

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015 AT 9:00 AM  
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM  
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Meeting on February 10, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER                      9:00 AM**

**PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Elton Langford

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff Will Wise  
Karen Whaley with Representative Ben Albritton's Office  
Susan Coker, Arcadia City Council

**SET/AMEND**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Quave, Langford, Miller

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Gordon Parson spoke regarding movement of heavy equipment on Liverpool Road. He walks every day and feels it is very dangerous. He would like to see something done about it. Commissioner Quave commented he is very aware of the issue and it is becoming more pressing to find a solution to the problems in that area. It is a priority with the Board. Commissioner Miller recently visited the area and agreed with Mr. Gordon that it is very dangerous.

**CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Quave, Langford, Miller

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable
2. Declaration of Surplus Property

**PRESENTATIONS**

**3. Proclamation/Guy LaBree Day**

To Proclaim February 21, 2015 as Guy LaBree Day.  
Mandy Hines read into record the Proclamation for Guy LaBree Day.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to proclaim February 21, 2015 as Guy LaBree Day. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.  
Mac Martin spoke on behalf of Martin Art Gallery and commented Mr. and Mrs. LaBree were married for 53 years. Mrs. Labree thanked the Board and commented that her husband would be very honored to receive this recognition. Mr. Martin thanked Carol Shepard for writing the Proclamation and invited everyone to the event on February 21st.  
Chairman Quave presented the Proclamation.

**4. Presentation/ Introduction of Gator Wilderness Camp School**

Request to Make a Presentation of Introduction

Commissioner Miller commented he was invited to a dinner at the Turner Center by W.M. Marsh and it was a fundraiser for the Gator Wilderness Camp School. He was touched by what he experienced.

Greg Kanagy the Camp Director spoke regarding the camp. He commented all the boys have chosen on their own to attend the camp. All the boys live in camp sites that they build themselves and do not use power tools. He commented this is a Faith based program and a creation of the legislature. They can use help with getting to know the legislature/funding and would like the Boards help with this. This program is for boys only from Southwest Florida. McKay Scholarship in Florida is a creation of the legislature. The camp is located on Farabee Grade and most of their business is done in DeSoto County. Frankie Johnson & Steven Mays spoke regarding how the program has helped them. Group names reflect the history of Florida. The songs reflect the history of the State. The group sang for the BOCC.

Song 1 - Big Alligator

Song 2 - Seminole Wind

Song 3 - This Old House

Commissioner Langford announced Steve Hall. Mr. Kanagy commented regarding childcare and it is healthy to live outdoors without the use of medications and locked doors.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION GIVEN**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**5. Resolution/Budget Amendment**

To Adopt Resolution Amending 2014/15 Budget

Linda Nipper presented a request for budget amendments.

There was some confusion regarding the Veteran's Service amendment and where the revenue actually came from. The revenue for last year was more than budgeted so therefore all the extra went into the General Fund. After all expenses were paid the amount left over at the time this report was printed was \$ 11,292.43

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Quave, Langford, Miller

**6. Resolution /Amending the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule**

To Adopt the Resolution Amending the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule.

Tara Anderson presented a Resolution to amend the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule.

Fees were adjusted in 2010 and the fees are being adjusted now to offset expenses. Camping fees will include out-of-county resident rate and rates for DeSoto residents would remain the same. The Open Spaces Fee Schedule and Rental Fees have been adjusted for those entities classified as out-of-county resident, out-of-county non profit and any commercial profit organization.

Commissioner Mansfield commented he would like to see launching fees for the boat ramp and would like to see this issue brought back to the Board in the future; cannot rely on grants entirely. Ms. Hines commented if there is consensus of the Board, she can bring to the Board options or proposals of what would work best and what will create a revenue source to maintain the boat ramps. Commissioner Selph commented that every County is different but can do this in the near future. He questioned statements in the packet regarding safety equipment requirements. Ms. Anderson

commented that most of the kids do not own elbow and knee pads, this being the reason those are optional and not required. Commissioner Mansfield commented the kids should follow the rules set forth by the Park. Commissioner Miller questioned if there were problems with the kids wearing the safety equipment? Ms. Anderson commented that there are problems with the kids wearing the safety equipment but the helmet is an absolute must.

Chairman Quave commented that he agrees with the helmet but not up to the County to be the parent. Don Conn commented the County is covered by recommending additional equipment. Further discussion ensued. Commissioner Selph suggested a rule that if the helmet is taken off that they are required to leave the park. Commissioner Miller commented he doesn't want to penalize the local residents at the boat ramp and suggested an annual sticker.

Consensus of the Board that knee pads and elbow pads are optional.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Miller, County Commissioner, District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Quave, Langford, Miller

**7. Project Prioritization Letter for FDOT Funding in FY 16/17 through FY 20/21**

Request to Approve the Project Prioritization Letter for FDOT Funding in FY 16/17 through FY 20/21.

Mike Giardullo presented a request for the approval of FDOT funding. This is usually done by July 1st but FDOT is requesting the information early to allow extra time for review. Mr. Giardullo reviewed the changes. Chairman Quave questioned the expansion on 769. Mr. Giardullo commented there is a PD&E Study, which is a planning study that states a four lane expansion is needed. Ms. Hines requested Mr. Giardullo to review some of the highlights of the PD&E that is currently underway. Mr. Giardullo commented that King's Highway (769) has an average of annual daily trips, depending on area of road, between 8,300-14,000. Further discussion ensued. Everyone knows there are traffic issues on 769. Commissioner Miller commented this is great information at a great time.

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**8. Acceptance of Lease Purchase Option / Dozer D6KLGP**

Request to Accept the Lease Purchase Option for Dozer D6KLGP.

Cindy Talamantez presented a request for acceptance of a lease purchase option for Dozier D6KLGP. This purchase option is for the Landfill and Ms. Talamantez feels it is in the County's best interest to accept the purchase option and make \$20,000 in revenue for the Landfill.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
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**9. Agreement/Financial Lease- D6KLGP Small Hydraulic Excavator**

Request the Lease Approval of D6KLGP Small Hydraulic Excavator.

Cindy Talamantez presented a request for the financial lease agreement for a five year lease for the replacement for the machine being sold. There will be a lower monthly cost of about \$800.

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**10. Grant Agreement/Florida Department of Economic Opportunity**

Request to Approve a Technical Assistance Grant Agreement Award Between the County and the Florida DEO Under the 2nd Year Competitive Florida Program

Mike Taber presented a request to approve the Funding and Program agreement between the County and the Florida DEO. This will be for technical assistance and utilized for landscape design services.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Quave, Langford, Miller

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Hines requested a Workshop date for February 24th at 10:00 am to discuss the impacts of development and the types of considerations the Board is faced with when making land use decisions of great magnitude. (Consensus)

Ms. Hines requested direction regarding vacant positions. There is a vacancy at the Turner Center and she feels it is a great opportunity to reassess the needs and get people working within the class of their job descriptions. She would like to reorganize the staff at the Turner Center; there will be no impact on the budget. (Consensus)

Ms. Hines commented regarding letters commending Mr. Edwards.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Conn commented regarding the Gavriloff vs. Watson case and stated that the Judge granted the motion for continuance.

Thornton Creek submitted application for a new PUD but in accordance with our rules, there needs to be new application. Discussed changes requested and steps to be taken. Existing PUD remains in effect until the BOCC issues a revised PUD.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Langford commented that the Nocatee Old Timers will hold an event this weekend. The Ranch Rodeo went well and thanked those involved as well as sponsors. All money raised will stay with the local Hospice.

He attended the horse pulls this past weekend and it was very interesting. He informed the Board that he brought something to Ms. Hines' attention and asked the Board to speak with her as well regarding the matter. Continue to pray for our Country.

Commissioner Mansfield commented the new agenda is interesting and thanked staff; it is very easy to read. Keith Robbins is the new Freight Coordinator with FDOT and he rode with him around the County to see some of the issues regarding traffic/roads. He made Mr. Robins aware of all issues.

Commissioner Selph commented he recently went to Liverpool and the sides of the road are breaking down but have been that way for a while. The Ranch Rodeo was great and thanked Commissioner Langford. He thanked the employees for what they do. He would like to see the warrants easier to read in the packets. He will not be attending the meeting tonight due to a previous engagement.

Commissioner Miller thanked the Board for allowing him to share the Wilderness Boys Program. It is amazing to see some of the boys continue in the program. It is wonderful that the DeSoto Bulldogs were District 5 Champs as well as the soccer team and he is very proud of the youth at the High School. Commissioner Mansfield requested more information regarding the Wilderness Boys to have when speaking to the legislature.

Chairman Quave - Thanked Commissioner Langford for his work with the Hospice Ranch Rodeo. He remembers meeting Greg Kanagy and remembered him; met years later and made a visit to the camp.

**RECESS**

Recessed at 4:30pm until 6:30pm

**6:30 PUBLIC HEARING**

**11. Resolution of Intent to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Special Assessments**

To Approve a Resolution Allowing for the Uniform Method of Collection Within the City of Arcadia and the County

Linda Nipper presented a request for approval of a Resolution of Intent. This will allow staff to assess current assessments and possibly new ones. This Resolution will be given to the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and will be sent to DOR. This will allow the Uniform Collection Method of special assessments within the City and the County.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:32pm