

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 2016
at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Weston Pryor, Chairman
John Ahern, Vice Chairman
Donna Storter Long

Not present:

Paul Beck

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Lenice Hubbard, Administrative Assistant – County Manager’s Office
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Dr. Joe Pepe, Director - Glades County Health Department
J. D. Langford, AIM Engineering
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Tim Stanley
4 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Case Number RZ 16-02 – Wayman Road

Attorney Pringle swore in 2 witnesses that would be testifying during this public hearing – Inga Williams and County Manager Carlisle.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, submitted the staff report for the record. She stated this was the last inconsistency rezoning for Wayman Road. She stated State law required 2 public hearings for County initiated rezoning petitions over 10 acres. She stated this was the first of these hearings. She stated the Board had approved the large scale plan amendment last month. She stated this rezoning was consistent with the future land use.

Chairman Pryor asked if there had been any ex parte communication. There was none.

Chairman Pryor called for public input. There was none.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if there had been any public input at the Planning & Zoning Board hearing.

Mrs. Williams stated there was some confusion at the Planning & Zoning Board hearing about this hearing notice being on the same legal advertisement as the cannabis ordinance.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board set the second public hearing for Case Number RZ16-02 – Wayman Road for December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Pryor called for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Storter Long – Yes

Vice Chairman Ahern – Yes

Chairman Pryor - Yes

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 79571 – 79683
SHIP: 1665
Tourism Development Council: 1040
Intergovernmental Radio: 10313-10314

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Law Enforcement Trust Request (Sheriff Stuart Whiddon)

Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff, presented a Law Enforcement Trust request in the amount of \$149,101.00. He stated the Byrne Grant matching funds totaled \$140,348.00, the Crime Prevention Program Grant totaled \$4,087.00 and the Drug Prevention Program Grant totaled \$4,666.00. He stated most of these funds were used in the schools.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Law Enforcement Trust request in the amount of \$149,101.00.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

Sheriff Whiddon asked if Attorney Pringle had reviewed the new Bryne Grant. Attorney Pringle stated he would review the grant and write an opinion so that the Sheriff could move forward with the grant.

4. Glades County Public Library Advisory Board Re-appointments

County Manager Carlisle stated there were 2 individuals up for re-appointment to the Library Advisory Board – Julie Perry and Jerri Lynn Schlueter. He stated the term would be 5 years.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the 5 year term re-appointment of Julie Perry and Jerri Lynn Schlueter to the Glades County Public Library Advisory Board.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

5. Budget Transfer Request

County Manager Carlisle stated the Planning & Zoning/Building Department's copy machine had recently been replaced. He asked that the Board consider moving \$688.00 from the General Fund to the Building Department budget to cover the expense of a new contract for a copier.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the transfer of \$688.00 from the General Fund to the Building Department budget to cover the expenses for a new copier.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

6. Budget Amendment Request for Building Fund (Resolution 2016-35)

County Manager Carlisle stated this item was for approval of a Resolution regarding the budget amendment. He stated the cost of the copier was being split with the Planning & Zoning Department.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved Glades County Resolution No. 2016-35 amending the 2016-2017 Building Department budget.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

7. \$30.00 Surcharge Transfer for 2016/2017 Budget

County Manager Carlisle stated these were the funds collected from the \$30.00 surcharge placed on traffic tickets. He stated the funds were used to cover contractual services at the courthouse. He asked that the Board transfer \$89,903.00 from the \$30.00 Surcharge (restricted funds) to the listed departments.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the transfer of \$89,903.00 from the \$30.00 Surcharge (restricted funds) to the following departments: \$20,120.00 to Court Administration; \$3,342.00 to the Circuit Judge; \$8,150.00 to the County Judge; \$10,005.00 to Probation; and \$48,286.00 to Courthouse Maintenance.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

8. Conservation Management Plan – Vance Whidden Park

County Manager Carlisle stated he had been working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Department of Parks to get these plans completed. He stated this plan covered Vance Whidden Park (Curry Island). He stated after approval the plan would be submitted to the State for acceptance.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the Conservation Management Plan for Vance Whidden Park (Curry Island).

County Manager Carlisle stated he would be working on the Harney Pond Management Plan next and would bring the plan to the Board for approval in the near future.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

9. Conservation Management Plan – Glades County Welcome Center

County Manager Carlisle stated this plan had been prepared by Mr. Gaskins and others in his group. He stated the TDC funded the first year and a half of the lease for this property. He stated Mr. Gaskins and his group would be responsible for lease payment from now on. He stated Commissioner Storter Long had corrected some typographical errors in the plan.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the Conservation Management Plan for the Glades Welcome Center (formerly the Cypress Knee Museum) with the revisions suggested by Commissioner Storter Long.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

10. Mortgage Satisfaction

Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator, requested that the Board satisfy 3 SHIP mortgages – Marlynn Perkins, Robert Williams, and Andrew Taylor. She stated these individuals had completed the requirements of the SHIP Program.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved satisfying 3 SHIP mortgages for the following individuals – Marlynn Perkins, Robert Williams, and Andrew Taylor and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

11. SHIP Mortgage

Mrs. Whidden stated she had made the requested revisions to the mortgage form. She stated she had received an email from the State regarding some training in West Palm. She stated the program was looking into adding additional requirements to the policy and procedures section regarding arrests and felons. She stated there was a possibility there would be some changes after she attended this training.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the revisions she had suggested were included in this version of the mortgage and loan agreement.

County Manager Carlisle stated the corrections were included in this document.

Mrs. Whidden stated the clause regarding death of the borrower had been put back into the document. She stated upon death of the borrower, if the heirs did not qualify for assistance under the program, the entire principal balance would be due within 60 days.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board approved the Glades County SHIP Mortgage and Loan Agreement and authorized the County Manager and SHIP Administrator to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

12. SHIP Mortgage Settlement

Mrs. Whidden explained that the first mortgage holder (Centerstate Bank) had foreclosed on this property. She stated Centerstate Bank had contacted her and County Manager Carlisle regarding an offer in the amount of \$5,000.00 to satisfy the SHIP loan. She stated the bank could then sale the property and get it back on the tax rolls.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved acceptance of the settlement offer by Centerstate Bank in the amount of \$5,000.00 on property located at 598 Avenue M, Moore Haven and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle stated Mrs. Whidden had done a great deal of work in trying to get all of the SHIP documents into compliance. He stated a lot of changes had been made to the documents to try and make them better. He reminded the Board that these documents were “living documents” and subject to revisions in the future.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated the County’s representative on the Agricultural Housing Committee had recently resigned. He stated he would put this item on the Board’s next agenda and encouraged the Board to start thinking about who they wanted to appoint. He stated the Committee preferred that the representative be a Commissioner.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how often the Committee met.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Committee met once a quarter.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would consider the appointment if no one else was interested.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would be leaving this afternoon for Louisville, Kentucky to visit Jaeger, a company that offered manufacturing and different training courses. He stated the company may be interested in offering some training at the Training Facility.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked about the progress with the Welding School.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had attended a customer appreciation event that Direct Industrial Solutions had hosted in LaBelle. He stated he had spoken with the owner about offering welding classes at the Training Center. He stated the owner seemed to be very interested and stated he would review the proposal.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked if a date had been set for the demolition of the old motel.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had the contract ready to mail out but did not have a date certain for demolition.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if anyone had attended the FDOT meeting in LaBelle regarding the improvements to SR 29.

County Manager Carlisle stated FDOT had given the same presentation at the last Board meeting and had provided a disc with additional information so he had not attended.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the widening into 4-lanes would go just past the entrance to Whisper Creek RV Park.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was correct.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated the ceiling in the Ortona Community Building was very nice and everyone was very appreciative of it. She stated the new floor installation would begin tomorrow.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked Sheriff Whiddon what the population was at the GCDC Facility.

Sheriff Whiddon stated they had received 17 more inmates last night bringing the total to approximately 292.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the numbers had been holding better at the facility. He asked that J.D. Langford give an update on the Moore Haven Canal Project.

J.D. Langford, AIM Engineering, stated he would be visiting the site again after the meeting today. He stated he had met with the Superintendent approximately a week and a half ago. He stated the contractor had run into some problems with the lake water levels. He stated the contractor had to change out the construction methods. He stated a road had been built up on the western side to be able to access all the way down the canal. He stated the cuts were being made and the contractor should be moving to the

east side soon to access and construct a berm. He stated there would be a meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Army Corps of Engineers' campground. He invited Vice Chairman Ahern to attend.

Chairman Pryor stated he and County Manager Carlisle had attended a Water Summit in Fort Myers recently. He stated the meeting had been quite interesting. He stated everyone from farmers to hotel owners to fishing guides had attended. He stated the event had been hosted by the NewsPress. He stated they tried to get everyone together to come up with a solution. He stated everyone had an opinion and no solution had been found but the ideas were very interesting.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Pryor adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: November 28, 2016

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