

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2013 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 12, 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 Director, Peggy Waters
Commissioner, Elton Langford, Dist#4	Fire Chief, Glenn Prescott
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	Environmental Svs. Director, Henry Grimes
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy	Admin. Services Director, Linda Nipper
Attorney, Barry Buenaventura	HR Manager, Don Kesterson
Facilities Director, Richard Metzger	Purchasing Director, Cindy Talamantez
Office Manager, Lauri Jones	County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson	DeSoto County Sheriff, Will Wise
Event Coordinator, Jody Sullivan	Parks & Recreations Director, Tara Anderson
County Engineer, Mike Giardullo	Road & Bridge Director, Shawn Edwards
County Planner, Tom Cookingham	
Emerg. Mgmt. Director, Doug Christ	

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

PRAYER- Pastor Doug King / Temple Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Will Wise

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 Miller to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable; Minutes of February 26, 2013 Workshop; February 26, 2013 Executive Session; Declaration of Surplus Property; Renewal of Hill's Pet Nutrition Shelter Partners Program contract and Resolution approving the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

6. Military Family and Community Covenant Day

Mr. Maxcy read into record the Proclamation declaring April 17, 2013 as Military Family and Community Covenant Day. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to proclaim April 17, 2013 as Military Family and Community Covenant Day. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Selph asked that the newspaper publish the Proclamation.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. Resolution/Budget Amendments

Linda Nipper requested a budget amendment for road paving that was paid for last year and for GEO funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt the Resolution amending 2012/2013 Budget amendment including attachments #2013-43 and #2013-45. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Bid Award/Small Cities Community Development Block Grant and State Housing Initiative Partnership Program

Peggy Waters stated bids were received and opened on March 1, 2013. Staff is recommending the lowest bidder which is White Sands Construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the bid award as presented and authorize the Administrator to execute all related documents for rehabilitation of the unit. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Purchase-Software Package/WebEOC Town Square Version 7

Doug Christ made a request to purchase software for the WebEOC Crisis Management System. Mr. Christ stated the software is designed to store and log information. Once information is entered it is archived. The program allows for better completion of forms required by FEMA. It also allows for better tracking of incidents logged into the system. Commissioner Quave thanked Mr. Christ for showing surrounding counties that also use the grant funded program. Mr. Christ commented that the ongoing maintenance cost will be covered by the grant as well. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve and purchase the WebEOC Town Square Version 7 software and one year of maintenance. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Mr. Christ made note of a .90 cent error. The actual cost is \$23,997.90. Commissioner Mansfield stated motion stood. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Grant Agreement (SHSGP)-Award Letter/BOCC and State of Florida-Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

Doug Christ requested approval of an Agreement to receive Federal funds for training and/or exercises. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to approve the SHSGP Agreement #13-DS-97-07-24-01 and Award Letter. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Grant Agreement (SHSGP)-Award Letter/BOCC and State of Florida-Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

Doug Christ requested approval of an Agreement to receive funds for an exercise planned to take place this summer. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to accept the Award Letter and approve SHSGP Agreement #12-DS-20-07-24-01. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy commended Mandy Hines on the County's updated website. He thanked Ms. Hines for taking ownership and accomplishing the task. Ms. Hines commented that Mike Taber took a lot of responsibility and held department trainings as well.

Mr. Maxcy called on Cindy Talamantez to recognize her recent achievement in obtaining her CPPO. Mr. Maxcy also thanked the Board for their professional support of Cindy. Ms. Talamantez commented this was a very difficult exam and thanked the Board for allowing her to further her knowledge.

Mr. Maxcy requested permission from the Board to fill (2) vacant positions. It was consensus of the Board to do so. Mr. Maxcy stated he would like to issue a direct hire for Utility Director. He recommended Eddie Miller with the start date of April 1, 2013. Confirmation of the position is requested by March 26, 2013 BOCC meeting. Confirmation of Mr. Grimes as the Landfill Director is requested at that time as well. Mr. Maxcy stated he had reviewed the Personnel Policy and in this case, a direct hire is allowed. Commissioner Langford commented that he would prefer to advertise the

position of Utility Director. Commissioner Mansfield would also like to advertise the position for a period of (7) business days.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Barry Buenaventura commented that the DeSoto County vs. Braynen foreclosure was granted and a sale date is set for April 30, 2013. Mr. Conn is working with County staff to develop a list of other properties that may have liens that could possibly become foreclosures.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Quave commented on the success of the Rodeo. He also commented on the webinar he and Commissioner Miller attended in Labelle. He was very pleased with the information he received.

Commissioner Langford was also pleased with the success of the Rodeo and requested that Mandy Hines gather information on how the Rodeo affected the bed tax in DeSoto County. Commissioner Langford also commented that we need to pray for our Country and take a stand for what you believe in.

Commissioner Mansfield commented that the Rodeo was amazing and a great group of people.

Commissioner Miller commented the restaurants were busy Friday night due to the Rodeo. He also shared a quote from Gandhi.

Chairman Selph thanked Mandy Hines and Cindy Talamantez for the services they provide and feels it is important to recognize the employees of DeSoto County. The Chairman also commented on the Rodeo and Parade. He also commented on the success of Ag Adventures held at the Turner Center. Chairman Selph encouraged everyone to pray for our soldiers.

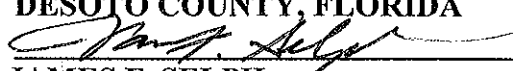
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Selph adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN