

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 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, October 27, 2014
at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Pat Dobbins, Health Department Director
Terri Anascavage, E-011 Coordinator
Missie Barletto, AIM Engineering
Stuart Whiddon, Sheriff
John Huysman, Glades County School District
Tracy Whirls, EDC Executive Director
Igna Williams, Community Development Director
John Ahern, City Council
Weston Pryor
27 citizens

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

PRAYER

Commissioner Drake gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Echols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Storter Long requested that 2 amendments be added to the Business
Agenda: Item 13 – Appointment to the Tourism Development Council and Item 14 –
Harney Pond Boat Ramp closure for Boat Parade.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board amended the agenda.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

1. West Palm Beach VA Medical Center (VAMC) Rural Access Primary-Specialty Care Expansion Initiative

Pat Dobbins, Director – Glades County Health Department, introduced Cristy McKillop, Associate Director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.

Ms. McKillop stated the VA Medical Center served seven counties in the southeast Florida area and historically, the veterans who lived in Glades and Hendry counties had to drive 90 plus miles out to West Palm Beach for their primary and specialty care. She stated the nearest community based out-patient clinic was located in Okeechobee. She stated the VA Medical Center had the opportunity from the National Office to establish a rural health grant. She stated Mrs. Dobbins, the Health Department, and the County had been very supportive and had provided space at both the Moore Haven and Clewiston Health Departments. She stated they were projecting an opening date of April 1, 2015 to have primary care teams that will split their times between Glades and Hendry counties. She stated the team would spend 3 days in the Clewiston location and 2 days in the Moore Haven location. She stated the teams will have lap top capabilities, cell phone access, and tele-health capabilities. She stated the goal was to provide a much better compliment of services for the Glades and Hendry veterans. She stated the VA Medical Center wanted to hire a care team that was from the local area. She stated they were planning to hire an M.D-D.O and an RN, LPN, and Nursing Assistant and manage all of the care for the patients.

Commissioner Beck commented on the distance of travel.

Ms. McKillop stated the County service officers had done a great job in transporting the veterans on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She stated this service would continue and would be supplemented with transportation of lab specimens. She stated currently veterans were being paid a travel per diem for their travel expenses to Okeechobee. She stated this would only be paid to the Clewiston and Moore Haven sites.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if the Buckhead Ridge veterans could continue going to Okeechobee.

Ms. McKillop stated this was correct and that they would continue to get paid the travel per diem to Okeechobee.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve Payment of County Warrants. (See Exhibit A)
General Fund: 74603 – 74694
Court Facilities Surcharge : 1001 - 1003**
3. **Approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting**

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **Resolution Supporting the Promise Zone Application for Southwest Florida**

County Manager Carlisle stated there had been several discussions with the SWFRPC regarding this resolution. He stated this would be a designation for Glades and part of Collier County and parts of Hendry County. He stated there would only be one Promise Zone designation in the Nation. He stated the resolution would give the County the ability to apply for the designation. He stated this designation would allow the County special funding opportunities and special consideration for grants for different programs.

Chairman Storter Long stated the County had a very good chance at getting the designation.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board approved Resolution No. 2014-27, supporting the Promise Zone Application for Southwest Florida.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. **Request for Qualifications for Design/Build of Training Center at County Business Park**

Attorney Pringle explained that this was the next step in the process that the County was going through to do a competitive selection of a design/build firm to perform the design and construction of the Training Center at the County Business Park. He stated a RFQ had been generated and released. He stated the County received 7 responses of which 2 had been deemed non-responsive. He stated direction had been given at the last Board meeting to bring the item back for consideration this evening and to invite each of the 5 qualified responders to make a presentation. He stated he had indicated

to the responders that they should consider talking to the Board about their qualifications, their approach to the project, and their ability to furnish the required services. He stated F.S. 287.055 (4) controlled this process. He stated the Board would need to decide how much time they wished to give the responders to make their presentations. He stated it would be voluntary and not mandatory, but he would ask the other responders to step outside of the room while the other responders gave their presentations. He explained that the Board could draw names or call them in alphabetical order, or however they wished. He stated after the presentations were complete the next step would be deliberation among the Board members. After deliberation the Board would proceed with listing the responders in order of preference so that negotiations for a contract could begin. He stated there were factors listed in the RFQ and in the packets that had been provided to each Board member. These factors include the ability of professional personnel; whether a firm in a certified minority enterprise; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location; recent, current, and projected work load of the firms; and the volume of work previously awarded to each firm by the agency with the object effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms provided such distribution does not violate the principal of selection of the most highly qualified firms. He stated in addition to these factors the RFQ had also included the following: completeness and accuracy of the response, compliance with the specifications requirements, who was being proposed as sub-contractors, if any; past performance and relevant experience, willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location of designated business office; current and projected workloads; whether a responder is a certified minority business enterprise; whether a responder has a drug free workplace policy; and the volume of work previously awarded to each responder by Glades County.

Chairman Storter suggested calling the firms in alphabetical order and allowing a maximum of 10 minutes per presentation.

Commissioner Echols suggested allowing 7 minutes for each presentation.

Chairman Storter Long declared a conflict of interest and stated she would not be voting on this issue. She asked if the final rankings would be submitted in writing.

Attorney Pringle stated this was correct. He asked that each commissioner submit their rankings in writing.

All of the responders except A. D. Morgan Corporation left the room.

A.D. Morgan Corporation

Rebecca Smith, President of A.D. Morgan Corporation, came forward and handed out a sketch and made her presentation.

Dan Ionescu, Project Architect, Andy Tilton, Director of Water Resources – Johnson Engineering, and John Kalaf, Vice President of Operations, made a brief presentation.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the Ms. Smith had ever gone over time on a project.

Mr. Kalaf stated his team had completed all projects on time.

Commissioner Drake asked if the group had done any prior projects in Glades County.

Mr. Kalaf stated they had not. He stated they had completed projects in Highlands, Hardee, and Palm Beach counties.

Mr. Tilton stated Johnson Engineering had done numerous projects in Glades County.

Frasier Contracting, Inc.

There was no one present representing Frasier Contracting, Inc.

Manhattan Construction

Keith Morgan, of Manhattan Construction, along with Jack Dillon, Project Director, Hal Bennett, Mr. Hoffman, and Augustin Bennett, all of H.L. Bennett & Associates, Inc., gave a presentation.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the warehouse would be higher than the front offices.

Mr. Dillon stated the warehouse could be hid behind the front offices by raising the elevation of the offices.

Commissioner Beck asked if they had always come in on time on their contracts.

Mr. Dillon stated they had always come in on time with their projects.

Commissioner Drake asked if Manhattan Construction had completed any other projects in Glades County.

Mr. Morgan stated Manhattan was currently completing the new high school project.

West Construction, Inc.

Matthew West, Vice President – West Construction, Inc. and Peter Ganci, Principal – West Architecture, made a presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Drake asked if West Construction, Inc. had done any other projects in Glades County.

Mr. West stated they had not.

County Manager Carlisle questioned the business being a certified minority enterprise.

Mr. West stated the business was woman owned (51%) and a certified minority owned business enterprise.

Commissioner Beck asked if Mr. West had ever come in over budget or gone over on time when completing a project.

Mr. West stated any time extensions had been due to owner initiated change orders. He stated his company liked to do local workforce workshops and hire locally.

Commissioner Echols stated he read where West Construction, Inc. had been involved in 21 different litigations in the past 5 years. He questioned why so many.

Mr. West stated most of these were related to one project that he had completed for the Village of Royal Palm Beach. He explained that the lawsuits had been settled and dismissed.

Wright Construction Group

Fred Edman, President and Owner – Wright Construction Group, Kevin Williams, AIA – BSSW Architects, Steve Dobbs, P.E. SLD Engineering, Leon Ross, Superintendent, and Scott Loiacano, Project Manager, and Bob Duncan, Assistant Superintendent, all came forward and gave a presentation.

Commissioner Drake asked if Wright Construction had completed any projects in Glades County in the past 10 years.

Mr. Edman stated they had completed the courthouse renovations, the renovations at the jail annex, the new Building and Zoning offices, the new Health Department, and most recently the new EOC Building.

Commissioner Beck asked if Wright Construction completed their projects on time and within budget.

Mr. Edman stated they did.

Attorney Pringle asked that the Board members list a minimum of 3 responders in order of preference.

Vice Chairman Stanley thanked everyone that came and made presentations.

Commissioner Drake agreed and stated they had all been very interesting.

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Chairman Storter Long asked the Board members for their preferences.

Commissioner Echols ranked the responders as follows:

Wright Construction Group
A.D. Morgan Corporation
West Construction, Inc.
Manhattan Construction
Frasier Contracting, Inc.

Vice Chairman Stanley ranked the responders as follows:

Wright Construction Group
A.D. Morgan Corporation
West Construction, Inc.
Manhattan Construction
Frasier Contracting, Inc.

Commissioner Drake ranked the responders as follows:

Wright Construction Group
West Construction, Inc.
Manhattan Construction
A.D. Morgan Corporation
Frasier Contracting, Inc.

Commissioner Beck ranked the responders as follows:

Wright Construction Group
West Construction, Inc.
A.D. Morgan Corporation
Manhattan Construction
Frasier Contracting, Inc.

Attorney Pringle stated the cumulative preferences were as follows:

Wright Construction Group - 4
West Construction, Inc. - 10
A. D. Morgan Corporation - 11
Manhattan Construction - 15
Frasier Contracting, Inc. - 20

Attorney Pringle asked that the Board take action to list in order of preference, at a minimum, the top 3 responders.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board authorized Attorney Pringle and County Staff to negotiate a contract with Wright Construction, Inc. (and if not successful then West Construction, Inc. and then A.D.

Morgan Corporation) for the construction of the Training Center at the County Business Park.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Chairman Storter Long declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote. (See Exhibit B)

Attorney Pringle stated the next step in the process would be for County Staff to negotiate with the first ranked responder - Wright Construction Group and bring a contract back for consideration by the Board at the next day meeting.

6. Request for Bids for Construction Services Regarding Phase 1 of Glades County Business Park Project

County Manager Carlisle stated the bids for this project had been opened. He stated 2 bids had been received and were \$80.00 apart. Ridgill & Sons, Inc. had come in at \$581,299.20 and Lynch Paving and Construction Company had come in at \$581,213.59. He stated that Ridgill & Sons, Inc., although higher, was a local company.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved contracting with Ridgill & Sons, Inc. to provide Construction Services regarding Phase I of the Glades County Business Park Project.

Motion carried by 5- 0 vote.

County Manager Carlisle stated the original funding for this project was to come out of the contingency funds. He stated some of the funding was coming from appropriations from the State of Florida. He asked if the Board would like to take the remainder of the funds from contingency or from one cent funds, or a combination of both. He stated there were a lot of projects on the books at this time which were reimbursable. He stated these were taxing the County's cash flow.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved funding for Phase I of the Glades County Business Park Project to come from the one cent fund.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Chairman Storter Long seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board approved the transfer of these funds from Public Works to the Industrial Park – Capital Outlay.

Motion carried by 5 – vote.

7. Install of Partial Underground Backbone from SR 78 to Pump Location

County Manager Carlisle stated this was additional work that needed to be done on the entrance road to get backbone electrical service into the Business Park. He stated the electrical had stopped at the lift station. He stated he was hoping that with CDBG grant funds they would be able to complete this project all the way through to Americas Gateway. He stated the funding was similar with this project. He stated this project would cost no more than \$101,000.00 and Glades Electric would complete the work.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Drake seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the installation of partial underground backbone from SR 78 up to the pump location by Glades Electric in an amount not to exceed \$101,000.00, with funding to come from the one cent fund.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board approved the transfer of these funds from Public Works to Capital Outlay – Business Park.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Port LaBelle Community Development District Mowing Contract Extension

County Manager Carlisle stated Vice Chairman Stanley had pointed out some errors in the calculations. He stated the correct amount for the cost for fiscal year 2015/2016 should be \$9,073.03 and the total cost for two years 2014 – 2016 should be \$17,881.86.

ON MOTION of Chairman Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the extension of the mowing contract with the Port LaBelle Community Development District for two years 2014 – 2016 in an amount of \$17,881.86.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. New Street Names

Chairman Storter Long questioned the naming of International Way. She asked who had come up with these names.

County Manager Carlisle stated A. Duda & Sons had come up with these names.

Chairman Storter Long expressed concern with the name “Way”.

Commissioner Drake asked if there were any rules pertaining to the naming of these streets.

Ms. Anascavage stated there were none governing the naming of these streets. Commissioner Echols asked if there would be a conflict of interest since he was employed by A. Duda & Sons.

Attorney Pringle stated he did not believe there would be any conflict of interest.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the naming of the following Glades County roads: Commerce Way, Industrial Drive and International Way.

Motion carried 4 – 1 vote.

Chairman Storter Long voted against the motion on the floor.

10. FHREDI Committee Membership Appointment

County Manager Carlisle stated 2 commissioners could not represent the County on the FHREDI (Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative) Board because of the violation of the Sunshine Laws. He asked that the Board name another appointee.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board appointed County Manager Carlisle to serve on the FHREDI Board as the second County Director per the FHREDI Bylaws.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board removed Vice Chairman Stanley from the FHREDI Board.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

11. Approve Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Glades County Stormwater Improvements

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Stanley seconded by Commissioner Echols the Board approved the contract submitted by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Glades County Stormwater Improvements – Contract No. S0757. This contract shall pay on a cost reimbursement basis in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**12. North Shore Lake Okeechobee Navigation Channel Improvements
Time Extension**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Echols seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved Amendment No. 9 of Agreement No. 4600001552 between Glades County and SFWMD for the North Shore Lake Okeechobee Navigation Channel Improvements time extension.

Vice Chairman Stanley declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the vote. (See Exhibit C)

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote

13. Appointment to the TDC Counsel

Commissioner Beck stated the TDC (Tourism Development Council) Board had met today and would like to request that Susan Adams be appointed to serve on the TDC Board.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board appointed Susan Adams to serve on the TDC Board.

Chairman Storter Long asked that Ms. Adams fill out a County Volunteer form and file it with the County Manager's office.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

14. Harney Pond boat ramp closure for Christmas Parade

Commissioner Beck stated the Annual Christmas Boat Parade committee was requesting that the boat ramp adjacent to the pavilion be closed from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on December 6th.

It was the consensus of the Board to close the boat ramp adjacent to the pavilion at Harney Pond from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on December 6th for the Christmas Boat Parade.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sandra Brown, Clerk of Court, stated the projects that the Board still had to fund amounted to approximately \$14 million. She stated depending on how these projects came in and how they were reimbursed, she may be coming back to the Board to discuss the possibility of a line of credit.

Chairman Storter Long asked how much the line of credit would cost.

Ms. Brown stated she had one proposal right now and it was expensive.

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Chairman Storter Long cautioned the Board on waiting too long to get the line of credit. She suggested that maybe the Board should go ahead and give consensus for a RFP.

Attorney Pringle stated he had done this process for other agencies that he represents. He stated when the lending institutions realize there is some competition they tend to give a better quote.

County Manager Carlisle stated by consensus he could go out for an RFP and no further action would be taken until the Board awarded it.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the Board could direct Ms. Brown to work with County Manager Carlisle to go out for RFP.

Commissioner Echols stated he would like to see a list of the projects, an estimated time frame, and an estimated amount prior to making a decision about a line of credit.

Ms. Brown stated she had a list of the projects. She stated the roads amounted to \$4 million. She stated the County had been using the one cent money to pay what was going out. She stated another \$400,000.00 had been obligated tonight leaving approximately \$1 million in this fund. She stated if the Board chose to renovate the Health Department another \$200,000.00 would be spent. She stated the County still owed \$4.1 million on the new EOC Building, \$682,000.00 for the repaving of Old Lakeport Road, \$1 million for Loop Road, \$1.2 million for Palmdale (Main Avenue), \$901,000.00 for Canal Street, \$1,790,000.00 for Kirby Thompson Road, and the new Training Facility would cost \$3,500,000.00.

Chairman Storter Long asked if there was a deadline on using the SCOP/SCRAP funds.

Ms. Brown stated there was a deadline on those funds, on the Training Facility, and the EOC Building.

County Manager Carlisle stated they were holding off on the Kirby Thompson Road project for right now until the County could get some of the other projects completed. He stated the deadline for Kirby Thompson Road was the end of next year.

Ms. Brown stated they would be taking the funds for the roads out of Transportation Trust.

Attorney Pringle stated the fees and costs for the line of credit were paid up front and non-refundable. He stated there was often an annual fee also.

Chairman Storter Long asked that this item be brought before the Board for consideration at the November 12th meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Carlisle stated Gary Ritter, SFWMD, had apologized for not being present tonight due to a prior engagement. He stated Mr. Ritter had recently informed him that November 12th would be his last day with SFWMD. He stated Mr. Ritter had taken a position with the Farm Bureau. He stated he had met with Alvin Ward regarding putting in an air boat ramp closer to the locks. He stated if it was the direction of the Board he would investigate the matter further. He stated he would work up some cost estimates.

Commissioner Echols stated he believed the matter should be investigated. He explained that the prop blast was difficult to handle.

Vice Chairman Stanley suggested that County Manager Carlisle start with the Army Corps of Engineers and move forward from there.

It was the consensus of the Board to investigate the matter by first checking with the Army Corps of Engineers.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would be bringing back a modification to the SFWMD lease for Curry Island's entrance road. He stated this modification was needed so that FDOT could complete their project at the entrance road and the walking path.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck urged everyone to get out and vote next Tuesday.

County Manager Carlisle stated the Muse Fire Station's septic tank had been destroyed by a large tree. He stated the bathrooms were not functional. He stated he would investigate prices to get the septic tank repaired and bring them back to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Drake stated there would be a political rally tomorrow night at Ortona. She stated her students would be giving a presentation and invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Echols stated he had attended a GCDC (Glades Correctional Development Council) meeting this evening. He stated more meetings would be taking

place this week with Robert Demann and some Congressional aides. He stated the future of the facility did not look any better than it did. He stated they were still experiencing difficulties with ICE. He stated the Board would need to agenda the appointment of a Board representative to the GCDC Board at the first meeting of the new Commissioners. He stated he would fill the position until the Board could appoint a replacement.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the GCDC Board would have to approve the appointment.

Commissioner Echols stated this was correct.

County Manager Carlisle explained that the Chairman normally appointed Board members to various boards. He stated the members usually volunteered for the seats that they wished to serve on.

Commissioner Echols stated he would continue to serve but wanted Board consensus until someone else was appointed.

It was Board consensus to allow Commissioner Echols to continue to serve on the GCDC Board until an appointment could be made. Chairman Storter Long asked that this item be placed on the November 12th agenda.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated a group of citizens in Buckhead Ridge had painted all of the fire hydrants in pink in honor of breast cancer awareness. He thanked them for their efforts. He stated he had a citizen in Buckhead Ridge that lived on the other side of the Kissimmee River and Okeechobee County had renamed the road going into his house. He stated the citizen wanted Glades County to put the name back to what it was and replace the sign.

County Manager Carlisle stated he would get the contact information for the individual and look into the matter.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Drake the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: November 12, 2014

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