

**WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2014
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held an LDR Workshop on January 28, 2014 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1
Commissioner, Jim Selph, Dist#2
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3
Chairman, Elton Langford, Dist#4
Commissioner Bob Miller, Dist#5
County Administrator, Guy Maxcy
County Attorney, Don Conn
Administrative Services Director, Linda Nipper
Planning Manager, Tom Cookingham
Purchasing Manager, Cindy Talamantez
County Coordinator, Mandy Hines

Facilities Director, Richard Metzger
Sheriff Will Wise
Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Transportation Director, Shawn Edwards
H.R. Director, Don Kesterson
Compliance Director, Jorge Hernandez
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Don Conn thanked the Board for the Workshop. He informed the public that the County does not have a deadline as of right now and would like public comment. The LDRs were last revised in 2012 with the understanding they would be reviewed again after the Board and staff had the opportunity to work under the revisions. In November 2013, notice was placed requesting public input. All comments received were given to the Board. LDRs are a process each county is required to complete.

Barry Buenaventura gave a brief overview of what the LDRs cover. The current LDRs have 12 articles with 2 blank. Don Conn summarized comments received that are concerns.

Commissioner Quave stated he would like LDR recommendations reviewed that were submitted by the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Miller commented that he is in favor of the Commissioners attending training on Quasi-Judicial matters. He feels this is our opportunity to make things right so businesses want to come to DeSoto County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Caldwell questioned who is responsible for someone that has violated the Comp. Plan and LDRs. Mr. Conn commented that there are legal steps that can be taken in order to seek a redress of their grievance. When the Board is considering an issue or matter brought before them, they are very mindful of the LDRs.

Frank Davis is a property owner in DeSoto County and has a licensed travel trailer on his 6 acres. He is being accused of destroying his property. He commented that he certainly would not destroy something he owns and has worked hard to obtain. Mr. Caldwell reviewed his recommendations for the LDRs.

Basil Mays owns property close to Frank Davis who spoke previously. He reviewed his suggestions

for the LDRs.

Tom Pafford also owns property close to Mr. Davis and Mr. Mays and supports the current LDR regulations. He feels DeSoto County's LDRs are consistent with neighboring counties. The current use of RVs in the LDRs is very clear. Mr. Pafford stated reasons why he is not in favor of allowing RVs to be lived in.

Maurice Brown stated Quasi-Judicial matters are standards set forth in front of the Board. All involved need to know what is required of the applicant. Mr. Brown reviewed his suggestion for the LDRs.

George Lempenau commented that he would like to understand the game plan so that he may participate on what he thinks is wrong.

Don Conn clarified the LDR process and the Board welcomes all comments. They will be put in writing, assembled and will be given to himself or Guy Maxcy. The compiled comments will be presented to the Board and a Workshop will be held.

Clark Doun commented regarding the property next to his that has RVs. He feels that once precedence has been set, the door is opened for other issues. He feels the RVs de-value his property.

Bob Navin commented he hopes the Board would treat him equally and have the protection of zoning.

Maurice Brown feels there has to be a dialogue between the public and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Mansfield commented that the LDRs are for everyone, not individuals. The Board wants a document that the community can be proud of.

Commissioner Quave reminded all when the Board meetings are held and urged the public to attend. He stated these topics help run the County.

Commissioner Selph commented that he likes public input.

Don Conn commented that the public will have 30 days from this workshop to submit input as well as the Planning Commission. More than one workshop may be scheduled after all input is received.

Chairman Langford commented the Board wants to do what is best for the community but also needs to protect the community.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the workshop at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**


ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN