

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 6:00 P.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 Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary  
Paul Carlisle, County Manager  
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director  
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director  
Dewayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy – GCSO  
Chris Felker, Okeechobee News  
2 citizens

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

**PRAYER**

Commissioner Storter Long 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 requested that 3 items be added to the agenda. Item #8 – Resolution No. 2017- authorizing the Chairman to sign revisions to the agreement with FDOT for additional funding for Aspen Boulevard and Birchwood Parkway paving projects; Item #9 – Resolution No. 2017- amending AIM Engineering’s agreement to remove their construction oversight (Aspen Boulevard); and Item #10 – Resolution No. 2017- amending AIM Engineering’s agreement to remove their construction oversight (Birchwood Parkway).

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

There were none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approved County Warrants (See Exhibit A)**
2. **Authorized the Chairman to sign year-end Warrants**
3. **Approved the July 11, 2017 Budget Workshop Minutes**
4. **Approved the August 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth 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 called for public input on the Business Agenda Items. There was none.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

5. **Property placed on List of Lands Available for Taxes**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a strip of land on SR 80 that consisted of approximately 8 acres. He asked if the Board if they wished to purchase the property or waive their right to purchase.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the property would escheat to the County after a certain period of time. She questioned the 90 day time frame.

County Manager Carlisle stated he was not sure why he had not received the item sooner.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board waived the Board's right to purchase the property on Tax Deed 2015-28.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**6. Utilize Extension allowed by OMB for Procurement Compliance**

County Manager Carlisle stated this item had come up in the audit. He stated the auditors had suggested that the County amend its purchasing policy to incorporate how it managed grants. He stated he would like to take a look at the policy. He asked the Board to utilize the grace period thru December so that the policy could be revised.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if this policy covered all purchases. She questioned reviewing the local preferences.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct. He stated the State had disallowed local purchasing preferences for any state or federal contract. He stated the Board could only give local preference on county contracts.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board authorized use of the grace period allowed thru December 25, 2017 by the Office of Management and Budget and agreed to follow the procurement standards of the previous OMB agreement until the procurement policy can be revised.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**7. Agreement for Disaster Debris Monitoring**

County Manager Carlisle stated he had made several attempts to bid out this service and had not received any responses. He stated he had contacted FEMA months before this recent storm to ask if some of the programs offered were FEMA compliant. He stated he was not able to get an answer. He stated he had asked the Governor to get involved and FEMA had finally responded. He stated FEMA had informed him that because of where Glades County was located it could sole source this bid. He stated it could be piggy backed; however, if there was a default in the piggy back contract, the County would be subject to the default. He stated he had chosen to do sole source. He stated the County would still have to go out for bid for a contractor. He stated before the Board had a sole source contract with Thompson Consulting. He stated they would be here on Wednesday for a kick off meeting for the debris collection.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what the term “monitoring” meant in this agreement.

County Manager Carlisle stated the contractor would be responsible for measuring the trucks, counting loads, filling out load tickets, making sure trucks were completely empty, and making sure no ineligible debris was collected.

Commissioner Storter Long asked who the contractor was that would be doing the debris pickup.

County Manager Carlisle stated the contractor was Crowder Gulf.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if this would accrue in the costs that would be reimbursed from FEMA.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct. He stated 75% would come from FEMA, 12.5% would come from the State and 12.5% from the County. He stated the Governor may waive the 12.5% match.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the agreement for disaster debris monitoring between Glades County and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**8. Resolution No. 2017-**

County Manager Carlisle stated this resolution would cover Aspen Boulevard and Birchwood Parkway for the additional funding from FDOT for the paving of these roads. He stated this was something new that FDOT had just started requesting. He stated the resolution authorized the Chairman to sign any amendments to the two agreements.

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

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2017- 27, approving the contract amendments with the Florida Department of Transportation for projects 431891-1 Aspen Boulevard and 431890-1 Birchwood Parkway and any amendments thereto; authorizing the Chairman to sign; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflict; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**9. Amendment #1 with AIM Engineering (Birchwood)**

County Manager Carlisle stated AIM Engineering had originally put in a proposal to do both design, engineering, and construction management; however, FDOT had made a regulation that the same company that did the design on a project could not do the construction engineering and project oversight. He stated this amendment would remove the construction oversight for this project.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved amendment #1 to the agreement between Glades County and AIM Engineering for project 16-0470 – Birchwood Parkway and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**10. Amendment #1 with AIM Engineering (Aspen)**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved amendment #1 to the agreement between Glades County and AIM

Engineering for project 16-0370 – Aspen Boulevard and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. (See Exhibit D)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Carlisle thanked staff and the Board for the support they had given throughout the recent storm. He stated the community had really come together. He stated it had been refreshing to see everyone come together. He stated he realized the clean-up seemed slow and arduous but it was an event that impacted the entire State. He stated he appreciated the staff and the sacrifices that had been made.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no discussion.

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Strenth thanked all of the residents of Glades County for their understanding with the recovery process.

Vice Chairman Stanley thanked the staff for all of their hard work. He stated Buckhead Ridge Community Center would be hosting a dinner on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. He asked if anyone knew if Muse would be having a meeting this month.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the next meeting in Muse would be held in October. She stated the Glades County Woman’s Club had hosted a free dinner at the Muse Community Center. She stated the dinner had been pretty well attended. She thanked everyone for their efforts during and after the recent storm.

Commissioner Pryor thanked everyone and the citizens of the County for their hard work and efforts throughout the storm.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she did not believe the County was really on a 5 year work plan anymore with the Road Department. She stated with the anticipation of increased revenue from fuel taxes she believed the Board needed to review the current plan. She commented on the grading expenses in the Muse area. She suggested acquiring some of the private roads in the area.

Chairman Ahern stated GCDC had received the inmates back and the population was currently at 510. He stated there were 40 County inmates and approximately 20 U. S. Marshall inmates. He stated the extra inmates would probably be there for a while due

to storm damage at the Chrome Facility. He stated GCDC had lost an estimated \$360,000.00 in revenue due to the storm. He echoed the other Commissioner's and County Manager Carlisle's comments regarding the staff. He stated Mrs. Colegrove and her staff had done a great job, as well as Mr. Jones and his staff. He stated Mr. Randolph had also worked day and night getting things done and put back together. He stated the Sheriff's Department had also gone above the call of duty. He stated he appreciated everyone's hard work.

**ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: November 14, 2017

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