

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE  
HAVEN, FLORIDA

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The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, July 28, 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  
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent  
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff  
Warden Craig A. Hanks, GEO/Moore Haven Correctional Facility  
Terri Anascavage, E911 Coordinator/County Manager Office  
Dale Milita, CAS Governmental Services  
Connie Vanassche, CAS Governmental Services  
Han Mouthan, Port LaBelle Utilities  
Matthew Howard, Johnson Engineering  
Terri Anascavage, County Manager's Office/E911 Coordinator  
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering  
8 citizens

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

**PRAYER**

Commissioner Beck gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE**

Commissioner Echols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

1. Introduction of Warden Hanks

County Manager Carlisle introduced Mr. Craig Hanks and stated Mr. Hanks had returned in January 2014 to GEO as the Warden of the Moore Haven Correctional Facility.

Warden Hanks introduced himself to the Board. He stated he lived here in Moore Haven and planned to remain. He stated the GEO Group had built the facility in 1995 and now had the contract again. He stated GEO had left in 2010 and CCA had managed the facility until February 1, 2014. He stated not a lot had changed during that time. He stated there had been some transition and training of staff. He stated there were a few adjustments made to the contract, primarily to per diem and the types of inmates that the facility houses. He a Medical Contractor was now providing medical services. He stated he would come back before the Board on occasion to keep them informed.

Chairman Storter Long asked how many inmates were housed at the facility.

Warden Hanks stated the contract was for a maximum of 985 inmates and the facility currently had 983.

Chairman Storter Long questioned how many employees the facility had and how many of them resided in Glades County.

Warden Hanks stated there were 157 employees at the facility and did not know how many of these lived in Glades County.

#### **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: 73819 – 73979**  
**Intergovernmental Radio: 10243 – 10247**  
**Buckhead Ridge Utility: 0191**  
**Courthouse Facilities Grant: 1421 – 1427**  
**SHIP: 1589 - 1591**
3. **Approved the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting.**
4. **Approved minutes of the July 8, 2014 Budget Workshop.**

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. Appoint Citizen Member to the 2014 Value Adjustment Board**

Chairman Storter Long stated she believed Mr. Jerry Peavey was now willing to serve on the 2014 Value Adjustment Board.

County Manager Carlisle stated Mrs. Cianfrani had also shown some interest.

Chairman Storter Long stated Mrs. Cianfrani had indicated that she would serve if no one else was willing to.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board appointed Jerry Peavey to the 2014 Value Adjustment Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**6. Adopt Current Year Proposed Millage Rate for BoCC and Law Enforcement MSTU and Schedule the Tentative and Final Budget Hearings**

Chairman Storter Long stated the purpose of this meeting was to adopt the proposed millage rate 2014-2015 and schedule the tentative and final budget hearings. She stated the following:

The Glades County BOCC prior year (2013-2014 millage rate was: 9.1367  
General Fund: 9.0367  
Transportation Trust: .10

The Glades County BOCC current year rolled-back rate is 9.0099.

The BCC MSTU Law Enforcement prior year (2013-2014) millage rate was: 2.45.

The BCC MSTU Law Enforcement current year rolled-back rate is 2.4160.

ON MOTION of Commissioners Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted the current year proposed millage rate of 9.1367 for BOCC.

Chairman Storter Long asked for any discussion or questions. There were none.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board adopted the current year proposed millage rate of 2.4500 for MSTU for Law Enforcement.

Chairman Storter Long asked for any discussion or questions. There were none.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Storter Long stated the Clerk's Office had recommended that the proposed date for the tentative budget hearing be between September 8 and 12, 2014. The School Board hearing was scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> and the County Commission may not schedule a hearing on the same date. She stated the hearing must be scheduled after 5:00 p.m. She stated the proposed date for the Final Budget Hearing depended on the date of the tentative hearing. She stated the meeting must be scheduled between September 23 and 26, 2014.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board scheduled the Tentative Budget Hearing for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and the Final Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

#### **7. Port LaBelle Utility System Rate Increase**

Chairman Storter Long stated Glades County was part of the Port LaBelle Utility System. She stated this system is aging and in need of major repairs in order to maintain adequate service to the residents and for fire protection. She stated that each time the system was down for repairs the residents had to be put on a boil water notice for 3 days. She stated the Utility had envisioned that as development came, the cost of these repairs would be absorbed by the sale of water; however, with the downturn in the economy the homes have not been constructed. She stated the Utility had an obligation to provide safe water to the customers that it served and as an enterprise fund the only access to the needed funds was from the area that it served. She stated the Utility was requesting that the Board authorize an additional \$12.00 per vacant lot per year.

County Manager Carlisle stated Hendry County had already adopted this increase last year and this Board had chosen not to. He stated this had shifted some undue burden onto the Hendry County portion of Port LaBelle Unit 102.

Shane Parker, Hendry County Public Works, reminded the Board that there was a Glades County representative on the PLUS Board – Mr. Han Mouthaan and that in 2012 the PLUS Board had voted unanimously to have an increase in the assessment.

Chairman Storter Long stated she believed the Interlocal Agreement required that Hendry and Glades Counties bear the burden equally.

Mr. Parker read a portion of the agreement into the record.

Commissioner Drake questioned how many vacant lots were located in Glades County's portion of Port LaBelle.

Mr. Parker stated there were approximately 1,260 vacant lots in Glades County. He stated this would be additional revenue to PLUS in the amount of \$15,120.00, if each vacant lot owner paid.

Commissioner Beck asked if the assessment was paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

Mr. Parker stated this assessment would show on the trim notice and would be due yearly.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved increasing the rate for PLUS from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per month at the next public hearing to be added to the TRIM notice.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**8. Capital Outlay City of Moore Haven**

County Manager Carlisle stated the current budget (2013-2014) had \$5,075.00 encumbered for the City of Moore Haven. He stated these funds were no longer required. He requested that the funds be moved back into the One Cent Tax fund.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved reallocating \$5,075.00 from Capital Projects – City of Moore Haven to the One Cent Tax fund.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**9. Capital Outlay Community Development Building**

County Manager Carlisle stated the current budget (2013-2014) had \$112,688.00 encumbered for remodeling of the Community Development Building. He stated these funds were no longer needed. He requested that the funds be moved back into the One Cent Tax fund.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board approved reallocating \$112,688.00 from Capital Projects – Community Development Building to the One Cent Tax fund.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**10. Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers, Inc.**

County Manager Carlisle asked the County Commission to participate in the Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers Program.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board authorized Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers, Inc., a non-profit agency, to act as its permanent agent for the purpose of applying for and receiving monies from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund, as approved in Section 16.555 and 938.06, Florida Statutes.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Sheriff Whiddon stated his attorneys had reviewed the Ordinance and believed it was in order; however, they suggested that the County Manager and his designee be removed from the process. He stated he had also touched base with the State Attorney's Office and they did have a problem with the Ordinance. He stated he believed the State Attorney's Office felt that the Ordinance was too close to the State Statute and would be ruled unconstitutional. He stated Glades County did not have a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Attorney's Office to prosecute County Ordinances so the State Attorney's Office really could not discuss the matter with him. He stated he would contact Attorney Pringle and have him look into this matter. He stated Chief Pottorff and himself had discussed the issue and suggested that the County make it a fine and not a misdemeanor charge. He stated this would take the State Attorney out of the process.

Chairman Storter Long asked that this item be placed on the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

Sheriff Whiddon stated that the GCDC Board had voted today to hire a lobbying firm from Washington DC to pursue putting juveniles in the old Jail Facility. He stated the Board felt that this was a very good option. He explained some of the special problems that would come with this venture but stated there were companies all over the United States that could be contracted with to run the facility. He stated the Sheriff's Department would secure the facility, feed them, do their laundry, etc. He stated GCDC would use the old contract and the County would receive a monthly lease payment.

Commissioner Echols stated the numbers had been steadily climbing at the ICE facility; however, they were still not making profit enough to pay the principal and interest payments.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There was no report.

### **COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

County Manager Carlisle stated the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity would like to come and administer a Community Services Block Grant. He stated there would be no costs to the County. He stated they would run all of the public hearing meetings

and provide services to the very poor. He stated he simply needed the consensus of the Board regarding this matter.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the Community Services Grant program.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would be out of the office September 17 – 21, 2014 to attend the International City/County Manager Association Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. He stated he had a contract on his house in Rock Hill and may have to go up in the middle of August to move the last of his belongings home.

Chairman Storter Long commented on the ground breaking ceremony that was held this past weekend.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would put together a group to make the plans for the Training Center. He cautioned the Board on how they managed the facility.

Vice Chairman Stanley commented on the purchase of \$50 million worth of property that the State was going to purchase out of the Fisheating Creek property. He stated this would be detrimental to the County's tax base.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would look into the matter and reach out to the County's legislators for more information.

Commissioner Drake thanked County Manager Carlisle for the bar-b-que he had prepared for the ground breaking ceremony. She stated the whole event had been very professionally done and was proud to be involved.

County Manager Carlisle stated it had taken a lot of teamwork and the event would not have happened without his staff.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

David Alexander, resident of Crescent Acres Avenue, stated he had purchased a lot in Port LaBelle Unit 102 about a year ago. He stated he had been issued a citation for a code violation recently because the property had not been mowed. He stated none of the properties were mowed in the area and expressed his discontent with the citation.

Chairman Storter Long suggested that Mr. Alexander meet with County Manager Carlisle and the Code Enforcement Officer regarding this matter.

#### **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he was glad to see the construction of a new cell tower moving along in Buckhead Ridge. He thanked County Manager Carlisle and staff for the ground breaking ceremony and the Legislative Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Echols asked County Manager Carlisle if he was able to get a figure on how much had been spent on researching the implementation of an MSTU for Fire Services.

County Manager Carlisle stated approximately \$33,000.00 had been spent.

Commissioner Echols stated every member on the Board had a right to vote their conscience. He stated if the Board was not going to support these kinds of things they needed to be stopped before \$30,000.00 was spent. He cautioned the Board that the County did not have these kind of funds to spend on items that they were not going to support.

Chairman Storter Long asked how long the information received from GSG would be good for. She asked if this same data could be used in the future.

County Manager Carlisle stated part of the same data could be used.

Commissioner Drake thanked Dale Milita and Connie Vanassche for their contributions to the events on Saturday.

Commissioner Beck commented on the Ordinance regarding the MSTU for Fire Services that had come before the Board for consideration. He stated the proposed Ordinance seemed to have been broader than just fire services. He stated the President and Secretary of the Tourism Development Council had recently resigned due to health issues. He asked that the Board members bring some suggestions for new TDC members. He stated he appreciated the Board's help with the Harney Pond project and was hopeful that an air boat ramp would be constructed soon.

Chairman Storter Long stated she had really enjoyed Saturday and thanked County Manager Carlisle, staff, Mr. Milita and Mrs. Vanassche for their contributions. She suggested that any future ordinances such as the one for MSTU for Fire Services come before the Board in a draft form prior to the public hearing.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: August 25, 2014

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