

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 25, 2014 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 March 25, 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	Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	County Engineer, Mike Giardullo
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy	Office Manager, Lauri Terry
County Attorney, Don Conn	Building Official, Lester Hornbake
Environmental Svcs. Director, Henry Grimes	County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
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	

CALL TO ORDER 3:00 PM

PRAYER- Pastor Matt Clayton/First Baptist Arcadia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Will Wise, Kathy Hill and Karen Whaley, District Aide to Representative Ben Albritton

SET/AMEND- Chairman Langford requested the addition of #4A, a formal presentation and dedication of a photo. A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to waive the agenda policy. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to set the agenda as amended with the addition of #4A. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. 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 25, 2014 BOCC Public Meeting and Declaration of Surplus Property. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

4. Proclamation/Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mr. Maxcy proclaimed April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse affects us as citizens, neighbors and parents; crossing all cultural, ethnic, economic and social lines. The Guardian ad Litem Program advocates for the best interest of abused and neglected children.

Sandy Woods, Guardian ad Litem Coordinator thanked the Board. Commissioner Quave presented the Proclamation. Ms. Woods stated that in 2013 there were 150 abused and neglected children in

DeSoto County. She would like to represent those children by placing 25 pinwheels on the library lawn with each pinwheel as a symbol for 5 children. Commissioner Miller stated he would personally donate the funds to purchase the remaining pinwheels to represent each child individually. Commissioner Mansfield stated he would also like to personally donate funds to assist in purchasing the remaining pinwheels.

4A. Dedication of Photo

Mac Martin spoke regarding Arts and Humanities in DeSoto County. He feels the more that is offered in a community makes it more desirable and improves the lives of all. The artist of the photo is Rhett Butler from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Commissioner Miller commented the photo is beautiful and is appropriate for DeSoto County.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Resolution/Budget Amendments

Linda Nipper presented budget amendments #2014-063, #2014-064 and #2014-065. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to adopt a Resolution amending the 2013/14 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Miller dissenting.

6. Resolution/Volunteer Policy

Don Kesterson presented a request to approve a Volunteer Program Policy. There are some concerns or issues that need to be resolved before passing the policy. Commissioner Quave feels this is an excellent work in progress. Commissioner Selph is in favor of a policy regarding this subject but would like to research the matter further before making a decision. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to table this item until the April 22nd BOCC Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution/Social Media Policy

Don Kesterson stated that social media is very popular and staff recommends approval of this policy. Commissioner Miller feels this policy almost infringes on his rights as an individual but understands the need for the policy. Mandy Hines stated that if someone is on personal time on their personal device, they cannot represent or tie themselves in any way as a County employee when they make a social media post. If an elected official is acting in their official capacity on Facebook, you have created a public record. Mr. Kesterson explained the policy includes that the County can search a potential employees social media page. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt the Resolution and approve the DeSoto County Social Media Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Grant Application/E911 Rural County Grant Program

Jordan Ahrens stated the first application for training will cover travel, lodging and per diem for the Semi-Annual Coordinator's Meeting. The second application will cover preventative maintenance and support agreements on all 911 related equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to approve the applications and subsequent award for the E911 Rural County Grant Program and authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Application. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Agreement/Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Mandy Hines stated this is a Funding and Program agreement under the Competitive Florida Program and will provide \$40,000.00 in technical assistance funds to help meet the scope as outlined in the Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Funding and Program Agreement between the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Funding and Program Agreement

between the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Miller commented this is a big deal and DeSoto County is one of only four entities that the FDEO is offering this to and feels news media should be contacted on this matter.

10. Bid Award-Contract/Central Concrete Products, Inc.

Mike Giardullo stated this is for the construction of three gateway signs located on SR 70 East at the Highlands County line, SR 70 West at the Manatee County line and SR 72 at the Sarasota County line. This project will be funded through FDOT's LAP Program. Commissioner Miller feels there are better ways to spend these funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the contract with Central Concrete Products, Inc. for the LAP Gateway Sign Construction Services and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Miller dissenting.

11. Bid Award-Agreement/KCCS, Inc.

Mike Giardullo stated this is for the construction, engineering and inspection portion of this project. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Agreement with KCCS for the LAP Gateway Sign Construction CEI Services and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Miller dissenting.

12. Consent Agreement/Florida Power and Light Company

Mike Giardullo stated this is for the Storm Water Improvement Project in the Golden Melody subdivision, which was added to the list of projects for this fiscal year. There is an existing outfall between lots 33 and 34 that Mr. Giardullo would like to move. The property that the outfall will be moved to is owned by Eugene Turner Enterprises, Inc and has granted the County an easement. However, they have also granted an easement to FPL. As part of that easement, FPL would like to review any other easement that Eugene Turner Enterprises may grant. There are no conflicts with FPL. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Right-of-Way Consent Agreement with Florida Power and Light Company and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Contract/Department of Corrections

Shawn Edwards stated this is for a contract with DCI for a period of one (1) year to expire on June 25, 2015. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the amended contract for a one (1) year period and extending the contract to June 25, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Engagement Letter/Pennington Law

Mr. Maxcy stated this letter is to continue representation of DeSoto County for a period of two (2) years from the date of the letter with the right to cancel at any time. Mr. Conn has served DeSoto County since 2010 and the terms are unchanged since that date. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to accept the engagement letter with Pennington Law for legal services as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Guy Maxcy requested a Workshop regarding the Landfill. It was consensus of the Board to hold the Workshop on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 1:30 pm.

He reported there are 2 new customers with the Utilities Department; Lettuce Lake RV Park and Oak Haven Mobile Home/RV Park. Several new fire hydrants were added on Lettuce Lake Avenue as well as Reese Street. Eventually this may result in a decrease in homeowners insurance for residents

in this area.

The Turner Center, for the second year, has received no safety or sanitation violations. They are one of only 22 food service establishments in the State of Florida recognized for no violations.

Mosaic has submitted an application to the County for text changes to the Future Land Use and Conservation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Transmittal hearings to the Department of Economic Opportunity will be scheduled in May 2014. Mosaic is finalizing this application to the Army Corp of Engineers and expected to file the permit at the end of March 2014. Mosaic is also submitting an ERP Application to the State Department of Environmental Protection by June 2014. Mosaic is tentatively scheduling submission of the Mining Master Plan to the County in the last quarter of 2014.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Don Conn expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Board for their confidence.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Quave commented regarding the restraints that FDOT places on the County regarding the use of certain funds. He congratulated Eddie Miller and staff on a job well done.

Commissioner Mansfield commented regarding the Traveling Veteran's Wall and the committee is continuing to raise money. If anyone would like to donate funds they can get in touch with Lee Gallagher, Veteran's Services Officer. He also commented how nice the Save-A-Lot Plaza looks with the new landscaping.

Commissioner Selph commented regarding FDOT funds for LAPP projects. He complimented the Arts and Humanities Council on the photograph dedicated to the County. He also commented that we need to promote the Veteran's Wall as much as possible.

Commissioner Miller feels things need to change, the Nation is in serious trouble and there is a better way. He plans to voice his opinion in Tallahassee regarding greening and other issues.

He feels a Beneficiation Plant is significant in terms of tax dollars. He announced that the Big Dog Club is encompassing all sports as a booster organization and is planning a golf tournament at Sunny Breeze on April 26, 2014.

Chairman Langford congratulated Eddie on the new utility customers. He asked that everyone remember Mitzie McGavic during her recovery from a recent car accident. He also told a short story regarding people, neighbors and the community helping each other.

There will not be a 6:30 meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 4:14 PM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN