

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Donna Storter Long, Chairman
Tim Stanley
Russell Echols
Paul Beck

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
Terri Anascavage, E911 Coordinator
Dawn Oliver, Court Administration
Avant Brown, Road Superintendent
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
James Hull, AIM Engineering
6 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Beck gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. 2013 Glades County Court Annual Report

Dawn Oliver, Administrative Services Manager - Court Administration, gave an overview of the court's annual report. She stated this had been a busy year. She stated approximately 4,800 new cases had been filed in Glades County this year. She stated

dispositions had been filed in 4,839 which indicated that the court was keeping up with the case load as the new cases were filed. She defined the “clearance rate”. She stated the courts tried to come to disposition on as many cases as there are filed. She stated because of the timing of trials, sometimes the clearance rate was a little lower on felony cases. She stated the overall clearance rate for felony cases was 83%. She stated the courts tried to keep this rate at 100% and had been able to do this in almost every section of the court. She stated 151 new Domestic Relations cases had been filed this year with a clearance rate of 79%. She explained that sometimes these cases took a little longer to dispose of. She stated the courts were keeping up with the increased case load. She stated the case load had increased by 22% this past year. She stated the courts could not do this without the Clerk’s Office. She stated the Clerk’s Office supported the Judge and she appreciated their assistance and their hard work.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit A)**
General Fund: 73381 – 73457
SHIP: 1585
E911 Maintenance Grant: 103-104
Intergovernmental Radio: 10236 – 10237
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1400 - 1404
3. **Approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Meeting.**
4. **Bid for ADA Compliance Public Facilities Site Improvements Projects awarded to the lowest bidder, Central Florida Glass, pending approval from Department of Economic Opportunity \$11,825.00**
5. **Aim Engineering Contract Amendment 9 (See Exhibit B)**

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

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. **Approve Resolution adopting Equal Employment Opportunity Plan Utilization Report**

County Manager Carlisle stated this Resolution was required every 2 years. He stated staff had recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board adopted Resolution 2014-13, adopting the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

7. Declare Surplus and delete Items from Property Records

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Stanley the Board deleted the attached list of items from the Property Records (Exhibit C) and declared them surplus to County need and authorized the Glades County School Board to hold their auction in conjunction with the Glades County Board of County Commissioner's auction.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

8. J.J. Wiggins Litigation – Executive Session

Attorney Pringle the action that had been filed with the courts was a Petition for Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief. He stated the Petitioner(s)/Plaintiff(s) were L.E. Strobe, Joseph P. Branch, and Etta N. Holbrook, as Trustees of the J.J. Wiggins Memorial Trust and the Respondent/Defendant was Glades County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida. He explained that he had requested an executive session at the last day meeting. He stated the Board, County Manager Carlisle, a Court Reporter, and himself for would be present at the session. He stated the session had been noticed for 1:30 p.m. He stated the Board would need to recess this meeting and come back at 1:30 p.m. to go into the executive session. He stated this session was fully compliant with Florida Law and Sunshine meetings. He stated he would be asking for direction and advice on how the Board wanted him to proceed with settlement negotiations.

Commissioner Echols stated he had received a couple of phone calls from various individuals with concern that the Board was going to meet privately with J.J. Wiggins today. He clarified that this was not the case.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board was precluded from making any final decisions in the executive session. He stated if the case was ultimately dissolved during the negotiation process the decision would have to come back before the Board in a regular meeting for approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board continued the agenda item (Executive Session) to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, for purposes of entering into a closed attorney/client meeting under s. 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, related to the L.E. Strobe, Joseph P. Branch, and Etta N. Holbrook (Trustees of the J.J. Wiggins Memorial Trust) v. Glades County pending litigation case.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, invited everyone to attend the dedication of the new Washington Park Community Center on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 12 noon.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle stated the FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance would probably be coming before the Board sometime in June.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated Mary Ann Whitney, along with Attorney Pringle and himself, had been working on some changes to the SHIP program and the mortgage agreements through the program. He stated this item would be come before the Board in the near future. He stated the Board would need to decide how they wanted to administer the program in the future. He stated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had been working to design and construct the entrance way into Americas Gateway. He stated FDOT had asked the County to look at some revisions to the entrance into the Industrial Park. He stated funding would also be negotiated. He stated he knew there were some concerns about cut through traffic. He stated he had been asked to put together a Legislative Appreciation Day. He stated he had come up with 3 dates for consideration by the Board- June 14th, 21st, or 28th.

Commissioner Echols asked how the work was coming along on the old Jail facility.

County Manager Carlisle stated there was not much left to do. He stated Wright Construction would be doing the windows. He stated County Staff would be doing all of the clean up. He stated he was not going to move forward until he knew what the GCDC Board was going to do. He stated all of the leaks had been repaired.

Chairman Storter Long asked how the new Clerk's storage building was progressing.

County Manager Carlisle stated the dry wall was being finished now. He stated it would probably be completed in about a month. He stated the pavilions out at Harney Pond should also be completed soon.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the final contract was near completion on the EOC Building.

County Manager Carlisle stated Wright Construction would be hand delivering the plans to the State for their review and approval and then they would have a final GMP at the next Board meeting. He stated Wright Construction was confident that they would complete the project on time.

Commissioner Beck asked if the communication system had been moved out of the old jail facility yet.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would not be relocating this equipment until it was absolutely necessary because of the expense.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Stanley expressed concern with Jordan Loop being patched soon. He stated he was tired of getting complaints from the citizens.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Contractor had been released to do this project and it would probably be completed on May 14th or 15th.

Commissioner Echols had no comments.

Commissioner Beck commented on the improvements at Harney Pond Canal. He stated he was still working on getting some more boat ramps constructed there and some additional parking area. He stated the Harney Pond Canal boat ramps could accommodate more fishermen with these improvements.

Chairman Storter Long stated she had been talking with Attorney Pringle and County Manager Carlisle concerning the Nuisance and Noise Ordinances.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board recessed the meeting until 1:30 p.m.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Chairman Storter Long recessed the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman Storter Long called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Board went into an executive session.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 2: 30 p.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: May 27, 2014

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