

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

Donna Storter Long, Chairman
Tim Stanley, Vice Chairman
Paul Beck
John Ahern
Weston Pryor

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent
Terri Anascavage, E911 Coordinator
Russell Echols, A. Duda & Sons
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Stuart Whiddon, Glades County Sheriff
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
Inga Williams, Community Development Director
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio
James Hull, AIM Engineering
18 citizens

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

PRAYER

Chairman Storter Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Storter Long requested that the 2015 Schedule of Board Meetings be added to the Business Agenda as Item 14.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board amended the agenda.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS

1. FDOT 5-Year Tentative Work Program

Carmen Monroy, Director of the Southwest Area Office – FDOT District I, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the District I and Florida Turnpike Enterprise Tentative 5-Year Work Program for the fiscal years July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020. She stated 2 public hearings had been scheduled to solicit public comment. She stated the first of these would be held in Bartow on December 10th and the second in Naples on December 12th. She stated there were various opportunities to provide comment on the program. She stated comments could be provided to FDOT staff either in writing or via email addressed to Billy L. Hadaway, District Secretary – FDOT, Post Office Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831-1249 – Attention: Laura Lockwood. She requested that the Board endorse the program.

Suzanne Lex, AICP – FDOT District One Community Liaison, stated one of the major construction projects that had been added was to widen and resurface County Road 74 in the years 2018-2019 in the amount of \$5.5 million. She stated monies were also added to the budget to reimburse Glades County and the City of Moore Haven for their traffic signal maintenance. She stated a sidewalk on State Road 78 from Lake Drive West to Lake Drive and then to the Community Center had been requested this year. She stated the design for this sidewalk had been programmed for the new 5th year. She stated money had been added for permitting and environmental issues for the turn lanes on US Hwy 27 at 6th Street and 7th Street. She stated 2 rail safety projects were programmed for next year and the following year. She stated one of these would be at Canal Road to South of Kilpatrick Drive. She thanked the Board for their support and asked if anyone had any questions.

Vice Chairman Stanley questioned the paving of the levy around the Lake.

Mrs. Lex stated she was not in charge of that project but would look into the issue and provide the information to County Manager Carlisle.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved the endorsement of the FDOT 5-Year Tentative Work Program as presented.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CSBG Provider for Glades County

Chairman Storter Long explained that the purpose of this hearing was to afford these agencies an opportunity to present to all interested parties in the community their qualifications and proposal for providing services, if selected. She stated 2 agencies had responded: Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. and Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River County, Inc.

Jean Amison, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), she stated the DEO was a state workforce and community services agency. She stated the DEO ran several programs that were community services dedicated to low income people. She stated the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) was funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Community Services Block Grant Act. She stated this grant was funded for low income people and their communities to provide (through partnerships) work readiness programs, education, and supportive services to help them become self sufficient. She stated this also included seniors and disabled citizens. She stated the funds were currently provided to 27 local community action agencies, which served 65 of Florida's 67 counties. She stated Glades County had not been served for approximately 3 years. She stated 2 agencies had provided proposals. She stated the funding was not large but was partnered with a larger non-profit that already had all of the other supportive services in place. She stated the funds could help fund supportive/administrative costs for the agency to provide services to Glades County. She stated the process included a series of public hearings in order to find the provider. She stated both agencies were here today to make a presentation to the Board. She stated the Board could provide their input on which agency they would prefer. She stated an agency should be selected by the first of the year.

Al Miller, Deputy Director of the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI), stated ALPI was currently the low income home energy assistance provider for 3 counties and provided Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in 7 counties. He stated ALPI also had funds for emergency assistance to farm workers. He stated ALPI had been around for 45 – 50 years. He stated their current funding level was approximately \$15 - \$20 million per year. He stated ALPI had a big head start presence in St. Lucie. He stated ALPI was the LIHEAP provider for Glades County. He explained that under the LIHEAP program they provided emergency assistance for low income individuals in crisis situations. He stated from October 2013 through September 2014 under the LIHEAP program services had been provided to 266 Glades County families in the amount of \$82,431.00. He stated ALPI was also the LIHEAP provider for Hendry, Highlands, Polk, St. Lucie, and Martin counties. He gave an overview of the services offered in Hendry County. He stated the primary focus of the CSBG was family self sufficiency. He introduced Pa Houa Lee-Yang, Director of the CSBG/Economic Development Department within this division and over the CSBG program. He stated ALPI received approximately 50,000.00 to provide emergency assistance to farm workers around the State. He stated in surrounding counties ALPI had served over 2,000 people under the LIHEAP program. He stated ALPI had a big presence in the area. (Exhibit A)

Commissioner Beck asked if there were a limited number of times that a family could apply for LIHEAP services.

Mr. Miller stated policy limited the applicants to one crisis per year and one home energy assistance per year.

Commissioner Pryor asked what the criteria were for the farm workers assistance program.

Mr. Miller stated the farm worker had to be an active, migrant, seasonal, farm worker. He stated they must also be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the U.S. He stated if ALPI could not assist the person they would refer them to someone who could.

Chairman Storter Long asked if ALPI had staff that was fluent in Spanish.

Mr. Miller stated they did have bi-lingual staff.

Mrs. Lee-Yang stated the CSBG handout gave an introduction regarding what the Family Self-Sufficiency Plan was about. She gave an overview of some of the information contained in the packet.

Chairman Storter Long commented on the holding back of funds for administrative costs.

Mrs. Amison stated the agencies partnering with them were also allowed a hold back of 15% for administrative costs. She stated CSBG was originally created to support the agency in order to provide supportive services to the agency itself so they could bring in other programs to partner with the funds. She stated some of the County agencies used less than 15%.

Leonard Edwards, Executive Director – Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River County, Inc., stated the proposal they would like to offer Glades County was a summer youth program. He stated they would like to partner with the Southwest Career Source. He stated the Southwest Career Source had a program in Glades County named “Destination Graduation” which was designed for juniors and seniors. He stated his agency would like to expand this program. He stated the program had been very successful but they would like to add freshmen and sophomores, as well. He stated he had meet with Scott Bass, Superintendent, and gone over the proposal. He stated they would like to enroll 25 students in the program. He stated each student would need to meet the 125% poverty guidelines. He stated the students would be provided summer enrichment, employment training, and in-class training. He stated some of the programs that the students were currently receiving were mentoring, homework assistance, peer tutoring, and field trips. He stated Career Source was looking forward to working with them on expansion of this program. He stated the Economic

Opportunities Council currently provided the following programs: Head Start Program, LIHEAP, and CSBG. He stated they currently had the Head Start Program operating in Okeechobee County and had 95 preschoolers enrolled. He stated they also provided LIHEAP assistance in Okeechobee and had served 672 clients as of last year. (Exhibit B)

Wendy Grow, Director - CSBG Self Sufficiency Program, stated their CSBG clients were required to attend a "Getting Ahead" workshop over the course of 2 – 5 days. She stated she believed the workshop should be taught in schools beginning in middle school. She stated the workshop addressed poverty and the situations that lead to it. She stated it was a very valuable program.

Mrs. Amison explained the selection process. She stated the Board was allowed to send a recommendation to DEO.

Chairman Storter Long called for public input. There was none.

Vice Chairman Stanley asked if this grant was dedicated to Glades County only or the whole state.

Mrs. Amison stated the funds came into the state and then Glades County was afforded a portion based on population and the number of citizens at the 125% federal poverty guidelines. She stated Glades County would receive approximately \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the Board wished to make a recommendation. The Board declined.

3. Case Number RZ14-03 – Wayman Road

Chairman Storter Long asked that the Board declare any ex parte communication and stated any witnesses wishing to testify would have to be sworn in.

Commissioner Ahern declared a conflict of interest. He stated he was a part owner in one of the parcels in the rezoning application.

Chairman Storter Long swore in the witnesses. She stated she had spoken with County Manager Carlisle about this item.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated he had also talked to County Manager Carlisle and Mrs. Williams.

Inga Williams, Community Development Director, stated this was a staff initiated rezoning and therefore would require 2 public hearings. She stated one of the public hearings would need to take place after 5:00 p.m. on a week day; however, the Board

could take action to hold the meeting at an earlier time if they so desired. She stated this rezoning was for approximately 582 acres located on Wayman Road. She stated there was approximately 512 acres that was zoned Open Use Agriculture under the Agricultural Future Land Use designation, approximately 55.5 acres zoned Open Use Agriculture under a Residential Future Land Use designation, and approximately 14.5 acres zoned Agriculture Residential under a Residential Future Land Use designation. She stated all of these zoning designations were inconsistent with their Future Land Use designations. She stated this rezoning would make the Future Land Use Map and the zoning consistent on these properties. She stated the Staff recommendation under the Agriculture Residential Future Land Use designation that exist was to change the zoning to Agriculture Residential on the 512 acre parcel. She stated the Staff recommendation for the other 70 acres was to rezone the property to Residential General. She stated the Planning and Zoning Board members were concerned about the density that was allowed under the Residential General zoning designation. She stated the maximum density under this designation was 7 units per acre (multi-family). She stated Staff recommended that the 70 acres be removed from the rezoning application and that the property be rezoned to Residential Family 1 which would allow for one unit per acre.

Commissioner Pryor stated he had spoken with County Manager Carlisle and several of the land owners regarding this rezoning.

Chairman Storter Long commended Mrs. Williams for bringing this rezoning forward.

Tommy Toms, resident of Glades County, stated he lived on Wayman Road and expressed concern with the rezoning. He stated he felt that the land contiguous with Wayman Road needed to be zoned Agriculture Residential. He commented on the parcel known as the Turtle Farm. He stated the rezoning of this property was not consistent with the surrounding properties. He expressed concern with the higher density.

Commissioner Ahern stated he agreed with the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation.

Attorney Pringle explained that because these were conventional rezoning categories that the Board would either need to approve or deny the application. He stated this decision would be made at the second public hearing. He stated if the Board wished to deny the parcels in the RG category they could and then direct staff to bring it back as something different.

Chairman Storter Long stated she also agreed with the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation.

Commissioner Pryor stated the 1 to 5 parcels were very attractive homes on Wayman Road. He stated he would agree with denying the 70 parcel application and directing staff to bring another application before the Board rezoning the property to AR.

Commissioner Beck stated the rezoning of the property to RG (7 to 1) was way out of line with the surrounding properties. He asked how many of the parcels included in this request were less than 5 acres.

Attorney Pringle pointed out that the reason staff recommended rezoning from OUA and AR to RF-1 and not AR was because there were 2 FLUM designations in the area that addressed these parcels. He stated the designation for the 512 acres allowed AR-1 zoning and would be consistent with the FLUM designation. He stated the other 70 acres had a different FLUM designation and the lowest density zoning category that was consistent with that FLUM designation was RF-1.

Chairman Storter Long suggested changing the FLUM designation.

Attorney Pringle stated the Board could choose to do that. He stated the lowest zoning density on the 70 acres would be RF-1 (1 unit per acre) but if the Board wanted to go to a lower density than that they would need to direct staff to amend the FLUM so that the property could be zoned AR-1 (1 unit per 5 acres). He stated the Board would need to take action today to set the public hearing. He stated the County could withdraw the rezoning application on the 70 acre parcel.

Chairman Storter Long clarified that Commissioner Ahern could vote on the scheduling of the public hearing.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board scheduled the public hearing for Case Number RZ14-03 for January 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as it may be heard).

Vice Chairman Stanley asked how the “Turtle Farm” property had been zoned AR to begin with.

Commissioner Beck stated it had been very easy to rezone property in the 1970’s.

Chairman Storter Long asked if the rezoning of the property would change the owner’s rights as far as being able to build.

Attorney Pringle stated the rezoning may affect the owner’s ability to develop and may have a “Burt Harris Act” claim filed against the County. He cautioned the Board and staff about being cautious when moving through the process. He stated the law also stated that the COMP provisions must be consistent with the zoning land use approvals. He clarified that the staff report and recommendations were part of the record.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

It was the consensus of the Board to withdraw the 70 acre parcel from the application and direct staff to proceed with changing the FLUM designation for that parcel so that a new rezoning application could be made at a later date.

4. Foreclosure and Abandoned Real Property Program Ordinance

Mrs. Williams stated this ordinance would create a registration program for properties that were going into foreclosure or abandoned with no taxes being paid. She stated this register would keep track of who would be responsible for maintaining the property. She stated this ordinance would require the mortgagee to maintain the property.

Vice Chairman Storter Long asked how the ordinance would be made known to the lending institutions.

Mrs. Williams suggested a notice be placed in the local newspaper. She stated a search of the Clerk's records could also be done so that the banks that had recorded foreclosures could be noticed.

Attorney Pringle stated that the adoption of the ordinance would be sufficient notice. He stated the banks could look at the ordinance on the County's website.

Mrs. Williams stated there were also companies nationwide that kept track of these types of ordinances.

Chairman Storter Long called for public input.

Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News, suggested that staff put the ordinance on their website and make it well known to buyers and banks.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved adoption of Glades County Ordinance 2014-10, implementing the Foreclosure and Abandoned Real Property Program.

Commissioner Beck stated he believed this Ordinance would close the loop hole with these abandoned properties.

Chairman Storter Long questioned at what point the bank would be liable to keep the property maintained.

Attorney Pringle stated there were 2 possible triggers – abandonment of the property or failure to pay taxes. He stated the mortgagee would then be responsible for maintenance of the property.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

5. Update on the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Mrs. Williams stated this update was required yearly.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance 2014-11, amending the Capital Improvement Element to incorporate a revised Capital Improvement Schedule as Appendix I and the School Board District 5-Year Facilities Work Program as Appendix II.

Chairman Storter Long called for public input. There was none.

Commissioner Ahern suggested that the Board discuss how the County maintained the improvements over time.

County Manager Carlisle stated he was researching the possible use of one cent sales tax funds for maintenance. He stated small counties had different criteria for the use of the funds.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. Approve payment of County Warrants. (Exhibit C)**
General Fund: 74897 – 74972
Intergovernmental Radio: 10256 – 10258
Courthouse Facilities Surcharge: 1009
SHIP: 1603

- 7. Approved the Minutes of the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.**

Chairman Storter Long asked that the Commissioners contact the Clerk's Office with any typographical revisions to the minutes. She explained which revisions would require Board action.

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

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 8. Proposal to prepare improvements to Kirby Thompson Road**

County Manager Carlisle stated this project was part of the SCOP/SCRAP program funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. He stated Craig A. Smith had

given a proposal to complete the engineering, design, bid, and site monitoring in the amount of \$195,610.00.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved the proposal submitted by Craig A. Smith & Associates to prepare construction plans, specifications, construction engineering, and construction management for improvements to Kirby Thompson Road as stipulated in Financial Management No. 433600 1 58 01/02 in the amount of \$195,610.00.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated this was a requirement by the State to offer a COPCN for any ambulance service operating within the county's borders.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Glades County EMS, Positive Mobility, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and West Coast Ambulance and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

10. Renovation of the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department

Mr. Jones stated the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department had requested funding to help with renovations to the Fire Department building. He stated they were requesting the use of \$10,000.00 from the money that was originally budgeted for the Okeechobee Emergency Medical Services Contract.

Chairman Storter Long asked if Positive Medical was stationed at the building.

Mr. Jones stated they were but this request was being made by the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department volunteers.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Pryor the Board approved funding the renovation of the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department Building and the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the EMS Contracted Services Line Item #001-525-240-500-341 to the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department Building's Capital Outlay Line Item #301-522-003-500-620. Expenditures to be made under the direction of Public Safety Director Bob Jones and approved by County Manager Carlisle.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

11. Proposed Right of Way Dedication

County Manager Carlisle stated a part of the application process for the Community Development Block Grant for the infrastructure of the Travel Center required that the lands be publicly owned. He stated A. Duda & Sons was working on a dedication agreement for the right of ways so that funds could be expended. He stated this would open up the first 800 acres for future development.

Chairman Storter Long asked if anything other than what was provided would be needed.

County Manager Carlisle stated a dedication agreement would be prepared and Attorney Pringle would need to review it. He stated this agenda item was simply to make sure that the Board still wished to move forward with the donation of property.

It was the consensus Board to direct staff to move forward with the proposed dedication of property to the County.

12. Request for Qualifications for Independent Auditing Services

Chairman Storter Long stated the Audit Selection Committee had met and approved advertising an RFQ for Independent Auditing Services subject to review and approval by County Manager Carlisle and Attorney Pringle. She stated the Board would need to authorize the advertising of the RFQ.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board authorized Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, to advertise a RFQ for Independent Auditing Services.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. Courthouse Electrical Upgrade and Generators

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received two responses in reference to Request for Proposals No. 10-2014 Courthouse Electrical Upgrade and Generators. He stated the existing generators were not sufficient and not operating properly during outages. He stated the wiring was substandard in the older section of the courthouse. He stated this project was so detailed there was no way to put together a true RFP so he had gone out for a RFQ. He stated the statute requires 3 responses; however, only 2 had attended the meeting and only one of those had submitted a response. He stated staff believed the responder to be qualified and requested that the Board authorize him to enter into negotiations with the responder - B & I Contractors, Inc.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board authorized the County Manager to begin contract negotiations with B & I Contractors, Inc. for Request for Proposals No. 10-2014 Courthouse Electrical Upgrade and Generators.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

14. Schedule of Board Meetings 2015 (*added by amendment to the agenda*)

Chairman Storter Long stated Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of Court, had provided a proposed schedule of Board meetings for 2015. She stated the only change from the regular schedule would be for the meeting scheduled on Monday, May 25th; because of Memorial Day the Board would meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 instead.

ON MOTION Commissioner Pryor seconded by Vice Chairman Stanley the Board approved the schedule of Board meetings for 2015.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Pringle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and had nothing further to discuss.

COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Manager Carlisle stated he had received an email yesterday from Dawn Oliver - Court Administration informing him that Hillsborough County was going to re-purpose 2 x-ray machines, one of which Hendry County would be getting, and asked if Glades County was interested in the other one. He stated these were \$25,000.00 machines. He stated the machine could be used to upgrade the security in the courthouse. He stated the machine would cost \$1,900.00 for installation and this could be paid with the courthouse funds.

Chairman Storter Long asked where the machine would be placed.

County Manager Carlisle stated the original proposal was to place the machine at the handicap access entrance and shut the other entrances off. He stated he would work with the Sheriff's Department staff to determine the location of the machine, camera equipment, and security desk.

Vice Chairman Stanley questioned the monthly maintenance costs.

County Manager Carlisle stated there would be some costs and that he would get these figures to the Board as soon as he had them.

It was the consensus of the Board to pursue getting the x-ray machine from Hillsborough County.

County Manager Carlisle wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated he had asked Terri Anascavage to place his job evaluation forms in the Commissioners packets in January. He stated his contract required this evaluation yearly.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Beck wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Pryor asked about the progress on the boat ramp at the Alvin Ward Park.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had had conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers and would be discussing the Management Agreement with them sometime next week. He stated the Corps seemed to be very amiable to the agreement.

Chairman Storter Long questioned an air boat ramp at the park.

County Manager Carlisle stated the air boat ramp would be part of the Management Agreement. He stated the rocks had been removed so that the duck hunters could utilize the bank.

Commissioner Pryor inquired about the bathroom renovations at the Muse Fire Department.

County Manager Carlisle stated some preparations had been done to make the restrooms useable until they could be replaced.

Commissioner Pryor thanked Washington Park for their hospitality at their community meeting last night. He complemented them on their new community center building and stated they were taking really good care of the building. He stated he would like to see about getting some motion lights installed in the parking lot and the basketball court. He stated the floor also needed to be painted in the community center building. He asked that County Manager Carlisle get some quotes together and bring them back to the Board for consideration.

Chairman Storter Long stated there were supposed to be lights installed when the building was originally constructed.

Commissioner Pryor wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Ahern stated he was very pleased with the progress the Board was making on the maintenance of the County owned facility. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vice Chairman Stanley stated the street lights in Buckhead Ridge were paid for with franchise fees. He stated there were a few that needed to be installed. He thanked the Board for passing the Ordinance regarding abandoned/foreclosed homes. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chairman Storter Long suggested that the Board consider digitalizing the agenda and supporting documents. She stated each Commissioner would need an iPad. She asked that County Manager Carlisle research the matter and see if there were any grants available for this.

Attorney Pringle stated the Commissioner's emails were public record documents. He stated he had seen other agencies purchase the equipment (iPad or laptop) so that all of the emails and County business would flow through this one device. He stated this would protect the Commissioner's personal email and electronic communications from a public records request. He stated he would support this idea.

Chairman Storter Long stated there would be numerous advantages with digitalization.

County Manager Carlisle stated he had been speaking with a company regarding digitalizing the agenda packets. He stated the public would also be able to search the records on-line.

Chairman Storter Long announced that the County's website was up and running. She commended Tosha Reiss on her efforts. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Chairman Storter Long adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Donna Storter Long, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: January 13, 2015

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