

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, October 22, 2018
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Martin Murphy, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Susan Whidden, BOCC Administrative Assistant
Archie Branch, Public Works Director
Duane Potorff, Sheriff's Department
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services
Dale Malita, CAS Governmental Services
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
Travis Hendry, Courthouse Custodian
7 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Pryor gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Strenth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**
 - a. **General Fund: 84300 – 84425**
 - b. **General Fund ACH Payments: 68 – 76**
 - c. **Intergovernmental Radio: 10364 – 10366**
 - d. **Tourism Development Council: 1066**
 - e. **Buckhead Ridge Utility Authority: 241**
2. **Approved the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Regular Meeting**
3. **Approved the minutes of the September 28, 2018 Public Hearing and Special Meeting**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Chairman Ahern abstained from voting on an invoice to Ahern’s Service Center in the amount of \$13.00. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

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

There was none.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **Resolution 2018- Appointing Mrs. April McDuffie as the alternate member representing the Fisheating Creek Outpost on the TDC Board**

County Manager Murphy stated Mrs. McDuffie was the replacement for the Board member who was not able to attend the meetings at this time.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Mrs. McDuffie’s application was not attached to the agenda item summary sheet. She stated the attachment was for the next agenda item.

County Manager Murphy stated he had Mrs. McDuffie’s application.

Chairman Ahern stated the Board had voted on and approved this appointment at the previous meeting; however, a Resolution was required.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2018-16, appointing Mrs. April McDuffie as the alternate member representing the Fisheating Creek Outpost on the TDC Board; providing for scrivener’s errors; providing for conflict; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing an effective date (October 22, 2018); and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

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Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he had received a letter regarding the appointment of a representative on the Agricultural & Labor Board.

County Manager Murphy stated the position would require more time than what was originally anticipated. He stated he had taken no further action.

Chairman Ahern stated this was the same committee that Cindy Ricker had been appointed to.

County Manager Murphy stated most of the meetings were held on Friday and Saturday. He stated Ms. Ricker would receive compensatory time for her time.

There was a discussion regarding the payment of time and lodging and meals for these meetings.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the board was a privately funded board that assisted with migrant housing. He suggested keeping Ms. Ricker on the board until another person could be appointed to fill the position.

5. Extension of tax roll prior to completion of Value Adjustment Board Hearings

Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector, stated this was the first time that she had ever had to request an extension. She explained that the tax bills were put in the mail on October 31st; however, because the Value Adjustment Board was not going to meet until November 14th, she would require an extension. She stated Chapter 197.323 Florida Statute provided for the extension of the tax roll by the Board. She stated the tax bills would be mailed October 31st and the tax payer would still have the 4% discount. She stated when the Value Adjustment Board met on November 14th and possibly on December 19th if the values were adjusted, the Property Appraiser would provide the correction and re-certify the roll. She stated a new tax bill would be processed to those that were changed.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the extension of the tax roll immediately as authorized by Chapter 197.323, Florida Statutes.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. December Board Meetings

County Manager Murphy stated the December 11th meeting also fell during the Legislative Week in Tallahassee which he and several Commissioners would be attending. He requested that the December 11th meeting be postponed until December 18th.

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Commissioner Storter Long stated the Employee Luncheon could also be held on that day.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved rescheduling the December 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Board meeting to December 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and cancelled the December 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court stated Mrs. Patterson had emailed all of the Commissioners the one cent sales tax schedule. She asked if anyone had any questions.

There were none.

Chairman Ahern stated there were currently 481 inmates at the jail facility.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Murphy stated he had provided a copy of the 2 proposals received for the electronic locking system for the Extension Office. He stated the bid had been awarded to Southwest Florida Custom Electronics in the amount of \$2,693.50. He stated the schedule for completion would be decided when the parts arrived.

Chairman Ahern thanked Mr. Jones for his efforts with this project.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated African attacked bees had attacked a gentleman in Lakeport today. He stated the bees were very aggressive. He stated he had a bee company coming in tomorrow to eradicate the hive.

Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services, stated the Waste Water Agreement had been emailed by DEP on Friday for Avenues N, O, S, and 4th Street. She stated once the County finished its process the agreement would go back to Tallahassee for final signatures. She stated the Notice to Proceed could then be issued. She commented on the legislative delegation hearings. She stated once the elections were concluded the Board would need to prepare its delegation packet.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he had asked CAS Governmental Services to look into getting a grant for some playground equipment at Buckhead Ridge.

Mrs. Vanassche stated the grant was open from October 1st – 15th and would not be open again until next year.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long invited everyone to attend the Glade's Salute to Veterans on November 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Building. She stated the people of Ortona had indicated that they were willing to help in any way they could on the grant application for the derelict boats in the River. She asked if there was a start date for the Muse Firehouse building.

Mr. Jones stated the Notice of Commencement for the Muse Fire Department had been signed and he believed the building would be completed within the next 30 – 60 days.

Commissioner Pryor commented on the African bee infestation. He asked if a County employee could be certified to eradicate these bees, when needed.

Archie Branch, Public Works Director, stated he would check with Tycee Prevatt, Extension Agent, to see what certifications would be needed.

Commissioner Strenth had no comments.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the voting machines had been certified on Friday. He invited everyone to attend the Buckhead Ridge Community meeting on Thursday evening. He stated the Heartland Regional Transportation representatives would be here tomorrow to meet with County Manager Murphy and Mr. Branch to review the SCOP/SCRAP projects.

Commissioner Pryor stated the Board had voted to fund \$20,000.00 to Good Wheels and had been willing to help. He commented on an email he received indicating that Glades County was not helping them.

Chairman Ahern stated Attorney Pringle was continuing to work with Mr. Cortez on the hotel contract.

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 9:52 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: November 26, 2018

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