

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 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, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Donna Storter Long, Chairman
Tim Stanley, Vice Chairman
Paul Beck
Russell Echols

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Duane Potorff, Chief Deputy - GCSO
John Huysman, Glades School District
Gary Ritter, South Florida Water Management District
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
Terri Anascavage, E-911 Coordinator
Fred Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Mary Booher, Librarian – Glades County Library
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
9 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Beck gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. **Proclamation Proclaiming April 2014 as Water Conservation Month**
Gary Ritter, SFWMD, thanked the Commission and Staff for recognizing, with the State and the other 5 districts, Water Conservation Month for April. He stated the Water

Management District, continually worked with residential users to improve use and water efficiency. He stated agricultural users now had the technology and set an example on water conservation.

Chairman Storter Long read the title of the Proclamation into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved a Proclamation approving April 2014 as Water Conservation Month.

Commissioner Beck asked Mr. Ritter if the District had forwarded this Proclamation to the Army Corps of Engineers. He stated the Corps was the agency responsible for the lake levels.

Mr. Ritter stated Lake Okeechobee was at 13.1 feet and maybe 4 or 5 tenths of a foot off of the historical average and last year's reading at this time. He stated since the Corps had started working on the levee and the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike had decided to manage the lake levels at 12.5 feet going into the Hurricane season and 15.5 feet going out. He stated the upper Chain of Lakes were all currently below the regulation schedule. He stated there was a little bit of water coming down in the middle basins and nothing coming in at 65E (in-flow to Lake Okeechobee). He stated the Corps been discharging the Caloosahatchee at the rate of 650 cfs on a 10 day schedule (10 days on & 10 days off). He stated no water was going down the St. Lucie Canal at this time. He stated based on the Corps regulation schedule the levels were right where they needed to be.

Commissioner Beck asked if the reason for discharge was to regulate the lake level or preserve the salinity levels.

Mr. Ritter stated there were environmental releases for the salinity levels in the Caloosahatchee estuary.

Motion carried by 4 – vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approved Payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 73225 – 73380
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1393 – 1399
Buckhead Ridge Utilities: 188

SHIP: 1583 - 1584

3. Approved the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. Resolution Authorizing the Submission and Filing of an Application for a Small Cities Community Block Grant in the Economic Development Category

County Manager Carlisle requested that the Board authorize the submission and filing of an application for a Small Cities Community Block Grant in the Economic Development Category to supply utilities and roadway infrastructure to the Travel Center and through the Business Park.

Commissioner Storter Long read the title of the Resolution into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved Resolution 2014-11 authorizing the submission and filing of an application for a Small Cities Community Development Grant in the Economic Development category to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

5. Resolution Adopting and Implementing Long Term Objectives and Short Term Objectives for Community Development Efforts in Glades County

County Manager Carlisle requested that the Commission remove the reference to Institute St. Onge in Section 4 - Item 1 on page 3 of 4.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved Resolution 2014-12 authorizing the adoption and implementation of the long term and short term objectives for Community Development efforts in Glades County with said changes (the reference to Institute St. Onge Logistics Training Center Project on page 3 or 4 under Section 4 – Item 1).

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

6. Award Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. as Administrator of the CDBG Grant

County Manager Carlisle stated the County had received two proposals for the administration of the CDGB grant on March 20th. He stated the applicants had been

ranked by the Advisory Task Board and the Economic Development Director and the E911 Coordinator. He stated the scores had shown Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. as the most responsive applicant. He asked that the Board award the contract to Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board awarded the contract for administration of the CDBG grant to Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

7. Glades County Public Library Advisory Board Appointments

County Manager Carlisle stated 2 applicants would like to be appointed to the Glades County Public Library Advisory Board. He asked that the Board appoint these 2 individuals to the Board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved the appointment of Karen Dobrie and Austin Moorhouse to the Glades County Public Library Advisory Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Chairman Storter Long stated Mrs. Booher had informed her that the Library Board's bylaws allowed 10 members and that the Board currently only had 5 members. She stated these appointments would bring that number to 7 members.

8. Line Item Adjustment for Social Services – HCRA

County Manager Carlisle stated Glades County had received the 2012-2013 CFY from the Agency for Health Care Administration. He stated per statutory regulations the County was required to have \$50,684.00 in HCRA Liability. He stated the County currently only had \$2,000.00 budgeted for this line item. He requested a transfer of \$48,684.00 to cover this liability.

Chairman Storter Long stated this was not brought to the Board's attention by the Finance Director last year and she was no longer here.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board approved the transfer of \$48,684.00 from the BoCC Contingency Fund to the Social Services HCRA Account (Acct. # 001-569-100-500-819).

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

9. Glades Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Local Government Financial Report for FY 2013

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board acknowledged receipt of the Glades Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Local Government Financial Report for FY 2013.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

10. Rescind Board Motion Granting Easement to Lykes Bros.

County Manager Carlisle explained that at the March 24, 2003 Board meeting, Lykes Bros, Inc. had requested that the County abandon Potato Farm Road and grant an easement to them for farming access. He stated the Board had also discussed transferring the culvert permit for Potato Farm Road to Lykes Bros., Inc. He stated Bert J. Harris, III, Attorney for Lykes Bros., Inc. had contacted him to move forward with this item. After numerous discussions with Mr. Harris and Attorney Pringle he had received a letter from Mr. Harris stating that since nothing had changed he (Lykes) was comfortable leaving things as they were today. County Manger Carlisle requested that the Board rescind the previous decision so that this issue did not come up again in the future.

Commissioner Beck asked what kind of condition the culvert was in.

County Manager Carlisle stated the culvert was in need of some work.

Commissioner Beck asked how much the repairs would cost.

County Manager Carlisle stated the repairs would cost approximately \$40,000.00. He stated Lykes no longer wanted the responsibility of the culvert and the permit was currently in the County's name.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board rescinded the BoCC action taken on March 24, 2003 that instructed the County Manager and County Attorney to work with Lykes Bros., Inc. to make it happen the way they discussed it (in the meeting).

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

11. Schedule Workshop to Evaluate the MSBU for Fire Services

County Manager Carlisle stated the Board had hired Government Services Group, Inc. (GSG) to study the possibilities of the County instituting a MSBU for fire/EMS services. He stated GSG had completed their study and come up with various scenarios. He requested that the Board schedule a workshop so that the matter could be discussed in a public forum and the Board could decide whether or not they wished to proceed.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a workshop on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Stanley seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board scheduled a workshop on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (with an alternate date of Friday, May 30th) to evaluate the MSBU alternatives for Fire Services.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

County Manager Carlisle stated the GCDC Board was going to try and keep the County Jail open as long as possible.

Commissioner Echols stated the fate of the County Jail facility was in the hands of the stock holders. He stated there were reserves there and could be used if the GCDC Board chose to do so. He stated in the next 2 – 3 weeks the Board should know something more concrete.

Commissioner Beck asked if there had been any movement from ICE.

Commissioner Echols stated there had been a little. He stated the jail had been averaging 200 inmates and in the past month they were now averaging 223.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated he had met with True Green staff regarding the lawn and landscaping around the courthouse. He stated they would begin an aggressive treatment to kill the weeds at no charge to the County. He stated this would be done for the next 4 months and then the lawn would be re-evaluated at that time.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck commented on his recent trip to Tallahassee with Commissioner Stanley and County Manager Carlisle. He stated funds had been earmarked for Glades County and would help with the infrastructure at the Industrial Park. He stated the County had applied for \$650,000.00 for storm water treatment and would be getting a portion of these funds as well. He stated FDOT was working on changing the intersection of Hwy 78 and straightening up the entrance to the Service Center.

Commissioner Stanley stated he had mentioned the fire services MSBU (tax) at a recent Homeowners meeting and the reception was pretty positive.

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Commissioner Echols had no comments.

Commissioner Beck stated he would like to host a Legislative Appreciation Day. He asked for a consensus from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a Legislative Appreciation Day to recognize all of those legislators who have been helping Glades County.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: May 13, 2014

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