

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 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, March 11, 2014
at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Donna Storter Long, Chairman
Paul Beck
Tim Stanley
Russell Echols

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Terri Anascavage, E911 Coordinator
Hans Mouthaan, Port LaBelle Utilities
Pat Dobbins, Director Hendry/Glades Health Department
Nancy Ashley, Community Development
Beth Griffin, Wife of the late Dennis Griffin
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director Glades EDC
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
5 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Beck gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Echols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

Presentation to the Family of Commissioner Dennis Griffin

Chairman Storter Long asked Commissioner Griffin's family to come forward. All of the Commissioners stood as she presented Mrs. Griffin with a plaque. She read the inscription on the plaque into the record.

Commissioner Beck led a prayer in remembrance of Commissioner Griffin.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Banning All Out Door Burning

County Manager Carlisle stated this item had been placed on the agenda about a month ago for consideration and at that time the weather had improved and it was not necessary to implement the Ordinance. He stated the weather had continued to improve and he would recommend that the Commission not enact the burn ban at this time. He stated if conditions warranted, in the future, he would bring the matter before the Board for consideration.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the Ordinance would have to be re-advertised if the Board continued this matter to a date certain.

Attorney Pringle stated the Ordinance would need to be re-advertised because of the time that had lapsed from the initial advertising of the public hearing.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board postponed enacting the burn ban at this time. The Ordinance will be re-advertised when conditions change that would require implementation.

Chairman Storter Long asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approved County Warrants. (See Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 72961 – 73044
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1381
Tourism Development : 1011 – 1013
Intergovernmental Radio: 10232 – 10233
Buckhead Ridge Utilities: 0186
- 3. B. Approved the Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Special Meeting.**
C. Approved the Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

D. Approved the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. Seek Funding for Training Center

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had a contract with St. Onge for the construction of the Training Center and to seek funding. He stated the Commission had granted, by consensus, at the previous meeting to allow their lobbyists to seek funding to move this project along. He requested that the Board take a formal vote authorizing the lobbyists to seek funding. He explained that letters of support from the different entities that would be using the facility would be needed so that the County could bolster their position with the Florida Legislature in order to get funding. He stated he had received a letter of intent from St. Onge this morning. He stated he was still waiting for letters from others that had committed to the project.

Commissioner Beck asked if the other entities had been contacted regarding the need for the letters of support.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had. He stated each member of the Economic Development Council had been assigned an entity to contact. He stated the letters of support were needed today.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board authorized CAS Government Services to seek appropriations for the construction of the Training Center located in the Glades County Business Park and authorized the Chairman to sign the request to the Legislature after all of the letters of support were received.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

5. Planning Commission Appointments

County Manager Carlisle stated two individuals (Shannon Hall and James Cianfrani) needed to be reappointed to the Planning Commission and one vacancy needed to be filled. He stated Mr. Han Mouthaan had submitted a request for appointment to the vacant seat.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board appointed Shannon Hall, James Cianfrani and Cornelis (Han) Mouthaan to the Glades County Planning Commission.

Chairman Storter Long stated the Board appreciated the service of these volunteers.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

6. American Earth Movers

Attorney Pringle stated American Earth Movers had requested final payment under their Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement with the County for the work performed on the Harney Pond Canal project. He stated he and AIM Engineering had reviewed the final request. He stated AIM Engineering had submitted their billing for the additional work that was required as a result of AEM's activities and failure to comply with the contract. He stated he had also submitted additional billing showing the extra work required on this contract. He stated there was a liquidated damages clause and his recommendation would be to approve final payment minus the County's extra costs that had been incurred.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board authorized final payment in the amount of \$94,006.91 to American Earth Movers. (This figure held back the \$5,000.00 retainer and \$60,466.25 for extra professional engineering services and professional legal services incurred by the County). Payment would be conditioned on the County receiving the Final Lien Release and Final Contractor's Affidavit.

Attorney Pringle stated the balance of the \$5,000.00 retainer would be paid to American Earth Movers upon completion of this matter. He stated these funds could be released by the County Manager without having to come back before the Board for approval.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

7. Contract with Wright Construction for EOC

Attorney Pringle stated the initial agreement and the first addendum to the agreement with Wright Construction for the construction of the EOC Building was before the Board for approval. He stated Wright Construction's current statement of the Guaranteed Maximum Price based upon value engineering adjustments that were made at the last Board meeting had also been included in the packet. He stated the value engineering changes had not been reduced to a final form in the construction drawings or documents. He stated these were still conceptual and not final numbers. He asked that the Board approve the contract and first addendum in one motion. He stated if it was the Board's pleasure, and the value engineering items that were presented were acceptable, the Board could direct staff to have CRA finish the drawings that were needed and then a second addendum would be brought back to the Board with the final drawings and the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved the AIA Document A102-2007 Agreement and First Addendum with Wright Construction and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Beck asked for clarification regarding the contingency fund. He stated this should be an owner's contingency and not a contractor's contingency. He asked that any change orders come before the Board for approval.

Attorney Pringle stated there were several items on the schedule that he and County Manager Carlisle were reviewing and there maybe some modifications made.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved the adjusted scope of work to generate a Guaranteed Maximum Price of approximately \$4,178,000.00 and directed CRA to revise the construction project documents and drawings to reflect the Value Engineering changes tentatively agreed to by the County and Wright Construction on February 24, 2014 and March 11, 2014.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Attorney Pringle stated the AIA Agreement and First Addendum would be forwarded to the State of Florida for approval tomorrow. He stated these documents would be executed upon approval. He stated he would talk immediately with CRA about getting the drawings revised at the minimum cost possible. He stated he would then bring the Second Addendum before the Board for approval.

8. Consider the Purchase of the BOMA Property

County Manager Carlisle stated that at the request of South Florida Water Management District 237 acres would be declared surplus and offered to the County. He stated if the County chose not to purchase the property they could have a say in what use the property would have in the future. He provided some potential layouts that the District and Alexis Crespo, Planner had come up with. He stated Mrs. Crespo's layout would have more potential for commercial development. He stated the Commission would need to decide whether or not they wished to purchase the property and the layout, and if not purchased, then what layout they would suggest to the District for future development. He suggested the Commission request that the property include the right of way for Highway 80 after widening if they decided to purchase the property.

Commissioner Stanley declared a conflict of interest due to his employment with South Florida Water Management District.

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Commissioner Echols stated he did not believe the County should purchase the property.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board voted to not purchase 237 acres (BOMA property) from the South Florida Water Management District.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Stanley abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. (See Exhibit B)

Chairman Storter Long asked if the Board wished to send a letter advising the District of their suggestion on how this surplus portion of property along SR 80 should be divided.

Commissioner Beck stated his choice would be the B-1 option because he felt it afforded the most flexibility for development.

Commissioner Echols stated he would agree with either option C-1 or B-1.

Chairman Storter Long stated she liked option C-1 and would defer to Mrs. Crespo's expertise as a Planner. She stated she liked this option because of the additional frontage on Highway 80.

County Manager Carlisle suggested that the Board offer the District the potential to set up the property in two different ways and let them market it as B-1 and C-1. He stated this would give them some flexibility in marketing the property and hopefully it would come back on the tax roll.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the County anything in writing from the District indicating that they would follow the County's recommendations for this property. She asked if these were just suggestions.

Attorney Pringle stated this was his understanding.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved sending a letter to Water Management District regarding the BOMA property with the recommendation that they market the property using either the B-1 or C-1 option.

Motion carried by 3 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Stanley abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. (See Exhibit C)

9. Selection of Vice Chair

Chairman Storter Long nominated Commissioner Beck to serve as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Beck declined to accept the nomination.

Commissioner Beck nominated Commissioner Stanley to serve as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Stanley accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Storter Long withdrew her nomination on the floor.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board closed the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Stanley was named Vice Chairman by acclamation.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle stated he was continuing to work on the Flood Plain Ordinance, the Alvin Ward Boat Ramp lease, and the Cypress Knee Museum lease.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated he and Echols had met with South Florida Water Management District regarding an 80 acre parcel of property in Glades County.

Commissioner Echols stated he had been discussing this issue with Water Management for some time. He stated the Corps of Engineers would be working with the County and the District on potential development ideas for the property.

County Manager Carlisle stated this was a great piece of property to develop and it would be extremely valuable.

Chairman Storter Long stated this property was located just beyond River Gardens on Riverside Drive.

Commissioner Echols stated this was correct and that the property actually went all the way back to Tenth Street. He stated this would provide an opportunity for some commercial use on the river front, some mixed use in the middle, and industrial use on the back end. He stated this was a unique piece of property.

County Manager Carlisle stated the proposed Cypress Knee Museum lease had been sent back to Mr. Beck at the Department of Environmental Protection for approval. He stated Mr. Beck had tentatively agreed with the County's revisions and would have his legal department approve them. He stated the County currently funded the Behavioral Health Board in some fashion; however, the County did not have any representation on this Board. He requested that the Board appoint someone to serve on the Behavioral Health Board.

Pat Dobbins, Director Hendry/Glades Health Department, stated she also served on the Behavioral Health Board. She stated this Board and Mental Health were poorly funded in Florida. She stated they really needed the help. She stated 13.1% of the population in Glades County was served by Hendry & Glades Behavioral Health in either LaBelle or Clewiston. She stated this Board needed county matched funding. She stated this was a very lean Board that had been running in the red. She stated staff was looking for other options and all agreed that Mental Health services were needed. She stated of 1,595 visits approximately 600 of these people were from Glades County. She urged the Board to consider increasing the funding for the Hendry/Glades Behavioral Health. She stated the Board was looking at various partnerships to help with the funding. She stated a Hendry County Commissioner was now serving on this Board.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the appointment had to be a County Commissioner or if it could be someone else.

Mrs. Dobbins stated this person could be anyone that the Board wished to appoint. She stated this person would report directly to the Board. She stated Bob Kosiba was serving on the Early Learning Coalition and worked full time in Glades County.

Chairman Storter Long asked for any volunteers.

Commissioner Stanley asked when and where this Board met.

Mrs. Dobbins stated the Board met once a month on the third Tuesday at lunch (12am – 1pm). She stated lunch was provided.

Commissioner Stanley asked how much the Behavioral Health Board's budget was.

Mrs. Dobbins stated their budget was \$1.5 million. She stated this budget included the \$39,000.00 that the Commissioners had funded last year. She stated she did not have a copy of this year's budget. She stated staff was looking for grants to help with the funding.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck stated he had attended the County Coalition meeting this past Friday. He stated he had been tasked to serve on this Board to replace Commissioner Echols. He stated he was very pleased with the Board and how they worked together. He stated he felt he actually had a voice that mattered on this Board. He stated this Board gave the County more power with the Legislature and the ability to get constructive things done. He applauded Commissioner Echols for the work he had done in the past on this Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: March 24, 2014

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