

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 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, September 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Court
Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Dewayne Pottorff
Pastor Charlie Watts
Jerry Randolph, Road Superintendent
Dr. Joe Pepe, Director – Glades County Health Department
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Brian Prowant, Environmental Health Director - DOH
Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director – City of Moore Haven
Stephen Brinn
4 citizens

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

PRAYER

Pastor Charlie Watts gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

County Manager Carlisle reminded the Board that the Tentative Budget Hearing had been rescheduled to tonight at 5:01 p.m. He stated the Final Budget Hearing that was to be held on Thursday night needed to be rescheduled. He requested that this item be

added under Public Hearings. He requested that an extension of SHIP encumbrances be added as Item # 15 under the Business Agenda.

Commissioner Pryor requested that an Update regarding Hurricane Irma be added under Presentations and Awards.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board amended the agenda as stated above.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1a. Update after Hurricane Irma/Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation by the U.S. National Guard

Charlie Watts, Pastor - First United Methodist Church, stated the church had been able to provide food, water, and cleaning supplies to approximately 200 families. He stated the church had provided flood buckets, tarps, and various other supplies. He stated churches from all over the area had donated. He stated the church had been able to help clean up about 30 yards. He stated the teenagers from the church had done the most clean up. He stated the youth group had done a fabulous job. He stated the church was still open for anyone who was in need. He stated the church had 4 donated generators which had been loaned out to people who did not have power. He stated chain saws had been donated as well and loaned out, as needed.

Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director - City of Moore Haven, stated that as of Friday the City's power had been fully restored. She stated there were a handful of customers that were not able to get power at this time. She stated 5 crews had come from Northwestern Iowa to help with electric restoration. She stated the City's Public Works crews were working 12 hour shifts picking up debris.

Dr. Joe Pepe, Director – Glades County Health Department, stated he was pleased to report that the Department had concluded special needs shelter operations. He stated over the last year preparations had been made at the Moore Haven Health Department so that it could be used as a shelter in the event it was ever needed. He stated a generator was lost at the West Glades shelter during the storm and at first light all of the clients had been transported to the Health Department. He stated there were no injuries or loss of life in Glades County during the storm. He stated he had been in conversation with Tallahassee for the past few days regarding resources for mosquito abatement. He stated he was working thru the details and hoped to have an answer very soon. He stated there were approximately 105 people sheltered during the storm. He stated the community had really pulled together to provide resources and services. He stated he had seen a significant acuity in the clients that were served at the shelters. He stated it had been a bit of challenge. He stated he was continuing to monitor all of the assisted living facilities to make sure that there were sufficient resources, ice, water, and fuel.

Brian Prowant, Environmental Health Director – Glades County Health Department, stated he was in contact with the Department of Agriculture regarding the process that he had to go thru regarding the mosquito abatement. He stated a lot of the areas in the western part of the County had flooded. He stated these places were on well water. He stated the testing fee would be waived for all private wells. He stated the building in LaBelle was damaged and inoperable. He stated they were in the process now of moving the drinking water lab to the Glades County Health Department. He stated this would take a few days to get set up. He stated the hours would need to be shortened and the lab would probably be open Tuesday thru Thursday. He stated some other counties in the area would also be using the lab. He stated he had not heard anything from the State regarding the waiving of fees for rebuilding permits for septic systems. He stated he would inform the Board as soon as he received information regarding the fees.

Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director, stated there were 2 POD's open in Glades County. He stated one of these was located at the Road Department and the other in Muse. He stated over 2,000 families had been served at the Road Department yesterday. He stated not all of the people were from Glades County but were neighbors and needed help. He stated there had been some questions regarding debris pickup throughout the County. He stated the Road Department's priorities right now were food, water, and getting electricity restored.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if it was possibly now for emergency vehicles to traverse Tom Coker Road.

Mr. Randolph stated the power lines were in the downed trees at the end of Tom Coker Road. He stated he was working with the power company to address the issue. He stated that as the power company cleared the power lines, the Road Department crew was clearing the road of debris. He stated emergency vehicles could access the road from the back side if they went around. He stated he had visited Muse on Sunday to make sure the roadways were clear and the generator was up and running at the Community Center. He stated he had also delivered tarps and water.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated it had been a long 2 weeks. He stated there were 3 trailer loads of water, ice, and MRE's on the ground. He stated approximately 15,000 – 20,000 tarps had been handed out. He stated the POD at Muse would probably be kept open at least through the end of the week. He stated the Division of Forestry had staff manning the POD. He stated FP & L stated it could possibly be 2 more weeks before power was restored to all of Muse. He stated the emergency personnel had been able to access areas in Muse with the assistance of Game & Fish vehicles. He stated all of the fire and EMS radios were up and running. He stated all of the shelters had been closed. He stated some supplies were being sent to other areas such as Venus that were in need. He stated there was still a small amount of supplies left in Buckhead Ridge and Lakeport. He stated if the need arose he would take more supplies to these areas. He stated he was working on getting a schedule to pick up all of the debris. He stated the water level was coming down on Curry Island, which was

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the main burn point for the County. He stated this was the 5th major storm he had been involved with. He stated the operations for this storm had probably gone as smooth as he'd ever seen. He stated everyone pulled together from the State level to the local agencies. He stated the employees that he had spoken with were very appreciative for the compensation received for working during the storm. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and efforts during the storm.

Chairman Ahern stated he appreciated everything Mr. Jones had done.

Commissioner Pryor agreed.

Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director, stated she was working on the claims for the damaged County buildings. She stated David Mercer, Building Inspector, was taking pictures of and assessing the damaged buildings. She stated she was still assessing the parks, boat ramps, community centers, and fire departments.

Sheriff Hardin thanked everyone from the Commissioners, County Manager, and all of the County offices. He stated there was a sense of cooperation and community that was overwhelming. He thanked Mr. Jones, his staff, and all of the EOC employees for their hard work. He stated the radios and telephone lines were back up. He stated there was still a curfew in place for Buckhead Ridge; however, it would be dropped in the near future since the power had been restored. He stated he understood that it maybe another 2 weeks before the electric in the Muse area would be completely restored. He stated a curfew may have to be put back in place for that area. He stated Floyd County, Georgia had sent 3 semis loaded with supplies and 14 men and women to help disburse the supplies.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if the prisoners had been returned to the facility.

Sheriff Hardin stated there were approximately 134 ICE inmates, 41 County inmates, and 20 U.S. Marshalls in the facility as of this morning. He stated the numbers were continuing to rise and he was expecting more ICE inmates tomorrow morning. He stated the Sheriff's Department had the opportunity to cook for the National Guardsmen on Sunday to thank them for their service. He stated the Sheriff's Department would be cooking pulled pork dinners for the crew from Georgia. He invited the Commissioners to attend. He stated the Sheriff from Polk County, Georgia was with them and he looked forward to working with them.

Vice Chairman Stanley thanked Sheriff Hardin and his employees for their hard work during the storm.

Sheriff Hardin again stated the feeling and sense of community had been a great experience.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated Bracken Engineering in Tampa had sent down 8 volunteers (6 engineers and 2 safety specialists) to help with

assessing the damage throughout the County. She stated they visited most of the County except for the Muse area. She explained that the team was looking at the structural safety of the homes. She stated if the damages were cosmetic, the home was not tagged. She stated the yellow tags were for restricted access. She stated the red tags were for homes that were deemed totally unsafe. She stated 42 homes were tagged with red flags. She stated there may be more homes in the Muse area that will need to be tagged. She stated 122 homes were tagged with yellow flags. She stated she had not seen a lot of people coming in for building permits yet. She stated the Department of Motor Vehicles had informed the Building Department that any permits pulled for damages to additions to mobile homes must be structurally engineered, if the replacement was not a like to like kind. She stated this would include roof overs on mobile homes. She stated the majority of the homes in the County were mobile homes. She stated the majority of the structural damages were due to falling trees. She stated there were also a lot of power lines down.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned if the structural engineered drawings were required for replacement only, or if this pertained to repairs as well.

Mrs. Williams stated a permit would be required for repairs also. She stated the requirement for a survey was being waived if the structure was being placed in the same foot print.

Commissioner Storter asked if there was a percentage of repair that required a permit.

Mrs. Williams stated the structural engineered drawings would be required for mobile homes, not site built homes.

Vice Chairman Stanley commented on the need for the permit. He stated the structures needed to be repaired and done so up to code.

Mrs. Williams stated a lot of the attachments, such as screen rooms, to the mobile homes had been blown away.

Gail Jones, Tax Collector, stated her office here at the courthouse was up and running and she would back to her Buckhead Ridge office tomorrow.

County Manager Carlisle echoed the sentiments of all of the County staff and the volunteers that had made this terrible event as bearable as possible. He stated getting back to normal would be a challenge. He stated he was running up against government bureaucracy on the federal level. He stated some of these issues had been raised on the daily telephone calls with the Governor's office. He stated he was finally getting some response on the debris monitoring request. He stated he appreciated the Governor's staff and Senator Rubio's staff for getting involved with this matter. He stated 120 National Guard troops had been housed in the Training Center. He stated these troops were supplying all of the brigades for South Florida from the Keys all the

way to Fort Myers and West Palm with water, food, and fuel. He stated they were very appreciative of the use of the building.

Chairman Ahern stated he had been on several calls with the Governor's office. He stated County Manager Carlisle had really done a great job leading the efforts.

County Manager Carlisle stated it was the staff that had made things happen. He stated Senator Grimsley would be here today if anyone wished to visit with her. He stated she would be in the conference room at 1:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated Emergency Management had sent out a notice that FEMA would be in certain neighborhoods on certain dates going door to door. He questioned how the entire Buckhead Ridge area would be covered in one day.

County Manager Carlisle stated Glades County had requested a disaster recovery center. He stated the County was switched to a mobile (door to door) center. He stated residents could apply on line or via telephone.

Chairman Ahern stated he had seen FEMA staff going door to door in Moore Haven on Sunday.

Commissioner Pryor commented on the National Guard using the Training Center for their troops. He stated the National Guard had presented the County with a Certificate of Appreciation. He read the certificate into the record. He expressed his appreciation for these guardsmen. He thanked the Sheriff's Department, U.S. Sugar, several local farmers, Ahern's BP & Service Center, and County Manager Carlisle for all of their efforts throughout and after the storm.

Chairman Ahern stated U.S. Sugar had really stepped up to help. He stated they helped at the Training Center and had provided a meal on Sunday to the Muse Community.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the dinner provided by U.S. Sugar. She stated over 300 meals had been served. She expressed her appreciation to U.S. Sugar for all of their assistance. She asked about the generator at the Muse Community Center.

Chairman Ahern stated he had talked with Mr. Randolph regarding the need for a different generator. He stated a bigger one would be placed at the community center.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the sense of community and how well everyone had worked together.

Chairman Ahern commented on the assistance from the Division of Forestry (Danny Calahan) and Ted Mudge from Muse. He stated Paul McGahee, Glades Electric, had reported that the power in Glades County had been 99% restored. He stated there

were a few isolated places that would take a little longer to service. He stated Glades Electric had 265 men working from here, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana. He stated they had used the Alvin Ward Park as a staging area. He stated Glades County was a lot better off than Hendry and Highlands counties. He stated the West Glades School had held a fund raiser yesterday and raised \$350.00 for the purchase of mosquito spray, socks, and chap stick for the linemen. He stated the Catholic Church would begin distribution of supplies at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. He stated he had spoken with Mr. Norris, Director of the Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District, and was informed that they were trying to spray daily. He stated the Moore Haven Mosquito Control District was spraying on a daily basis as well. He commented on the need for repairs at the Harney Pond Canal Boat Ramp.

County Manager Carlisle stated there were some major repairs needed on the docks. He stated he appreciated the fact that the residents wanted the boat ramp opened, but there was no way to regulate where the people went. He stated the primary focus for the County right now was to get roads opened and power restored. He stated there were other boat ramps available within the County. He stated the County's insurance company would not allow staff to open the boat ramp at Harney Pond Canal until it was safe.

Chairman Ahern stated Dyess's Ditch, Sportsman's Village, and Indian Prairie boat ramps were all open.

Jeff Patterson, citizen of Lakeport, stated he had been sending customer's to the Sportsman's Village and Dyess's Ditch boat ramps. He stated the problem seemed to be that the ramp at Harney Pond was closed right on top of the levy. He stated these people were having to back a boat back down the levy. He stated there was an FWC officer sitting past the restroom facility that wanted to make an arrest if the people tried to go up past the barricade to turn around. He stated he felt there was a better way to handle the situation, even if the ramp needed to remain closed.

County Manager Carlisle stated he could have the closure barricade moved back closer to the parking lot area, so that people could turn around before getting on the levy.

Mr. Patterson stated he completely understood the need for the closure. He thanked the Board and County Manager Carlisle for their assistance with this matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1b. Reschedule Final Budget Hearing

County Manger Carlisle requested that the Board reschedule the Final Budget Hearing. He stated the hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday, September 21st. He stated the meeting had to be held after 5:00 p.m. He suggested the date of Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:01 p.m. He stated the hearing could be advertised in Sunday's newspaper.

Chairman Ahern called for public comment. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board rescheduled the Final Budget Hearing for Wednesday, September 27th at 5:01 p.m.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve County Warrants – See Exhibit A**
General Fund: 81637 – 81730
Buckhead Ridge Utility: 228
SHIP: 1692 - 1694
- 2. Approved Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- 3. Approved Minutes of the August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.**

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.

Chairman Ahern asked if there was any public input on any of the Business Agenda items. There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 4. Resolution No. 2017- relating to the County’s Child Support Depository Funds**

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated 20 years ago the voters had adopted a constitution revision that changed the Clerk’s funding from the County to the court system. She stated this year, Clerk’s Offices were at the lowest funding in 20 years. She stated her budget for the court side this year would be the current year’s budget less 3% and she would have to absorb the retirement and health insurance increases. She stated this would total an approximate \$40,000.00 reduction in her budget. She stated the Department of Revenue reimbursed the Clerk a percentage every year of child support costs. She stated for the past several years this percentage had been 87%; however, this year the percentage had been reduced to 19%. She stated this meant the Clerk’s Office owed DOR \$30,000.00 for last year. She stated she had been aware of this and had put back approximately \$40,000.00 to cover this reimbursement. She stated the future reimbursement from DOR would amount to approximately \$9,000.00 - \$10,000.00 per year. She requested that the Board allow her to keep that funding for her court operations. She stated a proposed resolution had been included in the Commissioner’s packets.

Chairman Ahern read the title of the resolution into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2017-25, relating to the County's Child Support Depository Funds.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Ms. Brown thanked the Board for approving the resolution.

5. Resolution No. 2017- regarding Development Support

County Manager Carlisle stated an applicant had applied to the State to construct a medical marijuana center for the cultivation and transport of low-THC cannabis in Lakeport. He stated the center would be located on a commercial piece of property that the applicant owned. He stated the applicant was asking for support. He stated the structure would be approximately 10,000 square feet and would employ approximately 60 people. He stated there would be no distribution or consumption of cannabis on site. He stated this would be a growing facility where the cannabis would be cultivated and then distributed to the suppliers. He asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution in support of the business. He stated there were a very limited number of these facilities that would be constructed throughout the state and the applicant still had to receive approval from the state before construction would begin.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had toured one of these facilities. He commented on how highly regulated the facility was. He stated the building had high fences and was kept very clean.

Pamela Anselmo, Attorney for the Applicant, stated the building, in accordance with state regulation, would have to be secured 24/7. She stated at least 2 security guards would have to be on the property at all times. She stated the facility had to be fully monitored and connected with the Sheriff's Office. She stated there were video surveillance and all employees would be screened. She stated the facility would consist of an indoor grow facility and the greenhouse would be set back from visibility. She stated the site would be fully monitored and fully secured.

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

Commissioner Pryor clarified that this resolution was simply supporting the applicant's desire to locate the facility in Glades County.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct. He explained that there was a point system developed for the application process. He stated one of the point's criteria was whether or not the applicant had support from local government for the facility. He stated this resolution would show Glades County's support of the facility and allow the applicant to receive those additional points. He stated there would be a competitive selection process to decide where these facilities would be located. He stated there

would only be 17 of these facilities throughout the entire state. He stated Glades County would like to have the jobs, the ad valorem tax revenue, and the support of the local businesses in the County.

Commissioner Storter Long stated this was a relatively new crop for the state. She asked if the facility would be considered agricultural or commercial and questioned whether the zoning for the property was appropriate.

Ms. Anselmo stated the facility would be zoned commercial. She stated because the crop would be grown indoors it would not fall under agricultural zoning. She stated a portion of the property was already zoned commercial and a portion of the property would have to go through a small land use amendment to amend the zoning.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2017- 26, Supporting the development of the property located at 2254 County Road 721, Glades County (District 13) as a Medical Marijuana Center to cultivate, process and transport low-THC cannabis, medical cannabis and cannabis delivery devices in accordance with a license issued by the State of Florida Department of Health (the MMTC Business); providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. Award Bid to Weekley Asphalt Paving for Overlay

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had held off on doing the roads in Washington Park in anticipation of the sewer project that was in the works. He stated the County Road Department could no longer maintain the pot holes. He stated the main road that went into Washington Park would not be paved at this time because of the lift station and the main line that would be installed with the sewer project. He stated the County would funds to pave the entire neighborhood if and when they received the CDBG grant; however, the time frame was uncertain. He stated the County needed to do an overlay on the roads. He stated this contract was a piggy back off of the Weekley Asphalt contract for the improvements being done on Highway 27.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if these funds would come out of this year's budget or next year's budget.

County Manager Carlisle stated the funds would come from this year's budget.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the repaving project for Huggins Avenue, Hendrix Street, Latum Bell Street NW, Green Street, Williams Street, Thomas Street, Wilson Street, and Pierce Street in Washington Park and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. Notice of Award and Agreement on Aspen Boulevard and Birchwood Parkway

County Manager Carlisle stated this Notice of Award was a part of SCOP and SCRAP program. He stated these proposals had been put out for bid and had come in higher than the funds that were allowed. He stated the Board had received the agreement for the additional funds for this project from DOT. He stated DOT would not fund the alternative pavement, only the overlay. He stated he was speaking with a contractor about doing the additional County owned roads in the area at the same as these roads. He stated if the homeowners' association would like to do their roads at the same time he would be more than happy to work with them on that as well.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the Notice of Award to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC for \$2,304,270.88; the agreement between Glades County Board of County Commissioners and Ajax Paving Industries, LLC; the Performance Bond; the Payment Bond; the Notice to Proceed for the Aspen Boulevard and Birchwood Parkway Project; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Senior Management Position

County Manager Carlisle stated when the title of the Road Superintendent position had been changed to Public Works Director, the position was designated as a Senior Management Position with the Florida Division of Retirement. He stated due to the change in title and job description the Board needed to re-advertise the position as such.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved designating the Public Works Director as a Senior Management Service Class with the Florida Division of Retirement.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. State Aid Library Grant

County Manager Carlisle stated this grant was applied for every year and had met the eligibility requirements and been awarded to the County.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement between the State of Florida Department of State and Glades County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Glades County Public Library and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. PRM Insurance Renewal

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the County's annual renewal for Workers Compensation, Property Insurance, and Liability insurance. He stated the renewal was due September 15th; however, due to Hurricane Irma it was not completed in time. He stated this would not be an issue with PRM. He asked that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal. He stated the rate had only increased by 4%. He stated the County had been very fortunate and had seen the lowest increase of any of PRM's clients this year. He stated this was a testament to how the employees were taking care of themselves and not filing claims and worker's compensation claims.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the PRM Insurance renewal for FY 17/18 County Insurance (Property, Liability and Workers Compensation) and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

11. SHIP and CDBG Satisfaction

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated she had 2 SHIP mortgages and 1 CDBG mortgage that were up for satisfaction. She stated the applicants had followed all terms and conditions of the mortgage and successfully completed the program.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the satisfaction of a CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$60,137.50 and a SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00 – Deborah Batson; the satisfaction of a SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00 – Bonita V. Hyatt; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

12. SHIP Annual Reports

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, stated she and Michael Chaney from the State had been working very hard on these reports for the past 8 months. She stated she had been able to close out FY 2013/2014, close out FY 2014/2015, and start the interim for FY 2015/2016 and FY 2016/2017, which would allow the County to receive its FY 16/17 funding.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he really appreciated Mrs. Whidden's efforts in getting these reports caught up and closed out.

Chairman Ahern noted that on page 6 of the FY 2013/2014 Closeout Report that Belinda Navarro's name was spelled incorrectly.

Mrs. Whidden stated she realized the error but had to go with what was written on Mrs. Navarro's folder.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the FY 2013/2014 SHIP Annual Report Closeout, FY 2014/2015 SHIP Annual Report Closeout, SHIP FY 2015/2016 Interim-1, SHIP FY 2016/2017 Interim-2, and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. Budget Transfer of Funds for E911 GeoComm Support and Century Link PSAP Support

Mrs. Whidden explained that when this grant was applied for she had followed last year's information. She stated the County must pay these funds up front and then be reimbursed by the grant.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$47,677.56 (for GeoComm support in the amount of \$24,457.00, Century Link annual billing for maintenance on PSAP hardware in the amount of \$8,808.27, and Century Link annual billing for maintenance on VIPOR PSAP in the amount of \$14,412.29) from General Contingency fund to E911 fund that will be reimbursed from a State grant.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

14. Deletion of outdated Air Packs

County Manager Carlisle stated there were several air packs and face masks that had reached the end of their useful life and needed to be destroyed per Florida Statute 274.06.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board accepted the deletion of and declared the following 6 outdated air pack frames: Serial #112460, Serial #03054, Serial #176250625, Serial #10024153, Serial #129308, and Serial #6BA189; 5 masks, and 13 air bottles, as surplus property to the County; the items are to be removed from the County's inventory and destroyed and disposed of under Florida Statute 274.06 by the Public Safety Department.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

15. Extension of SHIP Funds encumbrance

Mrs. Whidden requested an extension of 90 days for all encumbered SHIP funds due to Hurricane Irma.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved a 90-day extension for encumbered SHIP funds due to Hurricane Irma for the following applicants: 2017-DEMO-1 (Hall); 2017-DEMO-2 (Rodriguez); 2017-DPA-2 (Kelly); and 2017-REHAB-1 (Parker).

Commissioner Storter Long asked if any of the projects under construction had suffered any damage from the storm.

Mrs. Whidden stated she had visited the sites and none had been damaged.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Whidden informed the Board that she would be attending a conference call with the State this morning at 11:00 a.m. regarding the possible disbursement of hurricane funds.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Carlisle mentioned that U.S. Sugar had supplied the first load of ice to Glades County after the storm. He stated Glades Electric had stepped up and allowed the County to use their refrigerated trailer to store the ice until staff could get it distributed.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth thanked everyone that helped in distributing all of the supplies in Lakeport and throughout the County. He stated he believed the operations during and after the storm had gone very smoothly. He stated there seemed to be a great sense of community. He stated it was a really good feeling to be a resident in a community like this.

Vice Chairman Stanley thanked the staff and all of those involved for everything they had done throughout the storm. He commented on the complaints he had received from some of the elderly residents regarding the heat and loss of power. He stated these people needed to realize that if they were going to stay during a storm that they may not have power for days or sometimes weeks after one of these storms. He stated if these residents could not sustain themselves for 2 – 3 weeks after a storm they probably needed to go somewhere else.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked the employees from the top all the way to the bottom. She stated it was almost incomprehensible how well and smoothly things had gone. She thanked the Constitutional Officers that had helped. She stated she appreciated Pastor Charlie's prayer this morning and stated she was very thankful for the County's recovery efforts.

Commissioner Pryor agreed. He commented on the residents in our communities not fussing and fighting and how they came together and reached out to help others. He stated he would like to see the Board present Certificates of Appreciation to U.S. Sugar, Glades Electric, and any others that helped during and after the storm.

Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director, stated she had a list of everyone involved. She stated the Emergency Management staff would be working on certificates and recognizing these businesses and individuals.

Chairman Ahern stated it was amazing to see the EOC staff in action. He stated there were volunteers, the Red Cross, the Army Corps of Engineers, EMT's, and the Fire Departments. He stated it had been a total group effort and had been great to see everyone working together to help others.

Sheriff Hardin stated he felt the Board would be remiss if they did not recognize Governor Scott, Pam Bondi, Adam Putnam, Congressman Rooney, Senator Rubio, and Denise Grimsley.

Chairman Ahern stated the Governor's office had done a great job in reaching out to everyone.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: October 10, 2017

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