

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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, June 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Gary Ritter, South Florida Water Management District
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Jack E. Lundy, County Judge
Mary Booher, Librarian
Mr. Booher, Chaplain
Weston Pryor
Dale Milita, CAS Governmental Services
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services
James Hull, AIM Engineering
Han Mouthan, Port LaBelle Utilities
Lorie Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering
John Ahern, City Council
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Terri Anascavage, County Manager's Office/E911 Coordinator
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
Mr. & Mrs. Presley
Jerri Wilson, School Board
Mrs. Beth Griffin
Mary Bond
7 citizens

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

PRAYER

Chaplain Booher gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Vice Chairman Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. Swearing In of Commissioner Crystal Drake

Chairman Storter Long stated that on February 3, 2014 the County had lost a beloved member of the Board and a great citizen of this County. She stated Mr. Griffin could not be replaced; however, the Board was fortunate that someone was willing to step in serve on a temporary basis. She asked that Judge Jack Lundy come forward to perform the swearing in ceremony.

Judge Lundy came forward along with Beth Griffin, the late Dennis Griffin's widow, and swore in Crystal Drake as the District 1 County Commissioner,

Chairman Storter Long invited everyone to attend a brief reception in honor of Commissioner Drake that had been provided by CSG Governmental Services. She recessed the meeting for 15 minutes at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Storter Long called the meeting back to order at 6:23 p.m.

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: 73622 – 73724
SHIP: 1587
Intergovernmental Radio: 10240
Buckhead Ridge Utility: 190
Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1413- 1418**
- 3. Approved the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.**
- 4. Approved South Florida Water Management District's
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. Tax Deed Applications

Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector, stated she had not had any County certificates that she had to apply on in some time. She stated there were 229 certificates at the time of preparation that were mature enough for a tax deed application. She explained the procedure. She stated if the current assessed value was under \$5,000.00 the Board did not have to apply. She stated if the current assessed value was over \$5,000.00 the Board had to apply according to statute. She stated the Board would need to pay a \$100.00 Title Search fee on each certificate that they wished to take to a tax deed sale. She stated 2 of the 229 certificates had paid since she prepared the list. She stated she had placed an asterisk next to the ones that the Board had to apply for.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the application for tax deeds for seven (7) tax certificates that were assessed at \$5,000.00 or more as per Florida Statute 197.502 (listed below) and authorized the Finance Department to issue a check in the amount of \$700.00 to Gail Jones, Tax Collector, for the title searches on each property (\$100.00/each). The Board voted to leave the other tax certificates on the list.

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| Certificate No. 134-2012 S36-42-28-004-0000-0430 | Assessed Value - \$28,132.00 |
| Certificate No. 542-2009 S31-42-30-102-0051-0240 | Assessed Value - \$5,040.00 |
| Certificate No. 689-2012 A23-40-32-U01-000K-0050 | Assessed Value - \$23,369.00 |
| Certificate No. 827-2009 S11-42-32-001-0006-0050 | Assessed Value - \$27,127.00 |
| Certificate No. 850-2012 S11-42-32-001-0037-0050 | Assessed Value - \$29,091.00 |
| Certificate No. 853-2012 S11-42-32-001-0043-0040 | Assessed Value - \$32,030.00 |
| Certificate No. 924-2012 S11-42-32-003-0072-0010 | Assessed Value - \$26,020.00 |

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Jones reminded the Board that the Sanford property had reverted back to the County through foreclosure. She stated there were outstanding taxes due on the property. She stated the Certificate Holder that held the 2012 tax certificate on this property had her send warning letters to the owners. She stated the County was not exempt from the previous taxes. She stated the current total due was \$6,170.56 if paid this month.

Commissioner Echols stated the County needed to pay the taxes.

Chairman Starter Long suggested that this item be placed on the July 8th meeting agenda.

Commissioner Echols stated he did not see where the Board had to vote on something of this nature. He stated the County had to pay the outstanding taxes.

Sandra Brown, Clerk of Court, stated she had spoken with Attorney Pringle about this matter and he had indicated that there was a problem with the title search and that other land owners may be involved. She stated he was working to clear this up before the County paid the taxes.

Mrs. Jones explained that the longer the taxes were not paid the more money would be due because of interest.

Chairman Starter Long stated she believed this item should be placed on the July 8th agenda.

6. New Street Name

Terri Anascavage, E-911 Coordinator, stated a request had been made by the Langdale Family to officially name the road leading into their property Catawba Lane. She stated if this was approved by the Board she would be taking the matter to the City for approval to install a sign on Avenue R. She stated this road had been named Catawba Lane in the 1950's – 1960's according to the Langdale Family.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the naming of Catawba Lane as an official street name in Glades County.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. North Shore Lake Okeechobee Navigation Channel Improvements Time Extension

County Manager Carlisle stated this was an extension of the current contract the County had with SFWMD. He stated this contract dealt with the Pearce Canal, Moore Haven, and the Harney Pond Canal projects. He stated the contract would be extended until the County could get the new contract drafted for the Moore Haven Canal project.

Vice Chairman Stanley declared a conflict of interest and stated he would abstain from the vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board approved Amendment No. 7 of Agreement No. 460001552 between Glades County and SFWMD for the North Shore Lake Okeechobee Navigation Channel Improvements Time Extension. (See Exhibit B)

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Stanley abstained from the vote. (See Exhibit C)

8. Financial Audit Report for Year Ended September 30, 2013

Ms. Brown requested approval of the final Financial Audit for Year ended September 30, 2013. She stated a few typographical errors had been corrected.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the final Financial Audit for Year Ended September 30, 2013 as prepared by Clifton Larsen Allen LLP.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no report.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle welcomed Commissioner Drake to the Board. He commented on the new microphones that had been installed and hoped everyone could now hear in the back of the room.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Gary Ritter, SFWMD, welcomed Commissioner Drake to the Board as well. He informed the Board that on July 7th SFWMD would be doing some routine maintenance on the Buckhead Ridge Lock. He stated the lock would be closed until August 1st.

County Manager Carlisle reminded everyone that the Special Board meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014 had been canceled. He stated the item had been moved to the July 8th Regular meeting.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Stanley thanked Mr. Brown for taking care of some trees in the Buckhead Ridge area.

Commissioner Beck stated he was getting some compliments on the work at the Harney Pond Canal. He stated several bids had been received for the improvements on the air boat ramp. He stated the community seemed to be very pleased with what the Board had done at Harney Pond.

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Commissioner Drake thanked everyone who came tonight. She stated it was her privilege to serve the citizens and hoped that Mr. Griffin would be proud of the Governor's choice.

Chairman Storter Long welcomed Commissioner Drake to the Board.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: July 8, 2014

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