

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013 AT 3:00 PM
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Meeting on February 26, 2013 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	Code Enforcement Mgr., Jorge Hernandez
Chairman, Jim Selph, Dist#2	Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3	Social Services Manager, Peggy Waters
Commissioner, Elton Langford, Dist#4	Fire Chief, Glenn Prescott
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	Building Dept. Manager, Lester Hornbake
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy	HR Manager, Don Kesterson
County Attorney, Don Conn	Purchasing Director, Cindy Talamantez
Office Manager, Lauri Jones	Administrative Assistant, Kathy Heitman
Facilities Director, Richard Metzger	County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson	DeSoto County Sheriff, Will Wise
Event Coordinator, Jody Sullivan	County Engineer, Mike Giardullo
Road & Bridge Director, Shawn Edwards	
County Planner, Tom Cookingham	
Environmental Svs. Director, Billy Hines	

CALL TO ORDER 3:00 PM

PRAYER- Commissioner Langford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET/AMEND-A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE

A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable; Minutes of February 12, 2013 Public Meeting; Declaration of Surplus Property List; and Contract with Department of Economic Opportunity for LIHEAP. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maxcy thanked Billy Hines for his service.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation/Comprehensive Plan Requirements/Legislative Changes to Growth Management.

Tom Cookingham stated there will be a presentation on the latest Comprehensive Plan changes. Pat Steed with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council gave an overview of the proposed changes. Ms. Steed stated most of the changes were in 2011 regarding Growth Management Legislation. As a result, there have been a number of changes related to comprehensive plans, developments and regional impacts. Ms. Steed then reviewed the Legislative changes.

Tom Cookingham stated that he feels the most important information for the Board to know is the State requirements. He also stated there are still mandatory elements to be added to the County's Comp. Plan such as Future Land Use, Transportation and Utilities. Mr. Cookingham feels a Capital Improvement Plan is the most important local issue. Mr. Cookingham would like to schedule a workshop to discuss the County Development Direction, Land Use Needs and Analysis Meeting, Concurrency, Capital Improvements Program and Optional Comprehensive Plan Elements.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Resolutions/Budget Amendments

Linda Nipper presented two budget amendments. The first being #2013-36, Knotts Dairy Road Project; additional funds have been allotted to complete the road. An additional \$21,293.00 will be expensed. The next amendment is #2013-41 general housekeeping. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt the Resolution amending the 2012-2013 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Grant Application/Affordable Care Act New Access Point Grant

Mandy Hines presented a proposal to work as a pass through for a grant program of \$650,000.00 that would be implemented by the Health Department. The County would be the responsible entity and the applicant. Mary Kay Burns with the DeSoto County Health Department feels DeSoto County is a perfect applicant for this program. Penny Kurtz, Assistant Administrator with DeSoto County Health Department explained the Health Care Report Card. This Grant would serve as a bridge until the Affordable Health Care Act becomes active. The Grant would ensure that the healthcare providers are fully funded in order to provide care for the community. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to authorize submission of a Grant Application in cooperation with the Health Department for the purpose of maintaining and improving DeSoto Primary Care Program under the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 cycle. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Letter of Agreement/Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center

Mandy Hines requested approval to authorize her signature on a Letter of Agreement for the Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center. This is a part of the Economic Development Website. This is an entrepreneurial resource center made up of 23 counties and 3 universities. Ms. Hines feels this is a great resource as well as a high powered service with a wealth of information. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Letter of Agreement between the County and the FLVEC as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Bid Award-Agreement/Wade Trim Incorporated

Cindy Talamantez requested approval of the Agreement to retain a Consulting Firm to assist the County with future phosphate mining permit applications. Ms. Talamantez stated that mining applications are very complex and labor intensive. Funding for any future work assigned will be paid for by fees collected by permit applications submitted. Commissioner Miller questioned why this firm was chosen. Ms. Talamantez stated she does not have a voice in who is chosen. She established a process and then formed a panel of 3 or 4 individuals that were qualified to make a decision. Don Conn explained the process in which the decision was made. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the Agreement with Wade Trim Incorporated for review of phosphate mining permit applications and authorize the chairman to execute the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Interlocal Agreement/Hardee County

Lester Hornbake presented a request for an Interlocal Agreement for the Building Departments of DeSoto and Hardee County. Mr. Hornbake stated in times of need or emergency situations, the two counties would assist one another to fulfill their duties. Commissioner Quave questioned the possibility

of online permitting. Mr. Hornbake commented it may take place in the future but not at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Interlocal Agreement between DeSoto and Hardee County. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Personnel Manual Language Change/Exempt Employee Flex Time Off

Don Kesterson stated this would update the policy and eliminate the paper tracking. Tracking would be managed electronically. This will also eliminate the 9 month time frame and would max out at 60 hours. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the language change in the Personnel Manual Section 2.9 Flex Time Off for Exempt Employees. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Langford was not present at time of voting.

12. Lightning Detection/Walt Brewer Sports Park

Tara Anderson reported to the Board the results of her research on the lightning detection systems. Currently the DeSoto County Youth Softball/Baseball Association has an electronic plug in unit inside each of the concession stands that detects lightning and is used on game nights. The price for detection systems range from \$180.00 for a hand held unit, \$750.00 for a hand held unit with an air horn warning system and \$3,500.00 for a small standalone unit that would be placed in the center of the park. Ms. Anderson stated this is not a budgeted item and requested direction from the Board. Commissioner Selph questioned if the dugouts are considered a safe place to take shelter from lightning. Commissioner Mansfield commented this system would be for the entire park. People will have the option to leave. Further discussion was had. Ms. Anderson commented the \$3,500.00 unit would be sufficient.

George Lempenau questioned if all parks would have lightning detection units.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to task Tara with creating a range of \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00 in determining the most accurate system and report findings to the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy requested permission to replace the part-time front desk position in the Administration Department. It was consensus of the Board to do so. On behalf of the Utilities Department, Mr. Maxcy requested approval for funding to purchase a 2013 Chevy Silverado to be used as a service truck. There are sufficient funds in the budget for Capital Improvement. It was consensus of the Board to do so.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Conn reported to the Board that the Braynen foreclosure was granted. A sale will be ordered and unless someone is willing to bid in excess of the lien in the amount of \$42,000.00, the County will acquire the property. Mr. Conn reported that the lien on the Sandhill Mine property was paid in full by the bank. Mr. Conn commented that he will not be attending the next Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Quave requested that the Board be involved with our Legislatures to communicate the importance of the Enterprise Zone, protecting and potentially expanding the Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Quave would also like feedback from the Board on the 10 worst vacant parcels that have County liens to determine if the Board would like to follow through with having the liens paid off.

Commissioner Langford commented on how humbling it was to see the local troops sent off. He thanked everyone who attended and the DeSoto County Fire Department.

Commissioner Mansfield reminded everyone of the upcoming Rodeo on March 8th, 9th and 10th.

Commissioner Miller commented on the support the community gave to the local soldiers leaving. He also commented on the Gala held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Selph commented on seeing our local soldiers leaving.

RECESSED AT 4:31 PM UNTIL 6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING 6:35 PM

13. Resolution/Special Assessment Collections

Debra Goodson requested adoption of a Resolution allowing for the Uniform Method of Collection for the existing and potential Municipal Services Benefit Units of Special Districts. This is a Resolution required annually. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt a Resolution allowing for the Uniform Method of Collection for the existing and potential Municipal Services Benefit Units of Special Districts. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Selph adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN