

**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**

  
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**C. GUY MAXCY  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

  
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**JAMES F. SELPH  
CHAIRMAN**