

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 11, 2012 AT 3:00 PM
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Special Meeting on July 11, 2012 with the following persons present:

Chairman, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1
Commissioner, Jim Selph, Dist#2
Commissioner, Judy Schaefer, Dist#3
Commissioner, Elton A. Langford, Dist#4
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy

County Attorney, Donald C. Conn
County Coordinator, Mandy Hines
Events Coordinator, Jody Sullivan
Office Manager, Lauri Jones
Transcribing Secretary, Betty Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mansfield stated that Commissioner Neads was absent due to a prior commitment.

Chairman Mansfield stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the request from the All Florida Championship Rodeo Association to extend the closing date for the sale of the property adjacent to the Turner Center. Mr. Conn asked that the following letter from the Rodeo Association be read into the record: Mr. Maxcy, This will serve as a request for an extension of the closing date, currently scheduled for July 16, 2012, until on or before August 16, 2012. The additional time will be used to address any misconceptions of the terms of the contract. Should the board not wish to extend for thirty days the Rodeo Committee is prepared to go forward with the closing on Monday, July 16, 2012 as scheduled. Should the board elect to close on Monday July 16, 2012 the Rodeo Committee is still open to address the concerns after the closing keeping in mind there is no such thing as a perfect contract. Sincerely, Don T. Hall President.

Mr. Conn provided a draft Amendment #2 to the Agreement to extend the closing date until on or before August 16, 2012 for Board consideration. Commissioner Selph stated that they might be what some consider minor issues with the Agreement but others may consider them more serious. He suggested that Commissioner Langford, Mr. Maxcy and Mr. Conn complete the negotiations with the Rodeo Association. Commissioner Schaefer stated that she agreed with Commissioner Selph but would also recommend that Ms. Sullivan be included in the negotiations. Chairman Mansfield stated that he agreed with Commissioner Langford and Mr. Maxcy but that Mr. Maxcy should decide about anyone else attending. Commissioner Langford stated he had no problem with working with the Rodeo Association and pointed out that some of the issue would probably benefit them as well. He felt that this should be a 50/50 relationship and that the Board needed to protect the taxpayers also. Brief discussion followed regarding the Rodeo's priority dates and planning for some of them upfront. Motion was made by Commissioner Langford to approve Amendment #2 to the Rodeo Association Agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Mansfield adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**



**JURIL O. MANSFIELD
CHAIRMAN**