

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 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 Public Meeting on December 11, 2012 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	Code Enforcement Mgr., Jorge Hernandez
Chairman, Jim Selph, Dist#2	Utilities Director, Eddie Miller
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3	Social Services Manager, Peggy Waters
Commissioner, Elton Langford, Dist#4	Fire Chief, Glenn Prescott
Commissioner, Bob Miller, Dist#5	Building Dept. Manager, Lester Hornbake
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy	Admin. Services Director, Linda Nipper
County Attorney, Don 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

CALL TO ORDER

3:00 PM

PRAYER- Gary Burford, Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS- Kathy Hill, Tax Collector

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

John Super commented that the Tour of Homes went well. Thanked the County Commissioners and Mandy Hines for providing the DART bus to help with transportation.

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; Minutes of November 20, 2012 Special Meeting; and Declaration of Surplus Property. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Linda Nipper stated she has one amendment with two items for the Sheriff. The first was a transfer from the court funds designated for educational expenses. The second was a monthly payment from GEO for housing their inmates in the County jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to adopt the Resolution amending the 2012/13 Budget including attachments. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Advertising Policy/DART

Mandy Hines presented the proposed advertising policy for the DART system. The purpose of the policy is to increase revenues to offset the operating expenses by offering advertising to local businesses and other interested advertisers. The advertiser would be responsible for acquiring the signage, having it applied and also removal. There would be a minimum of a 3 month advertising period. Commissioner Selph suggested a 6 month to 1 year review of the policy. Commissioner Miller questioned Ms. Hines if there would be a maximum number or area per bus to target as far as advertisements. Ms. Hines responded that all of the available space would be used for advertising. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the DART advertising policy and rates as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Agreement/Employment Contract-Administrative Services Director

Don Kesterson presented a request to approve the Administrative Services Director contract between DeSoto County and Linda Nipper. Commissioner Langford questioned if the salary amount is in the current budget. Commissioner Miller commented that he reviewed the contract and commends Ms. Nipper for her commitment to the County. Commissioner Mansfield stated that Ms. Nipper is doing a wonderful job. A motion was made by Commissioner Mansfield to approve the Administrative Services Director contract between DeSoto County BOCC and Linda Nipper. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Grant Agreement Modification/BOCC and State of Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEC)

Doug Christ requested modification of the Emergency Management Performance Grant. The State requires the participation of 3 exercises a year as opposed to 4 previously. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to approve the modification for the EMPG Grant #13FG-86-07-24-01-081. Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution/Extension of Impact Fees

Don Conn presented 2 Resolutions for the Board's consideration relating to the waiver of Impact Fees. One for the County and One for the School Board. Mr. Conn requested to defer action on the School Board Resolution. By law, the School Board must approve such a waiver before the BOCC acts. The School Board Waiver will be brought back to the BOCC if the School Board does concur in a waiver of Impact Fees. The only waiver presented today will be for the County Impact Fees. The Resolution would extend the waiver through 2013. Commissioner Mansfield questioned if this waiver could be extended for more than 1 year. Mr. Conn stated that when the Board passed the original Ordinance, there was an indication in that Ordinance that the Board would extend for up to 1 year at a time by Resolution. Commissioner Selph commented that he would like to see construction and that there is very little happening in Florida. Commissioner Quave commented that he had researched this topic and anytime something new is built, it's wonderful but it does have an impact on the County. Studies show that the typical Impact Fees that a County imposes do not cover the impact. Commissioner Langford agreed with Commissioner Quave. A motion was made by Commissioner Langford to adopt the Resolution which extends the waiver of imposition and collection of County Impact Fees through December 31, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Quave. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Work Assignments/The Weiler Engineering Corporation

Cindy Talamantez requested approval of Work Assignments #34, 35, and 36 with the Weiler Engineering Group. These are a part of the ongoing project for the SCOP funded Bridge Scouring and Guardrail Project. These would cover the construction, engineering, and inspection services. Mike Giardullo commented that there will be work off and on with each one. Mr. Giardullo also stated work will be continuous until the project is complete. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve

Work Assignments #34 thru 36 with Weiler Engineering Corporation to provide the construction, engineering, and inspection services of various bridges as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Maxcy stated an individual has retired in the Utilities Department and requested Board consensus to fill the vacant position of Utilities Instrumentation Control Technician. It was consensus of the Board to fill the position.

Mr. Maxcy called on Mandy Hines to give an update on the map being refurbished. Ms. Hines stated the map has been digitized. We could not remove the map from the frame without doing damage. There is extensive damage to the map. It is being requested that the Board authorize to allow for up to 8 hours of work so that the major flaws and damage can be restored. Commissioner Mansfield stated he would like to see the map refurbished. Ms. Hines gave a brief history of how this project came about. The map shows DeSoto County before it was divided into 5 different counties. Commissioner Selph feels this is an important project. Mr. Conn feels this should be presented as an agenda item. It was consensus of the Board to bring this matter back as an agenda item at the first Board meeting in January.

Mr. Maxcy reminded everyone of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Mr. Maxcy thanked Shawn Edwards for a job well done on an emergency pipe removal and replacement.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Don Conn stated he had nothing to add to the written report that has been provided to the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Quave had no comments.

Commissioner Langford wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Mansfield commented on Mr. Conn's vacation and welcomed him back. He thanked all that took part in the Christmas Parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Miller commented that Commissioner Mansfield did a great job on the Christmas Parade float and it was nice to see so many people attend. Commissioner Miller questioned if anyone has heard who broke in into the Utilities Department and brought up the issue of an alarm. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Selph commented the Christmas Parade and float were great. Commissioner Selph commented that the Employee Luncheon was a way of thanking the employees. Commissioner Selph wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Selph adjourned the meeting at 3:44 PM.

ATTEST:

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

**C. GUY MAXCY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN**