

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 9, 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 April 9, 2013 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	Code Enforcement Mgr., Jorge Hernandez
Chairman, James 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	Engineering Office Manager, Cathy Miller
County Attorney, Donald Conn	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	Building Official, Lester Hornbake
Road & Bridge Office Manager, Kathy Eagle	

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM

Chairman Selph stated that Staff Sergeant Chris Ward, a DeSoto County High School graduate was killed recently in Afghanistan. He asked everyone to think about the sacrifice this young man made for us as a Country.

PRAYER- Chairman Selph

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Will Wise and Karen Gary, Superintendent of Schools

SET/AMEND-A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to waive the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to add agenda item #14 to the regular agenda. 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 Langford to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable; Declaration of Surplus Property; Board Membership Certification for Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Contract Amendment for D & D Mechanical Services, d.b.a Myakka Heating & Cooling. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month

Mr. Maxcy read the Proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to Proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously. Deb Dekeulenaere with Healthy families commented that it is a very important job to keep families safe and strong in the community.

PRESENTATION

6. Rate Study/Lighthouse Utility Consulting

Eddie Miller stated the representative for Lighthouse Utility Consulting was not able to make it do to unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Miller presented Results of Water & Sewer Revenue Sufficiency Analysis. Goals, sources of funds, uses of funds, data requirements and comparison of projected revenue/expenses were discussed. Mr. Miller reviewed scenarios evaluated which included baseline analysis and acquiring Lake Suzy service area. Mr. Miller explained the Acquisition. Commissioner Miller questioned the rate increase. Commissioner Quave questioned reserve and rate increase. Commissioner Mansfield questioned the 90 day reserve and how accurate were the projections. Mr. Maxcy commented that we need to get the rates right to avoid future problems.

7. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Cindy Talamantez requested amendment #2013-53 which is consultant fee funds brought in paid by Mosaic; Amendment #2013-54 which is GEO funds for the Sheriff; Amendment #2013-55 which were funds brought in to upgrade the Veteran's Service Officer to a full-time position. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to adopt the Resolution amending the 2012-2013 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Enrollment/Government Fleet Card Program

Cindy Talamantez presented a request for a savings program, Wright Express. This would allow the County the fuel cards as back up to BV Oil. Staff would use the fuel cards at retail locations in an emergency situation and would also cover roadside services. The program is tax exempt and includes easy tracking, accepted at numerous locations, roadside assistance, billed directly to County and no enrollment or annual fees. The program takes 1.45% off pump price. Further discussion was had. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the County's enrollment in Wright Express Government Fleet Card Program and authorize the County Administrator to sign all related documents. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Contract/ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation

Richard Metzger requested approval of a contract for the Jail elevator. It will be a piggyback contract with Pinellas County. The contract will bring the elevator up to code, re-skin the inside and replace all moving parts. The metal parts that can be salvaged will be repurposed. Mr. Metzger stated the cost is estimated at \$60,000.00 and requested the funds from reserves. \$53,864.00 is the actual cost. The extra funds will allow for any unforeseen costs. Guy Maxcy questioned Mr. Metzger if the elevator repairs would qualify under a qualified Article 5 expense. Mr. Metzger suggested referring the question to Linda Nipper. Commissioner Langford suggested researching all options for funding of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to approve the contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for modernization services of the DeSoto County Jail elevator and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution-Quit Claim Deed/FDOT

Regarding parcel #115.3, Mike Giardullo stated FDOT is in the process of property acquisition for the expansion of US Hwy. 17. The County has no interest in the portion of the properties which the FDOT is attempting to acquire from the private owners. The County does have a drainage easement on the lots. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to adopt the Resolution and approve the Quit Claim Deed for the FDOT parcel #115.3. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution-Quit Claim Deed/FDOT

Regarding parcel #116.3, Mike Giardullo stated FDOT is in the process of property acquisition for the expansion of US Hwy. 17. The County has no interest in the portion of the properties which the FDOT is attempting to acquire from the private owners. The County does have a drainage easement on the lots. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to adopt the Resolution and approve the Quit Claim Deed for the FDOT parcel #116.3. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agreement/Florida Department of Transportation

Don Conn stated this is regarding the widening of US 17. A building is located on the property FDOT is acquiring and the building overlaps the County Right of Way. FDOT would like to demolish the building. Mr. Conn stated he is requesting approval of the agreement to allow FDOT to demolish the building after the property is acquired. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve assignment and Right of Way Entry Agreement with FDOT and authorize the Chairman to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Mr. Maxcy questioned Mr. Conn if the County is receiving payment from FDOT for the building. Mr. Conn stated the County does not own the building. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Agreement/Aqua Acquisition

Don Conn stated Aqua Utilities is leaving the State of Florida which is the reason for the sale. The FGUA has purchased the major portion of their utilities in Florida. Options are to approve the purchase today, sell to another third party or the contract could be renegotiated next year. The proposed agreement presented today would allow the County to purchase all the assets of the Lake Suzy Utility. In addition, easements and a land lease would be conveyed and signed over to the County. All permits currently issued for utility would be transferred to the County. Furniture and equipment is identified as assets coming to the utility. All deposits on file would come to the utility. Everything associated with the utility would come to the County. Mr. Conn suggested the County has the best agreement to purchase Lake Suzy Utilities. If deferred today, the closing can still take place on April 24, 2013. Mr. Conn also suggested this was the best agreement the County could negotiate. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Assessed Acquisition Agreement for the Lake Suzy Utilities with Aqua Utilities. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Conn suggested a Resolution to keep current rates the same.

14. Work Assignment #39/Weiler Engineering Corporation

Eddie Miller stated this is in relation to the Legislative funding that Ms. Hines has been working on. Further discussion was had. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve work assignment #39 with Weiler Engineering Corporation for the Engineering services of the Lake Suzy Force Main and authorize the Chairman to execute the work assignment. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy requested the Board's consent to submit an RFI or request for inclusions through the DEP State Revolving Loan Program. Board's consensus to move forward. Mr. Maxcy requested

permission from the Board to meet with Chief Prescott, Fire Inspectors and himself to brief the them on Fire Codes.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Conn commented he had nothing extra to add to his the written report.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mansfield commented on his trip to Tallahassee and feels it was very eventful. He feels the budget from the State is better this year. He thanked Mandy Hines and Weiler Engineering for focusing on this matter.

Commissioner Miller stated the cost of travel is expensive but the money is well spent due to the learning and interaction with other Commissioners, Senators and Congressmen. He feels that the knowledge exceeds the money that is spent.

Commissioner Langford shared an e-mail regarding the Florida Retirement System and long term benefits. He read statistics on what a Floridian pays for services provided to State employees.

Commissioner Quave commented he was not able to attend the event in Tallahassee due to a prior engagement.

Commissioner Mansfield reminded everyone there would be a Central Florida Regional Planning Council Meeting tomorrow.

Chairman Selph commented he was heavy hearted for the loss of soldier Chris Ward and to keep the family in our prayer. Also Linda Nipper's Mother that passed away and to keep her in our prayers. He was also in Tallahassee and feels it is very important for the Board to attend. He feels Mandy Hines should attend several more sessions in Tallahassee and it's important to know Legislature.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Selph adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM.

ATTEST:



C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN