

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 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 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Avant Brown, Glades County Road Superintendent
Dave Hardin, GCSO (Sheriff Elect)
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Susan Whidden, SHIP Administrator
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Libby Maxwell, SWFMD
Dale Milita, CAS Governmental Services
Connie Vanaschee, CAS Governmental Services
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
Lori Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser
Jack Lundy, Glades County Judge
Al Brown, Washington Park Coalition for Progress
Jim Hull, AIM Engineering
20 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Sheriff Elect David Hardin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Vice Chairman Ahern requested that one item be added to the agenda - Item #16 – GCDC Board Appointment.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board amended the agenda as requested.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Swearing in of Commissioners Tim Stanley, Donald Strenth, and Weston Pryor

Chairman Pryor turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Ahern.

Vice Chairman Ahern introduced Judge Jack Lundy who came forward to swear in the new commissioners.

Donald Strenth was sworn in as Glades County Commissioner for District 3.

Tim Stanley was sworn in as Glades County Commissioner for District 5.

Weston Pryor was sworn in as Glades County Commissioner for District 1.

2. Presentation to Commissioner Paul Beck

County Manager Carlisle read the proclamation recognizing Commissioner Paul Beck's service to the Board into the record. He stated Mr. Beck had served as a Commissioner from November 16, 2004 through November 22, 2016.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board approved the Proclamation recognizing Commissioner Paul Beck's service.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Pryor stated the Board would now break for a reception in the hallway.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Starter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board recessed the meeting for the reception.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

The Board meeting recessed at 6:12 p.m.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board reconvened the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approved minutes of the September 12, 2016 Public Hearing and Special Meeting**
4. **Approved minutes of the October 24, 2016 Regular Meeting**
5. **Approved minutes of the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting**
6. **Approved County Warrants (See Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 79684 – 79854
Intergovernmental Radio: 10315-10316
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1459
Buckhead Ridge Utilities: 218
SHIP: 1666 - 1667
7. **Deleted items from Property Records & Declare Surplus (Sheriff's Office) (See Exhibit B)**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

8. **Resolution No. 2016-36 – Amending Sheriff's 2015-2016 Budget**

County Manager Carlisle stated this Resolution was for some additional revenues received by the Sheriff's Department for the 2016-2016 Fiscal Year.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-36 Amending the Glades County Sheriff's 2015-2016 Budget.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if this was money for the per diem rates that the Board had allowed the Sheriff's Department to keep rather than refund.

Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director, stated this was the Sheriff's annual refund.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the funds that were to be kept by the Sheriff were already in the budget.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how much these funds amounted to.

Ms. Brown stated the amount was \$14,348.00.

Commissioner Storter Long stated again that this was money that the Board had approved the Sheriff to keep and not refund to the County.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated these were different funds. He stated this was not funds left over from the per diem.

Commissioner Storter Long asked how much the per diem refund would have been.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the inmate population had been fairly high for the past 8 or 9 months.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to know how much the refund would have been.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

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

9. Resolution No. 2016-37 Amending Revenues, Expenditures, and Approving Budget Transfers to Amend the 2015-2016 County Budgets

County Manager Carlisle stated this was part of the process in balancing the County's 2015 – 2016 budget.

Commissioner Stanley questioned the figures under Parks and Recreation. He stated the salaries totaled approximately \$40,000.00 and the social security totaled more than this. He questioned if the social security figures should have been divided among other departments.

Mrs. Patterson stated this was a typo in the original budget and had been corrected for next year's budget.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-37, Amending Revenues, Expenditures, and Approving Budget Transfers to amend the 2015-2016 County Budgets.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

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

10. Resolution No. 2016- Tourism Development Council (TDC) Board Appointment

County Manager Carlisle requested that the Board appoint Mrs. Bowers to the Tourism Development Council. He stated the County had tried for a long time to get someone from the Seminole Tribe to serve on this Board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2016-38, Appointing Mackenzie Johns-Bowers to the Glades County Tourism Development Council.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Pryor read the title of the resolution into the record.

11. Acknowledge Receipt of the following 2016 Annual Financial Reports: Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector

County Manager Carlisle stated this notice simply acknowledged receipt of the Annual Financial Reports from the various named agencies.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board acknowledged receipt of the following 2016 Annual Financial Reports: Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

12. 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

County Manager Carlisle stated this grant was briefly discussed at the previous meeting. He stated the County was acknowledging that it did not have any policies or requirements to circumvent the ICE requirements for reporting and that the County Attorney would provide a letter stating this no later than March of 2017.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Ahern the Board approved the Certificate of Acceptance of Sub-grant Award and the Attestations and Certifications for the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. Glades County Legislative Delegation Meeting

County Manager Carlisle stated the County's Legislative Delegation Meeting was set to be held on January 6, 2017. He reminded the Board of the items that were currently on the agenda and asked that if anyone had any issues that they wished to add that they submit those to him prior to the December 20th deadline. He stated any additions could be added at the December 13th Board meeting. He stated the only item not on the list was the support of economic development for rural counties.

Chairman Pryor stated he wanted to make sure that support of the Small County Coalition was on the list.

County Manager Carlisle stated that item was listed, as well as, support of the City of Moore Haven's legislative issues.

Vice Chairman Ahern asked if support of the School District's legislative issues should be added.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had not received a request from the school this year. He stated he would contact them and add them to the list.

Chairman Pryor stated he would like to ensure that support of the School District's legislative issues were on the list.

No motion was required for this item.

14. 2017 Board Appointments

Chairman Pryor asked who made the Board appointments.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Chairman of the Board made the appointments. He stated there were several vacancies with the election of Commissioner Strenth. He asked that each Commissioner review the list and score the appointments within the next week. He stated he would make a list after receiving each Commissioner's choices.

Commissioner Storter Long pointed out that some of the appointments were relative to certain districts.

No motion was required for this item.

15. Board of County Commissioners Night Meeting December 2016

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board typically chose to not hold the night meeting in December because of the holidays. He stated this year's meeting actually fell on one of the holiday days.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Board could authorize signing anything that was needed at the first meeting in December.

Ms. Brown stated the only authorization she knew of that would be needed prior to the end of the year would be for the payment of County warrants.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved not having the Board of County Commissioners December 2016 night meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

16. GCDC Board Appointment

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the GCDC Board had voted to add Russell Echols to the GCDC Board. He asked that the Board approve this appointment.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board acknowledged and approved the GCDC Board's appointment of Russell Echols to the GCDC Board of Directors.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle thanked Commissioner Beck for his service. He stated he had enjoyed working with Commissioner Beck over the years. He welcomed Commissioner Stanley back to the Board and Commissioner Strenth to the Board. He stated he would be glad to answer any questions Commissioner Strenth may have.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle echoed Attorney Pringle's comments. He stated he was looking forward to working with Commissioner Strenth and the rest of the Board in moving this County forward. He stated it was really good to have a full Board back. He commented on his recent trip to Kentucky to visit with a training company that offered some great training opportunities. He stated the training focus would be on hydraulics and some basic electrical/circuitry courses. He stated the course work and curriculum that this training company could provide was fairly inexpensive. He stated the students could complete the course work on-line and their skills tests at the facility. He stated the plans were at about 60% for the welding and diesel mechanic shop and the rest of the infrastructure at the Training Center. He stated the Loves Travel Center continued to move forward. He stated the lift station had been set and the water and sewer was going in. He stated the culvert connection at Highway 27 was complete. He stated the Moore Haven Canal project was doing well. He stated he was looking forward to the new year.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long reminded everyone of the Annual Employee Luncheon after the next Board meeting. She commented on a request made by a representative from the Muse Community Association at the last Board meeting regarding having their own

Commissioner. She stated she had first thought that they were talking about re-districting; however now, she believed the representative was requesting that Muse have its own single district. She commented on the new floor and ceiling in the Ortona Community Center. She stated it was so quiet in the building now and the people were very pleased. She invited everyone to a spaghetti dinner at the Ortona Community Center on the second Saturday in January.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated the population at GCDC had increased. He stated the Moore Haven Canal project was coming along. He stated he would get some pictures of the project to Lenice so that she could send them to each Commissioner. He commented on working with the legislators and the Corps to get additional funding to keep the project going. He stated the demolition of the hotel was getting closer to being done. He welcomed Commissioner Stanley back to the Board and welcomed Commissioner Strenth to the Board. He stated he was looking forward to working with them in the future.

Commissioner Stanley asked if any aerial photos had been taken of the Moore Haven Canal project.

Vice Chairman Ahern stated there had been some taken by Alvin Ward and he would make sure each Commissioner got those photos as well.

Commissioner Storter Long stated Alvin Ward would be the grill master at a fundraiser on Friday. She stated the meal would consist of ½ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and bread for \$8.00. She stated the proceeds would be used to offset the costs of Veterans' events.

Commissioner Stanley stated he was very glad to be back. He welcomed Commissioner Strenth to the Board. He stated he was looking forward to working with everyone. He stated the Boat Parade would be held in Lakeport on December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend. He stated the Buckhead Ridge tower should be completed in March. He stated his cell phone for the County had just been turned back on today. He stated he had 40 plus messages and wanted to let everyone know he was not ignoring them and would be answering the phone in the future.

Commissioner Strenth stated he was proud to be a part of the Board and was looking forward to working with the Commissioners.

Chairman Pryor welcomed Commissioner Stanley back to the Board and Commissioner Strenth to the Board. He stated he was looking forward to working with both of them. He stated he and County Manager Carlisle had attended an event in Tallahassee put on for new commissioners by the Small County Coalition. He stated Commissioner Strenth had also met them there. He stated the event had gone very well.

Commissioner Storter Long reminded the Commissioners about the Port LaBelle Ranchettes meeting that would be held on December 3rd. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Chairman Pryor stated he would be out of town and would not be able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long explained that their issue was that their property was zoned residential and someone was complaining about the horses, goats, and cows that were out there.

County Manager Carlisle stated one of the suggestions made to address this issue was rather than rezoning the entire neighborhood, a clause be added to the residential zoning classifications that would allow for a special exception. He stated an acreage size could be added and the special exception would cover farm animals and 4H/FFA animals. He stated the special exception would be for each type of animal. He commented on overlays. He stated the easiest way to address this issue would be to change the zoning ordinance to residential and then allow for the exceptions.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested that the neighborhood pay for the rezoning and that the issue be kept out-of-house.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County was working towards a solution to these issues.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded Commissioner Storter Long by the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Pryor adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Weston Pryor, Chairman

ATTEST:

GLADES COUNTY COMMISSION – NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: December 13, 2016

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