

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2017 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 January 10, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Juril "Buddy" Mansfield	Commissioner, District 1	Present	
James Selph	County Commissioner, District 2	Present	
Judy Schaefer	County Commissioner, District 3	Present	
Elton Langford	Chairman, District 4	Present	
Terry Hill	County Commissioner, District 5	Present	
Mandy Hines	County Administrator	Present	
Donald Conn	County Attorney	Present	
Jill Kersey	Transcribing Secretary	Present	
Richard Metzger	Facilities Director	Present	
Thomas Moran	Emergency Management Director	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Lauri Benson	Office Manager	Present	
Eddie Miller	Utilities Director	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Peggy Waters	Social Services Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Jorge Hernandez	Compliance Director	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Donald Kesterson	Human Resources Director	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Human Resources	Present	
Larry Taylor	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Linda Nipper	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Deanna Thompson	Agriculture Agent/Interim CEO	Present	

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Tung, First Presbyterian of Arcadia

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff James Potter and Karen Whaley with Representative Ben Albritton's Office.

SET/AMEND

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
SECONDER: James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Becker requested Board action regarding 11744 SW Anne Avenue in the Spring Lake subdivision which is extremely overgrown. Jorge Hernandez reported the owner is deceased and the property is in foreclosure. Further discussion ensued. The property is scheduled for a February 23, 2017 Special Master Hearing. Elaine Levindowski questioned if the Board has made any progress regarding the flooding in Spring Lake and Anne Ave. Commissioner Mansfield stated the issues that are causing the flooding are away from or beyond Spring Lake but have an effect on the area. Mandy Hines stated SWFMD has not identified a problem as of yet and gave further explanation. Shawn Edwards and the Board will make sure anything in the County right of way will be functioning correctly.

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
SECONDER: Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. Minutes of December 13, 2016 BOCC Workshop and December 13, 2016 BOCC Public Meeting.
3. Resolution for Florida Department of Transportation Section 5311 Grant and authorization of signatures as presented.
4. Resolution for SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Linda Nipper presented budget amendments 2017-16, 2017-17, 2017-18, 2017-21, 2017-22 and 2017-24.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
SECONDER: Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

6. Resolution/Supporting adequate funding of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Rae Dowling reported on those who benefit from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and that FPL lobbies in Washington for this program.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
SECONDER: Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

7. Work Assignment / Weiler - 16/17-06- Fire Station One Project

Cindy Talamantez stated this is a work authorization for engineering duties to be performed on Fire Station 1 as an expected cost.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
SECONDER:	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
AYES:	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

8. 2016/2017 Small County Grant Application

Henry Grimes requested approval to submit the Small County Grant application. This grant has been utilized for several years to aid in equipment costs.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
SECONDER:	Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
AYES:	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

9. Bid Award - Contract / Excavation Point Inc.

Tara Anderson presented a request to award the bid to Excavation Point Inc. for the Lettuce Lake Boat Ramp paving services. This is funded by a grant and is the final stage.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
SECONDER:	Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
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10. Project Prioritization/Florida Department of Transportation

Mike Giardullo presented a request to approve the Project Prioritization Letter for Florida Department of Transportation funding in fiscal year 2017/2018 through 2022/2023. Discussion ensued regarding the Hwy 31 North extension to Hwy 17 for the purpose of the added traffic from the new Rodeo Arena. Mr. Giardullo gave an update regarding the annual paving project on Welles and Hillcrest. The roadways will be slightly wider, driveway transitions will be repaired and positive feedback was received.

Ms. Hines commented on an issue with a Hillcrest resident. The current LDRs state that we will not restore asphalt or concrete in a private driveway along the right-of-way and would replace with packed shell. Further discussion ensued. Ms. Hines stated she will personally go to the property and speak with the owner.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
SECONDER:	Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
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11. 20 Yr Water Supply Projections / Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority 2018 - 2038 Projections

Eddie Miller presented a request to approve the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority 20 Year Water Supply Projections.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
SECONDER:	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
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12. Inerim HR Director Appointment

Mandy Hines requested Board confirmation for appointment of Latrinda Jones to Interim Human Resources Director.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Selph, County Commissioner, District 2
SECONDER:	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
AYES:	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hines requested Board direction on moving forward with a Utility Analysis/ Financial modeling. There was consensus of the Board to move forward.

Ms. Hines requested Board direction regarding an MSTU study for Law Enforcement. Commissioner Selph suggested issuing a statement for the public so that they may understand the term piggybacking. There was consensus of the Board to move forward.

Ms. Hines requested consensus of the Board for Legislative Budget Request modifications. Consensus of the Board to proceed.

Ms. Hines requested direction from the Board regarding a ground breaking ceremony for the new Fire Station 1. Consensus to hold the ground breaking ceremony on January 24th at 11:00am.

There was consensus of the Board to schedule a Workshop at 1pm on March 14, 2017 to discuss the Density Bonus LDR Policy.

There was Board consensus to provide a letter of service appointing Peggy Waters to continue serving as the public representative on the Manatee Community Action Agency.

There was Board consensus to have Commissioner Judy Schaefer serve on the Insurance Committee.

Ms. Hines informed the Board they received an invitation to attend the Investiture Ceremony of the Honorable Danielle Brewer as the County Judge on January 20, 2017 at 3:00pm in the County Courthouse with a reception to follow at the Turner Agri-Civic Center.

Project Safe will hold a Workshop on February 7, 2017 at 10:00am in the Board room for the purpose of educating senior citizens on scams and fraudulent activities.

County employees participated in Denim for Deeds over the holidays and raised \$600 for Senior Friendship Center as well as donated items for the local food bank.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Don Conn reported the PIE case is moving along but has requested more time and the brief is at the end of February. A decision may be made by Fall or end of the year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mansfield thanked new Sheriff for being present and congratulated Don Kesterson and Latrinda Jones on their new positions. He also commented there are overweight trucks traveling on Turner Ave as well as others in the county, it is destroying the roads and would like to see something done. Brownville Park is wonderful and thanked Tara and her crew. He also thanked the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety and Road & Bridge for their response to a recent traffic accident on 661.

Commissioner Schaefer congratulated Don Kesterson and Latrinda Jones on their new positions. The bridge on Reynolds Rd. was replaced and very much needed but there are heavy trucks traveling on this road as well and they will destroy the bridge if continued.

Commissioner Selph wished all a Happy and prosperous New Year. He would like to see new jobs and roads in the county. He commented regarding the recent tragedy at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport, the Orlando Police Officer murdered and Sheriff's Deputy killed in a traffic accident; condolences for the loss of life. He congratulated Don Kesterson and Latrinda Jones on their new positions.

Commissioner Hill wished all a Happy New Year and Congratulated Don Kesterson and Latrinda Jones on their new positions. He thanked Mandy and Shawn for addressing a situation in Sunny Breeze.

Chairman Langford thanked staff for always doing a great job and Congratulated Don Kesterson and Latrinda Jones on their new positions. He commented the old DJJ Property is an eye sore and would like to see it properly maintained. Keep our men and women in prayers that protect us all.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 10:47am.

ATTEST:

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

**MANDY HINES
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN**