

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 8, 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 April 8, 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	Library Director, Linda Waters
Administrative Services Director, Linda Nipper	Parks Director, Tara Anderson
Road & Bridge Director, Shawn Edwards	Turner Center Director, Jody Sullivan
County Coordinator, Mandy Hines	Building Official, Lester Hornbake

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

PRAYER- Pastor Rick Nations / Calvary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Will Wise and Karen Whaley with Rep. Ben Albritton's Office

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

Frank Twohig spoke regarding the drainage in Forrest Pines. He expressed his concern over the culvert on Maple Drive not allowing water to flow properly. While he does realize his road is on the "culvert replacement list", he would like to be moved up on that list.

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE

A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable; the Minutes of March 11, 2014 Public Meeting; Minutes of March 25, 2014 Public Meeting and Declaration of Surplus Property. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation/Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Guy Maxcy presented a Proclamation intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of DeSoto County.

Ms. Delilah accepted the Proclamation from Commissioner Mansfield and thanked the Board.

5. Proclamation/100th Anniversary of the Signing of the Smith-Lever Act

Guy Maxcy presented a Proclamation recognizing the significance of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, the founding legislation of the Nationwide Cooperative Extension System. Ana Beswick accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the DeSoto County Extension Office presented by Commissioner Selph.

6. Presentation/Existing Fire Station 1 Evaluation and Cost Analysis

Bob Taylor with the Alliance Design Group presented to the Board an outline of the work needed to bring the existing structure to current Florida Building and Fire Code as well as a breakdown of associated costs. Project total would be approximately \$1,264,506.20 for the building only. A completely new building would cost approximately an additional \$46,000.00.

In response to a question by Commissioner Quave, Chief Taylor replied that if a new station was built on the old "Coca Cola" property, the square footage would increase by approximately 5,000 sq. ft. but would not allow the housing of administrative staff. It would allow the combination of Station 1 & 3. Commissioner Miller feels costs can be cut significantly. Further discussion ensued.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. Resolution/Budget Amendments

Linda Nipper presented amendments 2014-70, 2014-72, 2014-73 and 2014-74. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to adopt a Resolution amending the 2013-14 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution/Membership Apportionment Plan Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mandy Hines brought a request to the Board that originally started in 2010 but progress was delayed. FHREDI counties have been working together to form a 6 county MPO. The Resolution presented today outlines the apportionment plan, how the MPO would be organized, the voting membership and the weight of the votes. An Interlocal Agreement will be presented to each jurisdiction. There is an apportionment requirement that 75% of the membership, either by weighted vote or by number, has to be made up of those municipalities that are within the urbanized service areas. Don Conn feels this is a very positive step for DeSoto County. Further discussion ensued. Pat Steed with Central Florida Regional Planning Council commented that timing is important and we are already 1 year behind and membership can be amended at a later date. Mr. Conn is in support of the Resolution and recommends moving forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to adopt a Resolution approving a membership apportionment plan and authorizing its submittal to the FDOT. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Agreement Letter/Florida's Heartland REDI, Inc. (FHREDI)

Mandy Hines stated this agreement would be to employ the services of Site Selection Group to complete the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Chairman Langford handed over the gavel to Vice Chairman Quave and excused himself. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Letter of Agreement with FHREDI for additional services with Site Selection Group, LLC as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried 4-0 with Chairman Langford absent momentarily.

10. Bid Award-Contract/D & D Mechanical Services of Florida, Inc.

Richard Metzger stated Administrative Services released a bid for HVAC equipment repair and service and received five responses. The lowest bidder, based on labor and material markup costs, was Myakka Heating and Cooling. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to award the bid of HVAC equipment repair and service to Myakka Heating and Cooling and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Bid Award-Contract/FY 13-14 Annual Paving Project

Mike Giardullo stated this project is for the Pembroke Circle area. The budget amount is \$250,000.00; the bid was \$125,000.00 which was expected due to previous consent to use the remaining funds to repair the drainage in Golden Melody. A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to approve the contract with Excavation Point, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Contract Amendment/United Collection Services, Inc.

Chief Larry Taylor requested approval of a 1 year contract amendment with United Collection Services, Inc. for debt collection. In 2013, 1.9% debt was recovered. United Collection Services keeps 18.5% of what is collected. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the contract amendment with United Collection Services, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Piggyback Agreement/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.

Eddie Miller presented a request for approval of a Piggyback Agreement for the supply of underground repair and maintenance parts as needed by the Utility Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Piggyback Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. for the supply of underground repair and maintenance parts and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy stated that Hannah Davis will be moving from Administration Department front desk to the Building Department. This will leave that position vacant and he will postpone filling that position for 60-90 days in order to help build the contingency fund; ultimately it is the Board's decision. Chairman Langford requested information on the amount that the department could save to be brought back to the Board at the April 22, 2014 BOCC meeting.

Mr. Maxcy would like to present to the Board at the April 22nd BOCC meeting, financing options for a new fire station. It was consensus of the Board to move forward with the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Don Conn stated he has nothing to add to the cases in the summarized report. All of the Workshops regarding LDRs have been concluded. Next will be two Public Hearing with the first being held on April 22, 2014 at 6:30pm. Recommendations will be presented to the Board regarding issues that have been identified. Further discussion ensued. Discussion was had regarding Workshops to discuss information heard during the Public Hearings.

George Lempenau requested that the LDR information be made available on the County website so that the people that are not able to attend the meetings have the opportunity to view it. He also feels that the new fire station does not need to be ADA, unless we have disabled firefighters. Mr. Lempenau also questioned if the County will be paying the Building Department for permits.

Mr. Conn replied that it is his intention to post the information on the County website.

It was consensus of the Board to hold Workshops as they deem necessary.

Mr. Conn also commented regarding the Motorcoach Resort amended complaint. A response is due April 9, 2014 and will also be provided to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Selph commented that the Community Conversation Meeting was a success. He also commented that he appreciates all that Representative Ben Albritton is doing.

Commissioner Miller echoed the comments regarding Representative Albritton and our community has a personal relationship with him. He is happy with the Community Conversations but thought there would be more issues brought forward.

Commissioner Mansfield thanked all who attended the Ranch Rodeo and invited all to attend the Community Conversation meetings.

Commissioner Quave commented he was in Tallahassee two weeks ago and met with Senator Galvano and Senator Negron. He would like to see more people attend the Community Conversation meetings.

Chairman Langford echoed remarks regarding the Community Conversations. He was hoping to hear more regarding building codes and regulations. He feels that something different needs to be done regarding fire suppression systems. He feels they are needed but only where necessary. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Conn stated there are regulations that are required by the state that are necessary to carry out. There is some leeway in the statutes and he will continue to research the issue.

Chairman Langford reminded the Board that time is of the essence and is affecting present and future business.

Commissioner Miller suggested contacting the State Fire Marshall.

Commissioner Quave suggested contacting Jeff Atwater as well as the State Fire Marshall.

Karen Whaley stated she can contact both Mr. Atwater and/or the State Fire Marshall on behalf of the Board.

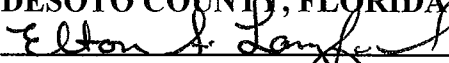
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 11:08 AM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXEY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN