

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2014 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 March 11, 2014 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	Planning Manager, Thomas Cookingham
Commissioner, James Selph, Dist#2	Fire Chief, Larry Taylor
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3	Purchasing Director, Cindy Talamantez
Chairman, Elton Langford, Dist#4	HR Director, Don Kesterson
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	County Engineer, Mike Giardullo
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy	Office Manager, Lauri Terry
County Attorney, Don Conn	Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Facilities Director, Richard Metzger	Environmental Svcs. Director, Henry Grimes
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson	Social Services Director, Peggy Waters
Administrative Services Director, Linda Nipper	Parks Director, Tara Anderson
Road & Bridge Director, Shawn Edwards	Turner Center Director, Jody Sullivan
Compliance Director, Jorge Hernandez	Sheriff, Will Wise
Library Director, Linda Waters	County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
	Building Official, Lester Hornbake

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

PRAYER- Doug King / Temple Baptist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Will Wise and Kathryn Hill, Tax Collector

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

PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Seusy stated he would like help from the Board.

Mr. Conn questioned Mr. Seusy if he was addressing a matter in litigation and if that matter was still pending. Mr. Seusy replied yes and DeSoto County was not a party to the litigation.

Mr. Conn stated he is willing to meet with Mr. Seusy in private and advised the Board not to discuss the matter.

Mr. Seusy stated the subject of the matter and would like the Board to decide if there is probable cause to move forward.

Chairman Langford suggested that Mr. Seusy submit written information regarding the matter.

Mr. Seusy stated he will schedule a meeting with Mr. Conn and the Building Department.

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE

A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable and the Minutes of February 11, 2014 Public Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Resolution/Budget Amendments

Linda Nipper presented amendments 2014-056, 2014-059, 2014-060 and 2014-061. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt a Resolution amending the 2013-14 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution/Grant Application/Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tara Anderson stated the application is for Phase II continuing the improvements of boating access at Lettuce Lake Park. Phase II covers the boat ramp, floating docks, storm water system and a shell-based parking lot. Construction should be complete by June 30, 2014 or early July 2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to adopt the Resolution to submit an application for a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Outdoor Event Permit/DeSoto Historical Society

Tom Cookingham stated the request is for Pioneer Day on March 15, 2014 from 7am-6pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve Outdoor Event Permit OE 2013-01 to allow a one day outdoor event on March 15, 2014 from 7am-6pm (includes clean-up) at DeSoto County Veterans Memorial Park. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Utility Service and Conveyance Agreement/Thornton Creek Motor Coach Resort

Eddie Miller presented the request.

Chairman Langford questioned the cost of the project to the County.

Mr. Miller stated the project should not more than \$200,000.00. The approximate total cost is in excess of \$500,000.00.

Mr. Conn explained in further detail the commitment of the County to the developer for the construction that the developer will complete. Further discussion ensued.

Charles Caldwell spoke in opposition of the project. He questioned the price difference between the Sunny Breeze project and the current project. Mr. Caldwell feels the project is illegal.

Eddie Miller commented there will be an additional Lift Station built.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Utility Service and Conveyance Agreement between DeSoto County and Thornton Creek Motor Coach Resort, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried 4-1 with Chairman Langford dissenting.

7. Process Going Forward/Land Development Regulations

Don Conn requested the Board's consideration and approval of the schedule concerning the LDR process as follows:

April 1, 2014 – Second Planning Commission Workshop

April 22, 2014 – First BOCC Public Hearing

May 27, 2014 – Second BOCC Public Hearing and Adoption

A summary of the issues was also given to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the LDR revision process going forward that includes a Planning Commission Workshop on April 1, and Public Hearings before the Board of County Commissioners on April 22 and May 27, 2014.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy stated the Building Department is requesting an Administrative Assistant position.

Lester Hornbake stated there is an increase in permits over the last three years with the potential of more. The new position would assist with archiving of files and input information onto the website. No funds will be taken from the General Fund to pay for the requested position. It was consensus of

the Board to approve the request.

Mr. Maxcy stated the DeSoto County Extension Agent position will be vacant and requested that Commissioner Selph review the needs for this position.

Commissioner Selph stated the focus needs to be primarily on livestock, pasture management with a secondary issue of watermelon and sod fields. The position will be approximately 25% administrative and will be involved in 4-H.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Don Conn commented there is a lawsuit that will be filed and has not been served as of now on behalf of Glen Gavriloff and Charles Watson that involves the Motor Coach Resort. The issues raised in the lawsuit are relating to notice. Mr. Conn feels the County has good and adequate defenses to the claims. He requested authority from the Board to represent the County. The Board gave consensus.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Quave commented on his recent vacation and the success of the rodeo. He requested from Mr. Conn that if any of the LDRs change, to be aware of what others might be effected. He requested that if there is not a 6:30 agenda scheduled for the next BOCC meeting to please announce it in some way.

Chairman Langford commented that staff and the Board has announced in the past to call or check regarding the meetings.

Commissioner Mansfield had no further comments.

Commissioner Selph commented on the success of the rodeo. He commented the railroad on 661 has been raised 6-9 inches by CSX and has created an unsafe crossing.

Mike Giardullo had further comments regarding who has the responsibility of repairing the road. CSX stated they had an agreement with FDOT that should have transferred to the County. Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Selph commented regarding the FDOT sign blocking the County Marquee on Hwy 70 and the importance of the livestock industry.

Commissioner Miller apologized to Lauri Fitzgerald for not being able to speak before the Board today.

Chairman Langford commented on the success of the rodeo and the quality of the livestock. He commented on the new 4-H equipment received through a grant.

Chairman Langford also commented that Mandy Hines has composed dates for input on the progress of the County since Hurricane Charlie in 2004. April 2, 2014 from 6-8 pm at Nocatee Elementary; April 3, 2014 from 6-8 pm at The First Baptist Church in Fort Ogden; April 9, 2014 from 6-8 pm at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall; April 10, 2014 from 6-8 pm at Kingsway Circle in Lake Suzy.

Mo Brown thanked the Board for paving the road he lives on as well as the adjoining roads and hopes it is maintained. He commented on the LDR process and feels quality thoughts and discussion are needed.

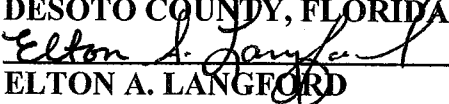
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN