

**WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MAY 28, 2013
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Workshop on May 28, 2013 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1
Chairman, Jim Selph, Dist#2
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3
Commissioner, Elton Langford, Dist#4
Commissioner Bob Miller, Dist#5
County Administrator, Guy Maxcy
County Attorney, Don Conn
County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson
Administrative Services Director, Linda Nipper
Purchasing Director, Cindy Talamantez

Office Manager, Lauri Jones
Facilities Director, Richard Metzger
Sheriff Will Wise
Code Compl. Director, Jorge Hernandez
Fire Chief; Glen Prescott
Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Deputy Fire Chief, Larry Taylor
Turner Center Director, Jody Sullivan
Transportation Director, Shawn Edwards
County Engineer, Mike Giardullo
Building Official, Lester Hornbake

CALL TO ORDER
PRESENTATION

1. Review of Current Fire Standards/State Fire Marshall

Julius Halas, Director of Division of State Fire Marshall gave a brief background on how he reached his current position. Mr. Halas reviewed the requirements and criteria of fire inspections in local jurisdiction. Mr. Halas reviewed the following:

- Responsibilities of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)
- Appeals process
- Amendments- Mr. Maxcy verified that is mandated that fire inspections must be performed.
- Responsibilities of the AHJ pursuant to NFPA1- Chairman Selph commented regarding flammable material/hazardous conditions.
- The Florida Building Code
- Scope of Building Code
- Costs & areas for revenue
- Comparing fire & building codes

Mr. Halas also spoke regarding the benefits of an effective fire prevention program. Some of the benefits are identifying and correcting hazards, reducing fire risks, maintaining ISO ratings and consistency of enforcement and safety.

There was discussion by the Board regarding fire standards.

Mr. Halas commented that there are alternatives to sprinkler systems such as separation/wall rating, door closures and HVAC systems. Mr. Halas also stated that even if the AHJ makes a decision; the local authority has the final decision and state will not overrule unless there is a complaint by a citizen.

Recess at 10:15am

Called to Order at 10:28am

2. Review and Submission of BCC Five Year Capital Improvement Program

Linda Nipper stated the 2013-2014 will appear in the Budget and anything beyond 2014 will fluctuate from year to year. There will be corrections and changes to the plan. The Program is usually adopted along with the Budget. Ms. Nipper stated she would like to be more formal with the Five Year Plan for good planning purposes. A decision is not necessary at this time and an electronic copy will be forwarded to the Board. It was consensus of the Board that more time is needed to review the Program.

Mr. Maxcy stated he will comment on the MSBU revision rate during the 3pm meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Selph adjourned the workshop at 10:35am.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**



**JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN**