

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 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 February 14, 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	
Donald Conn	County Attorney	Present	
Mandy Hines	County Administrator	Present	
Jill Kersey	Transcribing Secretary	Present	
Richard Metzger	Facilities Director	Present	
Lauri Benson	Office Manager	Present	
Linda Nipper	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Peggy Waters	Social Services Director	Present	
Eddie Miller	Utilities Director	Present	
Larry Taylor	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Interim Human Resources Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Deanna Thompson	Agriculture Agent/Interim CEO	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM

TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Brian Russell with Pine Level United Methodist Church

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff James Potter

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

Ron Burns requested assistance in resolving an issue with internet service in the Forrest Pines subdivision. He feels residents are not receiving the service they are paying for. He spoke with Century Link and they refused to change the box in his neighborhood for a quicker DSL speed. Commissioner Selph commented the Board has no control over this matter but does feel it is worth looking into. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Burns was advised that Ms. Hines will look into the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE

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

1. Minutes of January 10, 2017 and January 24, 2017 BOCC Public Meeting.
2. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.

PRESENTATIONS

3. 2016/17 1st Quarterly Report

Linda Nipper presented the first Quarterly Budget Report of the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Overall it is positive and modest with steady increases. Further discussion ensued.

RESULT:	PRESENTATION GIVEN
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4. Proclamation/National Engineers Week

Chairman Langford presented to Mike Giardullo the Proclamation for National Engineer Week.

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

5. Presentation/South Florida State College

Lindsay Lynch gave a presentation on a project called Re-Engineering Our Future. A grant was received through the US Department of Education through the Hispanic Serving Institutions Program, STEM Articulation Grant to support and improve Hispanic enrollment in STEM majors and transfer into four year programs. Dr. Sidney Valentine, VP of Academic Affairs at South Florida State College commented they would like to bring opportunities into this area that students would otherwise go to other areas to receive. Further discussion ensued.

RESULT:	PRESENTATION GIVEN
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REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Linda Nipper presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving Budget amendments 2017-32, 2017-33, 2017-34, 2017-35 and 2017-36.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
SECONDER: Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

7. Resolution/Gain-Time

Mandy Hines presented a request to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff of DeSoto County to continue awarding Gain Time for good conduct, authorized by Section 951.21 F.S.

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

8. Resolution/Uncollectable Dump Fees

Don Conn presented a request to adopt a Resolution for approval to write off uncollectible landfill fees incurred by a commercial account that is no longer in business. Numerous attempts have been made to collect the debt.

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

9. Bid Award-State Housing Initiative Partnership/Community Development Block Grant

Peggy Waters presented a request to approve the bid award to Clean Cuts, LLC for the State Housing Initiative Partnership-Community Development Block Grant for a replacement home. The cost of the lowest bidder has increased due to a larger home and the cost of supplies are increasing rapidly.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
SECONDER: Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

10. Resolution/Termination of Kings Ranch III Agreement

Don Conn presented a request to adopt a Resolution to terminate a Water and Wastewater Capacity Reservation Agreement for a development to be known as Kings Ranch III. The property was conveyed back to the original owner.

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

11. Agreement Amendment/Peace River Palms Developer's

Don Conn presented a request to approve an amendment to the Peace River Palms Developer's Agreement that will reduce ERUs available from 211 to 3. The 208 relinquished ERUs will be returned to the ERU Pool.

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

12. Utility Lien/New Dawn Properties

Don Conn presented a request to authorize recording of a Utility lien in the amount of \$1,016.44 on property located at 4135 SW Highway 17 in Arcadia. Further discussion ensued.

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

13. Grace Mia, LLC Minor Plat W/O Plat Recordation

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution with conditions approving the subdivision of a 25 acre tract into 5 parcel of 5 acres each. Commissioner Hill abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Bobby Carlton requested the Board allow the calculations of the right-of-way in the calculations of the subdivision and at this point has no intentions of further development in the area.

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
SECONDER: Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, Commissioner, District 1
AYES: Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford
ABSTAIN: Hill

14. Ordinance/County Seal

Don Conn presented a request to adopt an Ordinance to formally adopt the official County Seal. This will better regulate and control the use of the Seal.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hines attended the Medical Marijuana Summit which was very informative. The Office of Compassionate Youth is in the rule making process with two medical marijuana related bills filed this year. Senate Bill 90 is being watched closely. There is a weekly session call with FAC.

A request has been placed for a short bus from Sarasota County to replace a vehicle at Road & Bridge for the DCI work crew. The Gradall is on the agenda for the February 28, 2017 meeting with Sarasota County Commission.

Ms. Hines has been meeting with the Charlotte County Administrator every other month to discuss issues they can work together to resolve. Currently they are discussing Kingsway Circle in Lake Suzy. She would like to have a specific agenda for Lake Suzy when holding the Community Conversations. Potential dates for Community Conversations are April 13, 20 and 27; Consensus.

Open access Wifi is available Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Ms. Hines commented on positive feedback received on employees.

Michael Giardullo gave update on the Annual Striping Program. The budget is \$25,000; he will replace thermo striping with paint; roads were prioritized with CR 760 at the top of the list.

Ms. Hines requested tuition reimbursement to continue her education and acquire an MBA. Further discussion ensued. Board consensus to approve the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

PIE case appeal has new counsel who has requested a second extension of time to file a new brief. There is a new case filed for Quiet Title to property that the plaintiff acquired through a tax deed. There are two Code Enforcement liens that total over \$16,000 with interest.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mansfield commented there has been good progress on debris removed from a drainage ditch.

Commissioner Schaefer commented she is happy for Mandy and we have great staff.

Commissioner Hill thanked staff for the effort put into the county as well as Ms. Hines for her time spent in Tallahassee. He feels there are positive things happening.

Commissioner Selph is grateful for feedback from the community and complimented Ms. Hines on a job well done in Tallahassee

Chairman Langford commented Senator Denise Grimsley is running for Commissioner of Agriculture and has offered to help DeSoto County any way possible. He thanked staff for their hard work and asked that everyone pray for the Hollingsworth family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 10:41am.

ATTEST:

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

**MANDY HINES
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN**