

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 9, 2014 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	Planning Manager, Thomas Cookingham
Commissioner, James Selph, Dist#2	Compliance Director, Jorge Hernandez
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3	Purchasing Director, Cindy Talamantez
Chairman, Elton Langford, Dist#4	HR Director, Don Kesterson
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	Office Manager, Lauri Terry
County Administrator, Mandy Hines	Parks Director, Tara Anderson
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	Building Official, Lester Hornbake
Road & Bridge Director, Shawn Edwards	Senior Staff Accountant, Brian Wagner
Fire Chief, Larry Taylor	Turner Center Director, Jody Sullivan
County Engineer, Mike Giardullo	Emerg. Management Director, Doug Christ

**CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM**

**PRAYER**- Retired County Commissioner Ronald Neads

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff Will Wise

**SET/AMEND**- A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Accounts and Warrants drawn according to schedule of bills payable; Minutes of August 12, 2014 BOCC Public Meeting; Minutes of August 12, 2014 BOCC Budget Meeting and State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION**

**4. Proclamation-Presentation/National Preparedness Month**

Doug Christ stated right now is the historic peak of hurricane season and a below average season was predicted. A State of Local Emergency gives the authority to do what needs to be done during an emergency. Mr. Christ read the Proclamation into record. Approximately \$44,000,000 was processed resulting from Hurricane Charlie. Commissioner Selph questioned what impact would there be to the budget for a 3 month period if this happens again? Ms. Hines stated there was a \$10,000,000 line of credit to help float expenses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to approve the Proclamation and authorize the Chairman to sign document. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **5. Resolution/Budget Amendments**

Linda Nipper presented two budget amendments. The first is the Operational Loan principle and was advised this should not show in our budget; it is a balance sheet item only. The second amendment is the Vietnam Wall donations that needed to be updated. The balance is currently at \$20,000.

A motion was made to adopt a Resolution amending the 2013/14 budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Agreement/Heartland Library Cooperative**

Linda Waters presented an agreement that is an update of a document. Commissioner Quave commented that he is a member of the Library Board, he is proud of Ms. Water's hard work and it is a pleasure to learn about all that takes place. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to approve the Heartland Library Cooperative Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute all agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

### **7. Enrollment/Florida Association of Counties Trust and Florida Municipal Insurance Trust**

Don Kesterson requested award of Property & Casualty Insurance to FACT and FMIT.

Hasib Bangloria spoke on behalf of PRM and stated he hopes the Board will stay with PRM which offers the most coverage. PRM offers a \$32,000 savings over the final cost put forth by FACT and FMIT.

Andy Cooper gave his history with PRM. He stated that if it had not been for PRM, it would not have been as easy to accomplish the rebuild of the Turner Center.

Michelle Jones with World Risk Management commented their coverage is far more superior.

Travis Childers with World Risk Management stated there are two things he feels are important; a strong relationship with the carrier and look at the hidden costs with current or future claims.

Commissioner Quave stated a letter was approximately 60-90 days ago stating the County was not satisfied. He questioned what kind of property insurance are we about to lose coverage on? Don Kesterson replied nothing that he was aware of.

David Lodwick with the Florida League of Cities stated the FMIT program does not represent a decrease in coverage but an increase in coverage as well as a dramatic increase in service after the event. Money is applied separately and will decrease out-of-pocket funds considerably. There is a claims system that is fully FEMA compliant. All claim files are on Pdf format. Contractors are billed and paid directly. Mr. Lodwick stated his company represents 21 counties in Florida with no unfunded mandates at the back end. Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Miller stated he was asked to serve on this committee. PRM came back with an adjustment of \$129,508 for a participation credit. Further discussion ensued. He recommended awarding FAC.

Don Kesterson and Cindy Talamantez stated they are both comfortable with choosing FAC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to award Property and Casualty insurance services to the Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT) and the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) and authorize the Chairman to execute all related agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

George Lempenau commented that he sees the inmates running the asylum. He gave an example of how he personally does this process. He feels government should take the lead and decide what coverage the County needs and wants.

### **8. Notification/Public Risk Management of Florida**

Don Kesterson presented the request. A motion was made by Commissioner Quave to allow the Board Chairman to sign the verification letter officially notifying PRM that DeSoto County will withdraw from pool effective the end of current policy term for Property and Casualty. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

### **9. Contract Amendment/State of Florida Department of Transportation**

Shawn Edwards presented the request for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Compensation Agreement amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Amendment No. 1 with Florida Department of Transportation and authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Selph away from the dais.

### **10. Minor Subdivision**

Tom Cookingham presented a request for minor subdivision. The purpose is to subdivide and make into a smaller parcel. He gave a brief history of the property. Parcel 1 & 2 are under same ownership due to the settlement of an estate. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the subdivision of 0.34 acres from an existing, improved 5+ acre parcel and the addition of said acreage to an existing, improved 1.3+ acre parcel. Seconded by Commissioner Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mandy Hines presented a letter of appreciation from Secretary Vinyard from the FDEP regarding the Board's authorization of submitting a letter of appreciation. They were very appreciative of the Board taking the time to recognize the exemplary work that the FDOT and FDEP has done in working with the County on the US 17 project.

Ms. Hines is preparing the draft Legislative Priorities that she will present to the Board at the end of this month for submission to the Delegation Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

The County has been approached by a private firm who has expressed potential interest in utilizing a portion of the lease property at DJJ for the purpose of staging Biosolids (land spreading). Ms. Hines would like direction from the Board. Chairman Langford stated he would like more information before a decision is made.

Ms. Hines invited Chief Taylor to inform the Board of some public initiatives with Public Safety.

Chief Taylor informed the Board that on September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Memorial Service at Veteran's Park at 9:00 am. October is Fire Prevention Month and presentations will be held at daycares and schools on Fire Safety. Public Safety will be partnering with Dominos Pizza for approximately one hour on a specified day to have a fire truck deliver pizzas; if the person ordering the pizza allows Public Safety to check their smoke detectors and they are working then the pizza is free and if not then they will be supplied with a battery. The Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts will be available in October as well. All proceeds stay local and go towards Strolling for a Cure.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Conn stated he is following up on the Board's adoption of the Ordinance dealing with the waiver or appeal of Fire and Building Code Standards. A form has been developed to be filled out by anyone seeking an appeal as well as a Waiver of Liability Statement to be signed. These forms can be found in the Legal Department, Building, Code Enforcement and Public Safety. These are appeals of a decision made by the Building Official or Fire Department.

Mr. Conn distributed an advanced copy of the LDRs as they will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. They are also available to the public.

George Lempenau requested to have the page numbers placed on the packet pages when placed on line. Commissioner Quave stated that we need money from somewhere for software to provide page numbers, dates and possibly training. Ms. Hines commented there has been discussion regarding a document management system. The cost is approximately \$20,000. If it is the pleasure of the Board, there may be a slight difference in the final budget presented. Commissioner Quave would like FAC to find a way to buy the software under a large umbrella so that we can purchase for much less.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Quave thanked Mandy Hines for her assertiveness in regards to FDEP and the appreciation letters. He would like to have the pros and cons of the sludge in South County. He commented the software is not a complaint on not getting correct information but he fears that incorrect information will be published.

Commissioner Mansfield agrees that we need better software. Ms. Hines commented she is working on getting Municode back into action.

Commissioner Selph echoed the comments regarding software. Having information in a searchable form is critically important. He feels that the ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Veteran's Memorial Park is an important event. He commented he has been working with the Veterans Council to get Congressman Rooney to DeSoto County but he will not come. Commissioner Selph feels he has a duty and obligation to visit DeSoto County and speak with our veterans.

Commissioner Miller commented that while it is always difficult to sever a long-term relationship, he feels it was in the best interest of the County to go with FAC. He feels FAC serves a tremendous purpose in uniting the counties. Small County Coalition does a tremendous job in trying to unite and have a voice within FAC and the legislature for the small counties. FAC offers training at no cost. He attended Dan Collin's retirement part. There are people trying to organize a BBQ competition with teams from each community to be held possibly on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

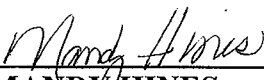
Chairman Langford commented there will be a Revival at Ft. Ogden Baptist Church this week starting at 7:00 pm. Mr. Rooney came to DeSoto County when he was running for election.

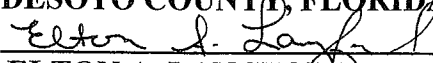
He wanted to bring it to the Board's attention that Thornton Creek was approved with the minimum of a 6 foot berm or wall or a combination thereof. The drawing from SWFRWMD does not have the berms to specifications. Ms. Hines will work on correcting this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**MANDY HINES**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
  
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**ELTON A. LANGFORD**  
**CHAIRMAN**