ago.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated the property owner would have been told that agricultural structures did not need a permit. He stated anything other than this would need a permit. She stated she did recall the conversation regarding the activity on the property. She stated she had told the property owner that she was unsure if a variance was needed or not.

Commissioner Beck commented on Richard Beck's concerns with the shooting. He stated he owned property adjacent to Mr. Beck's. He commented on the chance of ricochet. He stated he had heard what sounded like a .50 caliber weapon being fired on the property.

Mr. Davitian stated the only .50 caliber weapons that had been fired on the property were with the Coast Guard and the ATF. He stated they were all trained marksmen. He stated the large caliber shooting was limited to federal law enforcement agencies. He stated aired bullets were not a concern. He commented on the concerns with ricochets. He stated the type of soil on the range contained the ricochets. He explained again the reasons for the berms. He stated every round stopped within the ranges of the property lines.

Commissioner Storter Long and Commissioner Beck both accepted the invitation to visit the shooting range.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated he felt his concerns regarding the range had been addressed. He questioned the shooting out of a helicopter.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the hours of operation.

Mr. Camillo stated shooting never commenced prior to 8 a.m. and that the times in the evening would change with daylight savings time. He stated they never shot after dark. He stated they had only been shooting on the weekends so far. He explained the use of the helicopters. He stated the range did afford law enforcement the ability to come out and train from helicopters. He stated this had only been done once. He stated he had contacted the Glades County Sheriff's Office and the Seminole Police Department prior to holding this training session. He stated he was willing to work with the County on any issues regarding the shooting range.

Mr. Davitian stated they had reached out and spoke with law enforcement agencies all over the State about the range. He stated law enforcement wanted the range because they did not have this type of facility where they could train their officers in long range shooting.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the NRA did random inspections of the property.

Mr. Camillo stated there were guidelines that he had to follow. He stated they did random inspections; however, he had not had one done yet.

Mr. Davitian stated the inspections were usually complaint based. He stated if the NRA had reason to believe that something was being done improperly they would visit the site.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated his insurance company came before there was a problem. He asked if the NRA inspected the site on a yearly basis.

Mr. Camillo stated the insurance had to be renewed yearly. He stated the NRA provided guidelines that had to be followed in order to renew the policy.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked if the last target on the range was located at 1,000 yards.

Mr. Camillo stated this was correct. He stated the length of the property was 1,680 yards so the berm was another 680 yards beyond the last target. He commented on the chance of ricochets. He stated a ricochet would follow the contour of the ground. He stated anyone was welcome to come and inspect the facility.

Mr. Davitian stated that any time shooting was taking place signs were put up on the access roads and at the gate.

Mr. Camillo stated he wanted to be in Glades County as a part of the community.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned how often the range was open for shooting.

Mr. Camillo stated he was usually there on the weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). He stated the use was usually controlled by the members.

Mr. Davitian stated the hours of operation were based on a schedule.

Mr. Camillo stated the range was not open just anytime anyone wanted. He stated he or his partner had to be present anytime anyone was on the range for shooting.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if they offered the training for people to obtain their concealed weapons permit.

Mr. Camillo stated he did offer concealed weapons permit training.

County Manager Carlisle clarified that this letter was not intended to say whether the shooting range was being operated safely or not. He stated the letter was being sent to find out whether the County needed to follow its Ordinances as far as where certain businesses were located and whether the County had the ability to do so. He stated the County wanted clarification as to whether or not there were processes that needed to be followed. He stated the presentation made today had been very informative and he did appreciate it.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the letter addressed to the Attorney General's Office and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

5. Service of Process (Notice) for Code Violations

County Manager Carlisle stated the Community Development Department had requested that the Board officially designate certain persons to hold the authority to serve notices of violation regarding code violations.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if these individuals would be required to obtain the same code enforcement certifications as the Code Compliance Officer.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Code Compliance Officer and the Community Development Director already had the certification. He stated the Sheriff's Department staff had authority to serve. He stated the Board could designate anyone they chose.

County Manager Carlisle introduced the new County Code Compliance Officer – Mrs. Kami Brown Zayas. He stated Mrs. Zayas would be attending the next available class for certification. He stated she was a long time resident of Glades County and that he looked forward to working with her.

Attorney Pringle clarified that even though the statute authorized the Board to designate others to serve notices the proposed motion was for the designation of the Community Development Director, the Building Official, and the Building Inspector.

Commissioner Storter Long expressed concern with the Building Inspector who may not be code knowledgeable of anything other than building codes.

Mrs. Williams, Community Development Director, stated this designation was just for the service of the notice. This designation would not be for enforcement of the code.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the official designation of the Community Development Director, the Building Official, and the Building Inspector as persons able to serve a Notice of Violation on behalf of the County to a violator of the Code of Laws and Ordinances.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

6. Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Grant

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received a \$5,000.00 grant that could be used for travel expenses, exercises, planning and other radiological preparedness for the County.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Grant (Contract No. 17-PP-V1-0-32-01-193) in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

7. Change Order #3 for B & I Contractors

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had a contract with B & I Contractors that was negotiated under the Competitive Negotiations Act. He stated the second change order was for direct purchases and tax savings. He stated this change order was for some air conditioning repairs at the Doyle Conner Building.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated this was the first step in some repairs that the County and Glades Youth Livestock were working on at the Doyle Conner Building. He stated Glades Youth Livestock had authorized the expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 for the repairs.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$10,475.00 for B & I Contracting for repairs to the air conditioning system at the Doyle Conner Building.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

8. Harney Pond Paving

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had asked him to look at the costs for repaving and reconstructing the road at the Harney Pond Canal. He stated the park got a lot of use. He stated the County had a contract with Lynch Paving and they were willing to do the paving as a piggy back to their existing contract with the County. He stated one cent funds could be used for the reconstruction of the road.

Commissioner Storter Long asked who would inspect the work.

County Manager Carlisle stated the engineers on the job, himself, and Avant Brown performed inspections.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the proposal from Lynch Paving for the repaving of the road at the Harney Pond Canal in the amount of \$159,769.00 to be funded using one cent funds.

Chairman Pryor questioned the appropriate time to do this work.

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, stated this would be the appropriate time. He stated he believed the County would be better off doing this type of paving versus the other type of surface treatment on this roadway.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

9. Budget Transfer Request

County Manager Carlisle stated this budget transfer would move the funds from the Public Works fund (other than building) to Capital Outlay – Harney Pond Paving.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the budget transfer from Capital Outlay Public Works Improvement other than building (one cent funds) to Capital Outlay – Harney Pond Road paving in the amount of \$159,769.00.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle stated he continued to proceed with the litigation matters and he would be glad to discuss them with the Commissioners on an individual basis if they had any questions.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated he had nothing at this time.

Joseph Pepe, Director - Glades County Health Department, gave a brief update on the Zika virus. He stated there had been a local transmission of the Zika virus in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and there was a single suspect case in Palm Beach County that was being confirmed. He stated he had shared the Emergency Response Play Book with the Emergency Managers in both counties since we were so integrated. He stated there was an escalation process should local transmission occur. He stated he did not feel that this was a high risk in the area because of population densities and travel patterns. He stated he would have further clarification later this week but it looked as if some additional funding had been freed up to help with vector control. He stated this would amount to approximately \$5,000.00 per month for the next 5 months.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had reached out to Clarke Mosquito Control to get a meeting next week to see what they could do for the County. He stated he was hopeful that they could do some targeted spraying throughout the County.

Dr. Pepe stated the strategy in Miami-Dade County was really “feet on the street”; drain and cover; and treating everywhere around the Windwood area. He stated it was a very localized strategy. He stated the good side to this was that the flight pattern of the mosquitos that they were concerned about was not very large.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned direct mailings to inform people.

Dr. Pepe stated he was doing that already. He stated they were also doing door hangers. He stated everyone who was out and about could help distribute the information. He stated media releases had been done and he was putting out flyers wherever possible. He stated he would look into the expense of a direct mail campaign if the Board wished to do so.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated public awareness of the problem was the key. He stated he had worked with the Mosquito Control Board in Glades County since its formation in 1976. He stated a lot of people raised their own mosquitos.

Dr. Pepe agreed. He thanked the Board for their support and stated he would keep them updated on the situation.

Libby Maxwell, SFWMD, gave a brief update on the discussions held at the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Plan meeting that was held in Okeechobee several weeks ago. She stated the WMD had indicated that within the next 90 days they would have some preliminary site projections for where these projects would be sited. She stated she would keep the Board informed as these plans came out. She stated there had been some talk of having more public meetings. She stated the recent meeting had been held at the Service Center on Hwy 98 and 2 different sessions had to be held

because there were over 100 people in attendance. She stated there were a lot of people in attendance from Fort Myers and the Treasure Coast. She stated she wanted the Board to stay involved in these discussions. She stated the District was looking at lands that they already owned first.

Commissioner Beck stated the WMD had a good PR set up. He stated there were a lot of properties scattered between the Kissimmee River and CR 721 going through the Reservation that were surveyed 10 years ago that had project names. He stated once a piece of property was surveyed and named it was a project. He stated the WMD owned 13,780 acres in Glades County and was wanting thousands more. He stated whenever WMD purchased property in Glades County, the County's tax base went down and jobs were lost. He suggested that the District give the County tax credits and some of the tax monies received. He stated WMD was its own taxing authority. He stated the County did not hire them and could not fire them. He suggested having the other 16 counties pay more taxes and fairly compensate Glades County for the properties that were being taken off of the tax rolls.

Ms. Maxwell stated she was preaching the same message. She stated this was her home also.

Commissioner Beck asked that the message be relayed to WMD that it was not fair for Glades County to have to pay the costs and everyone else to reap the benefits.

Ms. Maxwell asked that Commissioner Beck come to the next WMD meeting and convey that message. She stated her job was to be an advocate for Glades, Okeechobee, and Highlands counties. She encouraged the Board to participate in these public meetings. She stated this message needed to be heard.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what the likelihood was of these existing projects actually being used.

Ms. Maxwell stated the District had surplused some of the lands in Glades County. She stated she was encouraged by the fact that the District was looking at properties they already owned versus purchasing more lands.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if Ms. Maxwell could get her a list of the projects within Glades County that had been named.

Ms. Maxwell stated she could provide a spreadsheet that listed all of the projects, where they were in the funding cycle, how much had already been spent, and what the priority was as far as completion.

Commissioner Beck commented on the District's website.

Ms. Maxwell agreed that the website was difficult to navigate. She stated the District was in the process of adding a navigation tab to the website.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated the WMD would not know who Glades County was unless we showed up at the public meetings.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had told the WMD at both the public meeting and the scoping meeting that they needed to look north towards Orlando for water storage. He stated the District seemed to be targeting Glades and Okeechobee counties for water storage north of the lake. He had suggested that the District use the lands that they already owned. He stated he had suggested that the District regulate the coastal communities and the areas in Orlando that were developing as they further encroached into agricultural areas. He stated he had also told the District that if Glades County was the only one that could provide the clean water that was good for the entire state then Glades County should be duly compensated.

Ms. Maxwell stated the Joe Negron would be holding a press conference at 11:00 a.m. today in Stuart regarding a plan that he would be presenting to the legislature.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated she was very delighted to hear that Mrs. Zayas had joined the staff as the new Code Compliance Officer. She commented on a letter that each Commissioner had received regarding code violations in Washington Park. She stated a report had been done in 2009 showing that there were 133 lots that had been examined and many were in violation. She stated this report may help the new Code Compliance Officer in addressing some of the issues brought up in the letter. She stated the tone of the letter was not appreciated and she had done some research and found that none of the people who were complaining about issues in Washington Park actually lived there. She stated Ortona was looking forward to their political rally and was working on noise reduction in their new community building. She stated she had noticed that a lot of residents throughout the County did not have their addresses posted and expressed concern with this.

County Manager Carlisle stated this problem was being addressed. He stated it had been published in the local newspaper that the Code Compliance Officer would be enforcing the display of the addresses. He stated the County needed the addresses posted for public safety, if for nothing else.

Commissioner Storter Long asked that the addresses be reviewed on Muse Road (Corner Oaks area). She stated there were 5 digit numbers for a while then the addresses

changed to 4 digit numbers. She stated the 4 digit addresses had never been changed by the 911 Coordinator and this needed to be fixed.

County Manager Carlisle stated Mrs. Hubbard was working on the addresses in several areas. He stated this would be a long process.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated work had been started on the Moore Haven Canal project. He stated there were currently 191 inmates at the jail and the numbers seemed to fluctuate.

Chairman Pryor welcomed Mrs. Zayas to the County's team. He commented on the concerns about properties in Washington Park. He stated there were 3 properties that the County owned part of, some of, and all of. He asked that County Manager Carlisle give an update on these properties.

County Manager Carlisle stated the properties were located on Latem Bell. He stated the lots had been escheated back to the County and had been surveyed. He stated one building was in the road right-of-way and half on a lot; one building was on an entire lot (the building was dilapidated); and the third building was half on a lot that the County owned and half on a lot that the County did not own. He stated the properties could not be sold and the dilapidated building could not be demolished. He stated one of the buildings was being operated as a church under a lease agreement with the previous owner. He stated this building was continuing to be utilized. He stated the high grass could be mowed and the pepper bushes removed. He stated the small building that was wholly on County property could also be demolished and cleaned up. He stated that until the adjacent property escheated back to the County, the County really could not do anything with the properties.

Chairman Pryor stated he believed the County should be maintaining the property since it was County owned.

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 Stanley adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Weston Pryor, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: September 13, 2016

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