

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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, November 26, 2018
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Not present:

Weston Pryor

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Martin Murphy, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Archie Branch, Public Works Director
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Shelly Ridgdill, Sheriff's Office - Finance Director
David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff
Aletris Farnam, Glades County Supervisor of Elections
Gene Schriener
4 citizens

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Stanley 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

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There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approved payment of County Warrants (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 84548 – 84685
ACH Payments: 80 – 85
E911: 123
SHIP: 1766 – 1768
Small Cities CDBG Grant: 113 - 116
2. **Approved the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Regular Meeting**
3. **Approved the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting**
4. **Approve Schedule of BOCC Regular Meetings for 2019**

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Second Floor, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida. The dates and times for the meetings for 2019 are as follows:

January 8 at 9:00 a.m. and
January 28 at 6:00 p.m.
February 12 at 9:00 a.m. and
February 25 at 6:00 p.m.
March 12 at 9:00 a.m. and
March 25 at 6:00 p.m.
April 9 at 9:00 a.m. and
April 22 at 6:00 p.m.
May 14 at 9:00 a.m.
May 28 at 6:00 p.m. (Moved to Tuesday due to Memorial Day)
June 11 at 9:00 a.m. and
June 24 at 6:00 p.m.
July 9 at 9:00 a.m. and
July 22 at 6:00 p.m.
August 13 at 9:00 a.m. and
August 26 at 6:00 p.m.
September 10 at 9:00 a.m. and
September 23 at 6:00 p.m.
October 8 at 9:00 a.m. and
October 28 at 6:00 p.m.
November 12 at 9:00 a.m. and
November 25 at 6:00 p.m.
December 10 at 9:00 a.m.
December 23 at 6:00 p.m.

5. **Records Disposition Document 2018-4 Human Resources Office – See Exhibit B)**
6. **Delete the following Surplus Property Record Items:**

- #3002 – Toshiba Telephone System – Building & Zoning Department**
- #3513 – Dell Laptop Computer – Emergency Management**
- #2455 – Lumen Projector – EMS/Emergency Management**
- #2480 – Ambulance Cot – EMS**
- #1427 – Hurst Jaws of Life – Ortona Fire Department**

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 4 – 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

7. Resolution No. 2018-18 Amending Sheriff Budget

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, stated this resolution would amend the Sheriff's budget to reflect grants he had received throughout the year.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2018-18 Amending the 2017/2018 Sheriff's Budget.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

8. Resolution No. 2018-19 Amending the 2017/2018 County Budgets

Ms. Brown stated this resolution was required at the end of the fiscal year to show line item expenditures and any revenues received.

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

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2018-19 Amending the 2017/2018 County Budgets.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

9. Sheriff's Request for Law Enforcement Trust funds

Sheriff Hardin requested \$6,258.00 from the Law Enforcement trust fund to be used for Drug & Crime Prevention Programs.

Commissioner Storter asked if any of these funds could be used for the Explorer Group.

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Sheriff Hardin stated he had looked into funding options for the group and had some very encouraging prospects. He stated the Explorer Group would kick off after the new year.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the Sheriff's request for funds in the amount of \$6,258.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust fund to be used for Drug & Crime Prevention Programs.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

10. Acknowledge Receipt of the 2018 Annual Financial Reports

Ms. Brown stated the Annual Financial Reports were required at the end of each fiscal year. She stated any funds left over were refunded to the County.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board acknowledged receipt of the following 2018 Annual Financial Reports: Clerk of Court; Property Appraiser; Sheriff; Supervisor of Elections; and Tax Collector.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the Clerk of Court had given back \$45,937.38; Property Appraiser - \$14,769.00; Sheriff - \$137,501.08; Supervisor of Elections - \$0; and the Tax Collector - \$6304.97.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

11. Award Bid for Publishing Delinquent Tax Assessments (2018)

County Manager Murphy stated that pursuant to Florida Administrative Code 12D13.03 the Board of County Commissioners shall select the publisher and advertise property and delinquent taxes as provided by Chapter 50 of the Florida Statutes. He stated the Board shall select the newspaper in which said advertisements shall be placed no later than the first Board meeting in February. He stated on November 21, 2018 bids had been opened. He stated 2 bids were received: Hendry Glades Sunday News in the amount of .12 cents per line for Real Estate taxes and .12 cents per line for Tangible taxes and the Lake Okeechobee News (formerly Glades County Democrat) in the amount of .10 cents per line for Real Estate taxes and .10 cents per line for Tangible taxes.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board awarded the bid for the publication of the Delinquent Tax Assessments (2018) to the Lake Okeechobee News in the amount of .10 cents per line for Real Estate taxes and .10 cents per line for Tangible taxes.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

12. Agreement with Foster & Foster to prepare the Other Post-Employment Benefits Report for 2018 and 2019

Ms. Brown stated this report was required every year for the audit. She stated Foster & Foster had prepared the report for years. She stated the proposed price for 2018 was

\$8,300.00. She stated the price for 2019 would go back to the interim price if there were no substantial changes.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved the extension of the agreement with Foster & Foster to prepare the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Report for 2018 and 2019 and a cost of \$11,800.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

13. Approve Satisfaction of CDBG Mortgage

County Manager Murphy asked that the Board approve the satisfaction of a CDBG mortgage for Vera Broughton in the amount of \$71,600.00. He stated Ms. Broughton had successfully completed all terms of the mortgage.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved satisfaction of the following CDBG Mortgage: Vera Broughton in the amount of \$71,600.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

14. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated these certificates were a state requirement for EMS operations. He stated he had gone out 4 years on these certificates.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the following: Glades County Emergency Medical Services, Okeechobee County, Seminole Tribe, West Coast Southern, and Positive Mobility beginning January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2023 and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

15. Award Bid for Catering Services for the Holiday Luncheon

County Manager Murphy stated several proposals had been solicited to cater this year's holiday luncheon. He stated one proposal had been received from Kurbside Treat's in the amount of \$1,725.00. He requested that the Board approve the expenditure.

There was a discussion regarding the number of guest that would attend.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested that only County employees and Constitutional Officers and their employees be invited.

Ms. Brown stated in the past the School Board employees and the City of Moore Haven employees had been invited. She stated it would be entirely up to the Board who to invite.

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Sheriff Hardin stated the Sheriff's Office would be hosting their own luncheon.

Ms. Brown stated everyone in the courthouse and the County Agent had been invited in year's past.

It was the consensus of the Board to invite the same guests as last year.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board awarded the bid for catering services for the Glades County Holiday Luncheon to Kurbside Treats in the amount of \$1,725.00 for 125 guests and authorized County staff to follow up and make final arrangements for the luncheon.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the required deposit.

County Manager Murphy stated he would ask about having the deposit waived.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS / DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sheriff Hardin recognized Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections, for the job she did on the recent recount. He stated he was proud to be a part of the process and believed it had been done very professionally. He stated there were currently 491 inmates at the jail facility. He stated of the total, 28 were US Marshalls, 41 were County inmates, and the remainder were ICE inmates.

Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections, thanked Vice Chairman Stanley for being a part of the Canvassing Board this year. She stated she would be leaving for a conference on Saturday and was sure the recount would be a popular topic.

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated he would be taking Medic 1 up to Sanford after December 4th to begin the remount process. He stated the truck should be back sometime in early June.

Chairman Ahern stated the hotel project seemed to be moving along well.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Murphy stated there had been recent developments in the Public Safety Department as it related to the Animal Control Officer. He stated he had received a letter from City Councilman Eighner advising that the City had added \$3,100.00 to their budget for an increase in the hourly wage of the County's Animal Control Officer by \$1.50/hour. He stated Mr. Eighner had requested better presence of the Officer in the City when the Sanitation truck was running. He stated he would be responding to Mr. Eighner's letter next week. He stated he would advise him that the Animal Control Officer was currently

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working with at least 3 different agencies to investigate the opportunities of running a spay/neuter program for the County. He stated the services would be offered at minimal cost. He stated he hoped to begin the program by February or March. He stated the Public Safety Director was preparing a Procedures Manual that outline the general procedures and policies that governed the way the Animal Control operation was managed. He stated the manual would describe in detail the responsibilities and duties of the Animal Control office and protocols for receiving, logging, dispatching, and responding to calls. He stated once the manual was finalized, supervision and management of the Animal Control Officer would be overseen by the County Public Works Department. He stated was working with Wright Construction to address leakage from a shut off valve in the standing pipe in the fire lane water system at the Training Center. He stated they were trying to contact the sub-contractor that Wright Construction had used on the installation of that infrastructure. He stated he would be reviewing the original contract to verify that the work was still under warranty. He stated he had requested some proposals from qualified companies to redesign the County's website to ensure ADA accessibility compliance to WCAG standards and provide regular audits to verify continued compliance. He stated Glades County would save \$103,000.00 according to a report by the Florida Association of Counties as a result of the defeat of Amendment 1 on the 2018 ballot. He explained that Amendment 1 had proposed an increase of the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000.00 up to \$125,000.00 for all levies other than school districts. He stated Mr. Branch had scheduled pressure washing projects for the Library and the Doyle Conner Building during the month of December. He stated the days of bundled Constitutional Amendments would end under a Bill filed by Senator Bradley. He stated he, along with other Commissioners, would be attending the Florida Association of Counties legislative conference starting tomorrow.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked how the Animal Control Officer was compensated for time worked on Saturdays.

County Manager Murphy stated the employee would earn compensatory time if more than 40 hours was worked. He stated one of the proposals the City had suggested was that the employee be scheduled to work ½ on Saturdays to cover the City. He stated there would be no real benefit to this. He stated he could not guarantee any hours for any specific location within the County.

Chairman Ahern stated the City would be flexible on the hours. He stated they also understood that the County could not give a \$1.50/hour raise.

County Manager Murphy stated if the Board wished to entertain the idea of having the employee work 4 hours on Saturday, they could simply reduce the hours worked during the week.

Chairman Ahern stated the City would probably put funds into facility improvements, if needed. He stated the City had purchased the truck for the Animal Control Officer and they paid \$25,000.00 per year towards the position's budget.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested that the City allow the Animal Control Officer to be their employee. She asked how many of the calls were in the City and how many were outside City limits. She commented on not receiving a monthly report anymore. She clarified that the County did not have any mutual aid agreement for animal control with any municipality or political subdivision. She stated it was up to the County to take care of the calls.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had received a phone call from Tom Gaskins with a question about his address. She stated GeoComm had renumbered every address within the County in 2008. She stated Mr. Gaskins had one parcel of property with 3 houses on it and had been given 3 numbers at the time. She stated she had referred him to Susan Whidden. She stated Mrs. Whidden was not able to assign addresses due to the fact that she had no GIS training. She suggested that Mrs. Whidden be allowed to obtain the training. She asked if the contract would cover training.

County Manager Murphy stated the contract did not provide for any training.

Chairman Ahern stated GeoComm provided the numbers.

Commissioner Storter Long asked what they were being paid and exactly what they were being paid for.

Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director, stated GeoComm was paid \$24,000.00 and funding was covered under one of the 911 grants.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association had not yet received a phone bill. She stated the OCA was also having a contest for someone to create a logo. She stated the prize would be \$100.00.

Vice Chairman Stanley invited everyone to attend the Buckhead Ridge Homeowners' meeting on Thursday. He stated a potluck dinner would be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m. He stated he had not had much more communication with Water Management District regarding the Access Road. He stated he had watched the tapes of the Governing Board meeting. He stated the October 10th meeting had a discussion regarding the issue. He stated one of the members had suggested that WMD use land they already owned to create the reservoir. He stated this reservoir would be 10 feet deep and cover 4,000 acres. He stated he could live with this idea.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned how many septic tanks would be in the first phase of the new proposed development at Buckhead Ridge.

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Vice Chairman Stanley stated there would be 90 septic tanks in the first phase.

Commissioner Strenth stated there was nothing major going on in Lakeport. He asked Mr. Jones if he had ever come up with a proposed schedule for the replacement of ambulances and fire trucks.

Mr. Jones stated he had sent the schedule to Mr. Carlisle but it was never funded in the budget. He stated he would be writing another grant to do another ambulance remount. He stated the Board needed to start putting some funds aside for replacement units in the near future. He stated the oldest engine was a 2000 and was located in Moore Haven. He stated Ortona would need an engine sooner or later.

J. C. Long, resident of Ortona, asked when a discussion was going to be held about getting some new firemen. He stated he lived near a fire station but it was not manned.

Diane Cianfrani, stated the discussion had been brought up numerous times. She stated the Board had spent \$30,000.00 on a study 4 years ago and information from that study could be used to update the reports. She stated the Board needed to get a MSBU in place. She stated some would be better than none.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated a new study would be needed because agricultural lands could no longer be taxed. He stated he believed the Board should look into special districts. He stated it was not fair for one community to pay for everyone else in the County to have fire services.

Chairman Ahern explained that there was a process that would have to be completed to create a special district. He commented on some information that had been gathered from the Property Appraiser's office.

There was a discussion regarding countywide fire services and the assessment of a MSBU.

Mr. Jones stated the level of service needed to be decided upon first.

Chairman Ahern suggested holding a workshop on this topic sometime in January.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested holding the workshop after the day meeting in January.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a workshop to discuss countywide fire services on January 8th immediately following the Board meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned the high bids on the park restrooms. She stated there had been some discussion about possibly building them in-house.

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Mr. Branch stated he had spoken with H.L. Bennett about drawing up some specs. He stated Mr. Bennett would be donating his services since the restrooms were for the public.

Chairman Ahern commented on the CDBG grants that the City and County both had for waste water. He stated there would be a request for more funding from the legislature this year. He stated a study had been done to go further south of town with the project. He commented on the list of items that would be presented at the legislative session.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ahern adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

John Ahern, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: January 8, 2019

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