

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 2017  
at 6:00 p.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  
Susan Whidden, Administrative Assistant  
Keri Vanderhoff, SHIP Coordinator  
Jerry Randolph, Public Works Director  
Chris Felker, Okeechobee News  
Dewayne Pottorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO  
1 citizen

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

**PRAYER**

Commissioner Storter Long 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. Approve County Warrants (See Exhibit A)  
General Fund: 81896 – 81984**

**Intergovernmental Radio: 10338**  
**Buckhead Ridge Utility Authority: 229**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor 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**

**2. Resolution No. 2017- Oposing actions that do not provide solutions for excessive water releases to Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River Estuaries**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a revised version of the previous resolution. He stated Commissioner Storter Long had provided several comments which had been included in this resolution.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Resolution 2017- 31, opposing actions that do not provide solutions for excessive water releases to Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River Estuaries.

Commissioner Pryor abstained from voting due to a conflict. He stated his family owned some property in the projected areas that would be affected by the water releases.

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Pryor abstained from the vote. (Exhibit B )

**3. Modification No. 2 to Sub-grant Agreement between the Department of Economic Opportunity and Glades County**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was the final agreement for the CDBG grant for the Loves Travel Stop infrastructure and the Americas Gateway Business Park. He stated this agreement amended the work plan to match the invoicing.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Modification No. 2 to Sub-grant Agreement between the Department of

Economic Opportunity and Glades County and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**4. Law Enforcement Trust Fund Request**

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a standard request that the Sheriff's Department did every year.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Sheriff Department's request in the amount of \$369,531.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**5. Core Contract for FY 2017/18 Florida Department of Health**

County Manager Carlisle stated this contract had the same terms and conditions as last year's contract. He asked that the Board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Contract between Glades County BOCC and the State of Florida Department of Health and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**6. Purchase of storage shed for Ortona Cemetery**

County Manager Carlisle stated when the additions were done to the pavilion at the Ortona Cemetery it was decided that folding chairs would be used instead of benches. He stated Commissioner Strenth had offered to donate the folding chairs. He stated a request had been made during the budget hearings for funds from the One Cent Fund to purchase a storage shed for the chairs. He stated Mrs. Whidden had received 3 quotes. He recommended purchasing an 8' x 10' shed. He stated Central Mobile Homes had provided the lowest price. He stated their quote was in the amount of \$2,040.00. He stated he wanted to have the chairs available prior to the Veteran's Day ceremony at the cemetery.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked where the shed would be placed.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would like to put the shed right behind the pavilion on the street side.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the shed would be placed on the grass.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct and that the shed would be placed on blocks and anchored.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested placing the shed near the restrooms. She stated she did not want the view of the flag raising blocked by the shed. She commented on the color of the shed. She suggested that the two buildings be color matched.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would try to get the colors to match as much as possible.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested getting a quote on purchasing some racks for the chairs.

Commissioner Strenth stated he would donate enough racks for the chairs.

Chairman Ahern suggested getting a door large enough on the shed to accommodate the racks.

County Manager Carlisle recommended that the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase of the storage shed.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board authorized staff to purchase a storage shed in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 (including all review and permit fees) that would accommodate chairs, racks, and wheels and that would match the other buildings.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**7. Budget Transfer Request from One Cent Fund (for purchase of storage shed for Ortona Cemetery)**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the transfer of funds in an amount up to \$5,000.00 from the One Cent Fund to the Ortona Cemetery for the purchase of a storage shed.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**8. E911 Maintenance Quotes and Text 2 911 Quotes**

County Manager Carlisle stated he and Mrs. Whidden had met with Venture Technologies regarding these services. He stated Venture Technologies had provided a much better proposal and program. He stated the County had been with Century Link and had faced some concerns and challenges with their ability to provide the services. He stated the County had also been paying maintenance fees and maintenance had not been provided; repairs were just being made when something was in need of repair. He stated Venture Technologies had assured him that they would be out monthly to do maintenance. He stated the quote from Venture Technologies for the Text 2 911 was also substantially lower than Century Link.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the quote and contract with Venture Technologies in the amount of

\$29,100.00 for maintenance and the quote and contract with Venture Technologies in the amount of \$27,880.00 for Text 2 911 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**9. Budget Transfer Request for E911 Maintenance Contract**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had just approved the maintenance agreement with Venture Technologies which was covered under a reimbursable grant. He asked that the funds be transferred to cover the cost.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the transfer of funds in an amount up to \$29,800.00 from General Contingency Fund to E911 Fund that will be reimbursed by grant funds.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**10. SHIP Mortgage Satisfactions**

Keri Vanderhoff, SHIP Administrator, stated the following recipients were up for mortgage satisfaction:

William V. & Lela M. Brown  
SHIP \$30,000.00 Maturity 10/19/2017  
CDBG \$51,790.50 Maturity 10/19/2017

Eric E. & Ashley Christensen  
SHIP \$30,000.00 Maturity 9/12/2017

Celest F. Dotson  
CDBG \$19,127.50 Maturity 10/18/2017  
SHIP \$30,000.00 Maturity 10/18/2017  
CDBG \$37,000.00 Maturity 10/18/2017

Rosalie Drayton  
CDBG \$19,123.00 Maturity 10/18/2017  
CDBG \$37,000.00 Maturity 10/18/2017  
SHIP \$30,000.00 Maturity 10/18/2017

Aurelia Lopez  
SHIP \$30,000.00 Maturity 10/19/2017  
CDBG \$42,950.00 Maturity 10/19/2017

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the satisfactions of William V. & Lela M. Brown – SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00 and CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$51,790.50; Eric E. & Ashley Christensen – SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00; Celest F. Dotson –

CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$19,127.50, SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00, and CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$37,000.00; Rosalie Drayton – CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$19,123.00, CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$37,000.00, SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00; and Aurelia Lopez – SHIP Mortgage in the amount of \$30,000.00 and CDBG Mortgage in the amount of \$42,950.00; and authorized the Chairman to sign the Satisfactions on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**11. Request to Amend the BOCC Meeting Schedule and County Holiday Schedule**

County Manager Carlisle stated there were two dates that conflicted with the County approved holidays. He stated December 25<sup>th</sup> fell on a Monday this year. He stated the Court System was giving Monday and Tuesday off this year. He stated the Board meeting could be rescheduled for Wednesday of that week or the Board could authorize cancellation of that meeting. He stated the other date in conflict was May 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated this meeting could be moved to the following Tuesday if the Board so desired.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Commissioner Pyror the Board approved cancelling the Monday, December 25, 2017 meeting; rescheduled the Monday, May 28, 2018 meeting to Tuesday, May 29, 2018; authorized following suit with the Court System on recognizing Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as County holidays; and authorized the Clerk to advertise the revisions.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Carlisle stated he, Mrs. Whidden, and Ms. Braddock had been meeting with companies regarding electronic recordings of the meetings. He stated he had one or two more meetings scheduled and would be bringing the item back to the Board for review.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Strenth presented birthday cards to Mrs. Whidden.

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Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Buckhead Ridge Community Homeowners' Association would hold their monthly meeting on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. He stated the potluck dinner would be served at 6:30 p.m. He stated they would also have a Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the church on October 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated he would be attending a Heartland Regional Transportation meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked if the other commissioners were copied with the documents that he received from Heartland Regional Transportation. He stated the 5-year plan had been sent to him and wanted the other commissioners to have a copy. He stated FHERO would also hold a meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Starter Long stated the Muse Community Association would host a Trunk or Treat event as well on October 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated the Glades County Woman's Club would host their annual High Heel-a-thon on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She stated this event would be held in the Moore Haven City Park. She stated there would be a ceremony for Veteran's Day at the Ortona Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. She stated the annual Veteran's Day Dinner would be held at the Doyle Conner Building at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pryor stated the Elementary School's Halloween Carnival would be held on Thursday night at the City Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ahern stated the population at GCDC continued to hold steady. He stated the Education Foundation had held a successful dinner on Saturday night and had raised approximately \$18,500.00 on their auction.

**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 6:40 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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