

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015 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, July 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Tim Stanley, Chairman
Donna Storter Long
Paul Beck
John Ahern

Not present:

Weston Pryor, Vice Chairman (via telephone)

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
Ellen Beers, Planning & Zoning Board
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
Avant Brown, Glades County Road Superintendent
James Hull, AIM Engineering
Libby Maxwell, South Florida Water Management District
Aletris Farnam, Road Department

Dale Milita, CSG Governmental Services
Connie Vanassche, CSG Governmental Services

2 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Pryor was present via telephone.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Honoring the 100th Birthday Celebration of Clara Mae McPherson

Chairman Stanley read the proclamation into the record. He stated Mrs. McPherson would celebrate her 100th birthday on August 1, 2015. He stated Mrs. McPherson was married to Willie McPherson and blessed with 10 children and over 200 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Two of Mrs. McPherson's grand-daughters were present to accept the plaque.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Consider Adopting Stormwater Drainage (New Code Chapter 31) and Erosion Control (New Code Chapter 32) Ordinance

County Manager Carlisle stated the County was required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt a new ordinance related to the discharge of stormwater and other unpolluted water into the Glades County stormwater drainage systems to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and to provide Glades County with improved water and air quality by minimizing the environmental risks of erosion, air pollution, and sedimentation on construction and demolition sites and activities under the authority of the County. He pointed out that agricultural clearing had been left out of the ordinance. He stated this ordinance was strictly for construction which required a County permit.

Chairman Stanley called for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned planting an acre and a half garden. She asked if because it was more than an acre if she would be required to follow the ordinance.

County Manager Carlisle stated the ordinance would govern construction activities only and not general agricultural uses.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2015-4, creating provision of a new Chapter 31 of the Glades County Code concerning stormwater drainage and a new Chapter 32 concerning soil erosion, waterway sedimentation, and airborne dust generation.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

3. Adopt Current Year Proposed Millage Rate for Board of County Commissioners and Law Enforcement Municipal Service Tax Unit (MSTU) and Schedule the Tentative and Final Budget hearings

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, asked that Chairman Stanley read the statement under number 1 on the second page of the summary item into the record.

Chairman Stanley stated that the purpose of this meeting was to adopt the proposed millage rate for the 2015/2016 and schedule the tentative and final budget hearings. The Glades County BOCC prior year 2014/2015 millage rate was 9.1367. He stated the General Fund was 9.0367 and Transportation Trust was .10. He stated the Glades County BOCC current year rolled back rate was 9.1672. He stated the BOCC MSTU – Law Enforcement prior year 2014/2015 millage rate was 2.45. He stated the BOCC MSTU – Law Enforcement current year rolled back rate was 2.4582. He called for public comment.

Raoul Battaler questioned what the proposed numbers were for this year.

Ms. Brown stated the millage rates would be the same as last year.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the millage rates were less than the rolled back rates. She explained what the rolled back numbers meant.

Chairman Stanley asked again for public input. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted the current year proposed millage rate of 9.1367 for the BOCC for FY 2015/2016.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted the current year proposed millage rate of 2.45 for Law Enforcement MSTU for FY 2015/2016.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Chairman Stanley stated the Clerk of Court had recommended that the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for September 10, 2015. He stated the School Board meeting was on September 14, 2015 and the County Commission could not schedule the hearing on the same date. He stated the hearing must be scheduled some time after 5:01 p.m. He stated the proposed date of the final budget hearing would depend on the date of the tentative budget hearing. He stated if the tentative hearing was scheduled as recommended the final hearing must be scheduled on September 23, 2015 or September 24, 2015.

After a short discussion the Board agreed on the dates for the tentative budget hearing and the final budget hearing.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board scheduled the Tentative Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and the Final Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Stanley called for public input. There was none.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approved payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 76437 – 76540
Court Facilities Surcharge: 1072 – 1075
SHIP: 1621 – 1622
Intergovernmental Radio: 10275
5. **Approved the Minutes of the June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.**
6. **Approved the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

7. **Appoint Three Members to the 2015 Value Adjustment Board**

Ms. Brown stated that pursuant to Florida Statute 194.015 the Board shall appoint two members of the governing body and one citizen that owned homestead property within the county.

Commissioner Beck volunteered to serve on the 2015 Value Adjustment Board.

Chairman Stanley asked the Clerk to ask Vice Chairman Pryor if he would volunteer to serve on the Value Adjustment Board.

Vice Chairman Pryor declined to serve and stated he was already serving on numerous committees.

Chairman Stanley volunteered to serve on the 2015 Value Adjustment Board.

Raul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News, stated he would like to see someone serve on the board that had some knowledge of appraisals.

Ellen Beers, Planning & Zoning Board member, volunteered to serve.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if Mrs. Beers would be precluded from serving since she already served on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Ms. Brown stated the citizen could not be a member or employee of any taxing authority and may not be a person who represents property owners in any administrative or judicial review. She stated this would preclude Ms. Beers from serving on the Value Adjustment Board.

Commissioner Beck stated he had tried to contact Jerry Peavey but had not heard back from him yet.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would solicit volunteers from the public and bring the names to the Board at the next meeting for consideration.

Commissioner Beck stated Tommy Perry may be interested in serving.

Ms. Brown stated Mr. Perry served as the School Board's representative (under business owner).

Commissioner Beck stated Mr. Peavey had served numerous times on the Value Adjustment Board and was well experienced. He stated he would make a concerted effort to get with Mr. Peavey in the morning and ask him to serve.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board appointed Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Stanley to serve on the 2015 Value Adjustment Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

8. Accept 2015 County Annual Reports

Chairman Stanley stated he had read each annual report and complimented everyone for doing a great job this year.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had not seen anything about a reverse 911 system in the reports. She stated there had been some discussion about getting a grant for the system so that the County could put an emergency call out to everyone in the 911 system, if needed.

County Manager Carlisle stated the County did not have this capacity right now. He stated there may have been some discussion prior to him becoming County Manager. He stated he would look into the reverse 911 system. He stated he would add this item to things that needed to be looked at for next year.

Commissioner Storter Long questioned if the calls for Animal Control should go to the Public Safety Department rather than the Building Department.

County Manager Carlisle stated this would be done in the near future. He commented on the phone line not working properly.

Commissioner Storter Long commented on the Emergency Operations Center annual report. She stated some of the grant funds had not been used.

County Manager Carlisle explained that he could not justify purchasing Web EOC under a sole source because there were so many programs like this out there.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she was a little confused when reading the Solid Waste Department's report. She questioned the collection times and the solid waste that was actually processed.

County Manager Carlisle stated there would always be some discrepancy in the amount of waste going in and out because of the calibration of the 2 different scales. He stated he was working on getting the County's scales and software updated.

Commissioner Storter Long stated all of the reports were very informative. She stated she would like to see an annual report from the Constitutional Officers as well.

Commissioner Ahern stated the reports were very informative and complimented staff on doing a good job on them.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board accepted the 2015 County Annual Report.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

9. Appoint Member to Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Board of Directors

County Manager Carlisle asked that the Board appoint a member to the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Board of Directors.

Commissioner Ahern volunteered to serve on the board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board appointed Commissioner Ahern to serve on the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Board of Directors as the Glades County Representative.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. Approve Change Order Number 001 for Glades County Training Facility

County Manager Carlisle explained that Wright's contract would be reduced by the amount of money spent on direct purchases and the tax savings. He stated there were 2 corrections that needed to be made to the Change Order. He stated the amount of the reduction would be \$812,730.25 and the amount of tax savings would be \$48,894.00. He stated there was a \$7,970.59 error in the materials purchased which resulted in a \$487.83 reduction in tax savings.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved Change Order No. 001 as submitted by Wright Construction Group, Inc. for the construction of the Glades County Training Facility.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle asked if it was the consensus of the Board to attend the Florida Association of Counties Rules Making Committee meeting on August 28th in St. Pete.

Chairman Stanley stated he was in favor of County Manager Carlisle attending the meeting.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated he served on this committee as well and would be attending the meeting. He asked that each Board member put together a list of their top 3 issues or concerns and get them to him prior to the meeting so that he could present them.

County Manager Carlisle stated if the Commissioners would give him this information he would put the items together and make them an agenda item for the first meeting in August.

Vice Chairman Pryor agreed.

It was the consensus of the Board to have County Manager Carlisle attend the Florida Association of Counties Rules Making Committee meeting in August.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Storter Long asked Commissioner Ahern if the rumor she had heard about Okeechobee County declining to contract with GDCD to house inmates was true.

Commissioner Ahern stated this was correct. He stated the numbers were up from last month but not enough to make a difference. He stated the total loss last month was \$270,000.00. He stated GDCD had reached out in several different directions for help.

Chairman Stanley commented on an article that he read in the Okeechobee County News regarding the housing of inmates from Okeechobee. He asked if the County had gone up on the rates.

Sheriff Whiddon stated Okeechobee County Commission wanted to take the funds from the Okeechobee County Jail budget and Glades County would take the overflow. He stated the Okeechobee County Sheriff would still have to run jail at capacity. He stated the County did not want to spend the money.

Commissioner Storter commented on a packet that the Economic Development Council puts out when they receive a request for information. She stated the packet was very nicely done. She stated the first letter was outdated and the entire packet was about Americas Gateway. She stated one page mentioned the Training Center; one page mentioned all of the people who were supporting the EDC; and one page mentioned the County's Tax Abatement program. She stated she did not read anything about what Glades County had to offer. She stated she was not real happy with the packet. She commented on the benches at the Ortona Cemetery Pavilion. She stated choices had been made for benches that would have been very suitable. She stated the benches would have been gray and there would have been no arm rests on them. She stated she and Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector, had recently had a conversation about the benches that were at the Pavilion. She stated there were arm rests on the ends and 2 in the middle of each bench. She questioned removing one of the arm rests in the middle and sliding the other one over.

Commissioner Beck stated he did not believe this would work well because you would lose some of the integrity of the bench due to the length of the slats. He stated the arm rests did hinder the number of people that could sit on the benches.

County Manager Carlisle explained that the benches contained the arm rests to help prevent vagrants from sleeping on them.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the County had an Ordinance that kept people out of the cemetery after dark. She stated the County had been able to purchase the benches

under a recycling grant. She suggested that staff look into replacing the benches and moving the existing ones to the outside of the Pavilion.

Commissioner Beck stated when the Pavilion was originally being designed there had been some discussion about having storm shutters that would come down on the side of the building so that during inclement weather the shutters could be lowered. He stated during fair weather the shutters could be lifted and used as shade.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would start mentioning the issue to citizens and see what could be done.

Commissioner Ahern agreed that shutters would be nice. He commented on the lack of room for sitting on the benches.

Commissioner Beck commented on getting some more plants for the cemetery.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Board could direct Mr. Brown to explore the possibility of removing the arm rests.

Commissioner Beck cautioned the Board about redesigning the benches and opening the County up to liability.

Mr. Brown commented on the way the braces were built on the benches. He stated even if the arm rests were removed in the middle there would be a rough place there and people would still not be able to sit there.

Mr. Bataller commented on the EDC handouts. He stated the material was usually targeted towards a specific media or a specific event. He stated the packets were not always just for the general presentation of the County as a whole.

Commissioner Ahern stated the packets were targeting one area. He stated the County needed to be interested in more than just one event or area. He stated the County needed to promote the other assets that it had. He commented on the annual reports. He stated he complimented the Road Department on their quick response time to a situation on SR 74 this morning. He stated the Road Department was doing a really good job at taking care of the County's roadways.

Commissioner Beck stated the prior Board had held a Visioning Workshop at North Lake Estates several years ago. He stated the Commission should be looking and planning into the future. He stated that although it was impossible to say where the County would be in 15 – 20 years, he thought the Board needed to start figuring out what direction it wanted to take and where it wanted to be in 25 years. He suggested having visioning workshops annually.

Commissioner Storter Long agreed and stated the City of Moore Haven and the School Board should be included.

Commissioner Ahern agreed.

Chairman Stanley agreed. He commented on the TDC meeting he had attended this afternoon. He stated the TDC would be increasing their efforts to recruit people to join. He stated the bill boards would be updated to reflect the correct website information and link. He stated the EDC would be putting up a temporary website until then.

Vice Chairman Pryor commented on what Commissioner Storter Long had said in her prayer at the beginning of the meeting. He stated the vision of the Board seemed to be unified and that everyone was on the same page with where they wanted the County to go in the future. He stated the City, School Board, and Commission meetings would be very important. He stated he appreciated and enjoyed working with each member of the Board. He stated another Youth Summer Series Roping had been held yesterday at the Bronson Arena. He stated there were approximately 90 entries. He stated a lot of spectators had attended as well.

Chairman Stanley reminded everyone that the each County Department and office was collecting school supplies.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Stanley adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Tim Stanley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: August 11, 2015

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