The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Russell Echols, Chairman
K.S. “Butch” Jones, Vice Chairman
Paul Beck
Robert Giesler

Not present:
Donna Storter Long

Others present:
Sandra Brown, Senior Deputy Clerk
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Wendell Taylor, County Manager
Brenda Choban, Chief Deputy Clerk
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director
Larry Hilton, Community Development Director
Duane Pottorff, Glades County Sheriff’s Department
Connie Vanassche, Craig A. Smith & Associates
David Whidden, AIM Engineering
Jack Lundy, Glades County Judge
3 citizens

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Echols called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER
Vice Chairman Jones gave the invocation.

OPENING PLEDGE
Commissioner Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS
There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS
Chairman Echols stated Chris Chesley had signed up to speak to Item #1 under Public Hearings and Item 2B under Consent Agenda.
Chris Chesley, resident of Lakeport, referred to page 3 of the July 13, 2010 minutes he stated Item #7 was a discussion regarding the “Glades County Solid Waste Tipping Fees” and not a “Lease Agreement: Glades County/SFWMD Curry Island”. He stated the minutes for the June 28, 2010 meeting had already been approved by the Board; however, the signature line at the bottom of the last page needed to be changed to reflect that Vice Chairman Jones had chaired the meeting.

Sandra Brown, Senior Deputy Clerk, explained how the minutes were prepared. She stated the error on the July 13th minutes had already been addressed. She stated Item #7 would be changed to reflect the correct heading.

Chairman Echols stated the signature block on the June 28, 2010 had also been corrected.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **2010 Set Tentative Millage**

Chairman Echols stated the purpose of this public hearing was to adopt the proposed millage rate for 2010-2011 and schedule the tentative budget hearings. He read the following into the record:

The Glades County BOCC prior year (2009-2010) millage rate was 9.1367;
General Fund 9.0367.
Transportation Trust .10.

The Glades County BOCC current year rolled-back rate was 10.0109.

The BCC MSTU Law Enforcement prior year (2009-2010) millage rate was 1.95.

The BCC MSTU Law Enforcement current year rolled-back rate was 2.1421.

Chairman Echols called for public input.

Chris Chesley, resident of Lakeport, asked if the millage rate was the same for every household in Glades County.

Chairman Echols stated the Board’s millage rate was the same across the Board. He stated Larry Luckey, Property Appraiser, could address any exceptions that may be available.

Mr. Chesley expressed concern with a large portion of the county paying for water and sewage hook-up that was not even available in their area.

Attorney Pringle stated the purpose of this hearing was to set the Truth in Millage Rate. He stated there would be a tentative budget hearing and final hearing where the public
could address any concerns. He stated he was not aware of any County-wide water and sewer assessment.

Chairman Echols stated there was only one MSTU in the County (Law Enforcement). He stated the citizens who were hooked to the water and sewer plant in Moore Haven paid an additional assessment.

Mr. Chesley stated he understood this but continued to question the millage rate for the entire county.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Giesler the Board adopted the proposed millage rate of 9.1367 for BOCC.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Giesler the Board adopted the proposed millage rate of 1.95 for MSTU for Law Enforcement.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board scheduled the tentative budget hearing for September 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and the final budget hearing for September 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2. A. Approved County warrants. (Exhibit A)
   General Fund: 63432 - 63553
   Courthouse Facilities: 1317 – 1320
   Intergovernmental Radio: 10154
   Health Department: 1014 – 1016
   EMS Award Grant: 1874

B. Approved minutes of the July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Giesler the Board approved the Consent Agenda items with noted revisions to be made to the July 13, 2010 meeting minutes.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Glades Youth Livestock Arrangements

Attorney Pringle stated the Board had been provided a copy of a ground lease and a management agreement between Glades County and Glades County Youth Livestock (GCYL). He stated several revisions had been made to the documents. He stated
insurance coverage, indemnification, and guidelines received from the County’s Insurance provider had been included.

Judge Jack Lundy, GCYL Member, stated it had been a pleasure working Attorney Pringle on the lease and maintenance agreement. He stated Mike Pressley (GCYL) wanted the Board to know that GCYL had made a revision regarding the utilities. He stated at present the County took care of all the utilities on the property and the mowing of the grounds. He stated this provision would remain the same. He stated there were three (3) main reasons that GCYL had come to the County. 1 – He stated GCYL was not able to apply for State grants because the facility was not owned or leased by a governmental entity. 2 – He stated after several hurricanes, GCYL had learned that no FEMA funds could be received because the facility was not owned or leased by a governmental entity. 3 – He stated the final reason was for insurance purposes. He stated under the Lease and Contract Agreement provided that GCYL would hold Glades County harmless. He stated he believed these issues could be worked out; however, he could not guarantee that GCYL would move forward if they had to hold the County harmless and could not be listed as an additional insured party on the policy. He requested permission to talk these issues over with the County’s Insurance carrier. He stated the only potential liability he could foresee was if an accident occurred at one of the major events (rodeos, Chalo Nitka festivities, or events planned by GCYL). He stated these events were covered under an Event Policy which had always been purchased by GCYL. He stated he believed the 4-H Group also had an Event Policy which covered all 4-H events.

Attorney Pringle stated the County’s Insurance Company had agreed to cover the property as an asset of Glades County under the ground lease. He stated the Insurance Company was still not willing to name GCYL as an additional named insured.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Judge Lundy and Attorney Pringle continue to work on the insurance issues and bring the item back to the Board at a future date.

4. **FDOT Agreement and Resolution for CR 74 Audio Markers**

County Manager Taylor stated FDOT wished to add audible/vibratory pavement markings on CR 74 (from Palmdale to the Charlotte County Line). He stated if the Board approved the markings FDOT would need a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign necessary documentation regarding the project.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Jones the Board approved the Florida Department of Transportation Project Maintenance Agreement and Glades County Resolution 2010-12 and authorized the Chairman to sign both documents for the placing of audible/vibratory pavement markings on CR 74 in Glades County.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

5. **Sportsman’s Village Boat Ramp**
Chairman Echols explained that this boat ramp was located on the East side of the River between the bridge and the locks.

Avant Brown, Glades County Road Superintendent, stated Sportsman’s Village Condominium Association was in the process of getting out of their contract with South Florida Water Management District regarding the maintenance of this boat ramp. He stated an incident had occurred this past year where a woman was injured on the dock adjacent to the boat ramp. He stated Sportsman’s Village has approached the County about taking over the maintenance of the property. He stated he had informed the people of Sportsman’s Village that the County was not interested in the maintenance of the boat ramp because of the additional liability of the dock located there. He stated South Florida Water Management District had also approached him regarding maintenance of the boat ramp. He stated he had informed them that all of the wooden dock structures would need to be removed before the County would consider any type of maintenance. He asked for the Board’s opinion.

Chairman Echols stated people would need access to the River. The County would only be maintaining the grounds around the existing dock. He stated it would be beneficial to the County to keep the boat ramp and access to the River.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the maintenance of one (1) boat ramp (less dockage) at Sportsman’s Village and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement with South Florida Water Management District.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
There was no discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY
Attorney Pringle stated he and County Manager Taylor had met with a representative of Larsen Allen regarding a contract for auditing services. He stated he hoped to have the contract finalized by the August day meeting. He clarified for the record that on Item #4 under the Business Agenda the motion had been to approve the Resolution and enter into a contract with FDOT. He stated the School Board had approved the lease amendment for RCMA (Washington Park) at their recent meeting. He stated he would continue to work on a ground lease between Glades County and the School Board for the remainder of the parcel. He stated he would be leaving early Wednesday morning and would return the day before next day meeting in August. He stated he would continue to work with Judge Lundy regarding the insurance provision on the Glades Youth Livestock agreement.

COUNTY MANAGER
County Manager Taylor stated he would also be leaving on Wednesday and would return on Saturday.
DEPARTMENT HEADS
There was no discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
Chris Chesley, resident of Lakeport, asked about the construction on Curry Island. He stated some trash and debris had been pushed over onto the Lake Okeechobee Habitat Alliance’s side of the lease.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS
Chairman Echols stated the Florida Airboat Association had met at Harney Pond for their annual meeting. He stated he had presented the County’s Proclamation regarding “Airboat Friendly Community” to them. He stated there had been a lot of comments on the leasing of public lands to private individuals. He stated the Association had informed the people that they would do everything possible to ensure that this did not happen in the future. He stated he believed there had been between 800 and 1,000 air boaters present. He stated Commissioner Beck had also attended the meeting.

Commissioner Beck commented on the attendance at the meeting. He stated it had been a pleasure to see so many people present who were concerned with the Lake. He stated the Lakeport Water Association was getting closer to finalizing the franchise agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

ADJOURNMENT
ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Giesler the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

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

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Russell Echols, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joe Flint, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Approved:  September 14, 2010

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