

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MARCH 13, 2018 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 March 13, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Juril "Buddy" Mansfield	County Commissioner, District 1	Present	
James Selph	Chairman, District 2	Present	
Judy Schaefer	County Commissioner, District 3	Present	
Elton Langford	County Commissioner, District 4	Present	
Terry Hill	County Commissioner, District 5	Absent	
Mandy Hines	County Administrator	Present	
Donald Conn	County Attorney	Present	
Jill Kersey	Transcribing Secretary	Present	
Lauri Benson	Administration Office Manager	Present	
Michael Taber	Economic Development	Present	
Frank Emery	Facilities Director	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Tara Poulton	Special Projects Coordinator	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	
Chad Jorgensen	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Interim Human Resources Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Thomas Moran	Emergency Management Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing 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 Methodist Church offered the invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Karen Whaley with Representative Ben Albritton's office.

**SET/AMEND**

A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford  
**ABSENT:** Hill

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. To approve Minutes of February 13, 2018 BOCC Public Meeting and February 13, 2018 Executive Session.
3. Sufficiency of Surety Bond for County Administrator.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4. Resolution/Budget Amendment**

Brian Wagner presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving budget amendments 2018-50, 2018-51, 2018-53 and 2018-55. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford  
**ABSENT:** Hill

**5. Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee**

Michael Taber presented a request to adopt a Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Taber stated the renewals will expire in 2 years. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

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

**6. Contract/Tourism and Economic Development Marketing Services**

Michael Taber presented a request to approve the contract with Marketing Alliance for Tourism and Economic Development Marketing Services to provide marketing and design services on a task order basis. Proposal 1806 received one response from Marketing Alliance. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the contract as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hill

**7. Resolution/70th Birthday Outdoor event permit**

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving outdoor event permit 2017-02 to allow Jennett Behinke to hold a 70th birthday party on March 31st from 2:00pm-6:00pm at Back Street Bar. Staff recommended approval with conditions. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented with conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hill

**8. Resolution/Buckeye Transport Corp Development Plan (DP 2018-03)**

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving Development Plan 2018-03 with conditions for an outdoor storage yard. Mr. Hahn stated the property is zoned Industrial Light and the issues concerning access have been addressed. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Hill

**9. Resolution/Approve with condition DP 2017-08 for a parking lot with outdoor storage**

Mr. Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving Development Plan 2017-08 for a parking lot with outdoor storage. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**SECONDER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford  
**ABSENT:** Hill

#### **10. Resolution/Development plan**

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving Development Plan 2018-05 for a restaurant on Liverpool Rd. A motion was by Commissioner Elton Langford. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford  
**ABSENT:** Hill

#### **11. FY 17/18 Annual Culvert Restoration Paving Project Bid Award.**

Michael Giardullo presented a request to approve the award of a contract to Excavation Point, Inc. for the 2017/2018 Annual Culvert Restoration Paving Project which was the lowest bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to award the bid as presented to Excavation Point, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Terry Hill absent.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford  
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#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mandy Hines reported positive feedback received on employees. Ms. Hines also proposed holding a workshop discussing out buildings on April 10, 2018 following the regular Board meeting which was approved by the Board.

There has been a request to reduce the speed limit on Airport Rd. on the south end of County Rd. 760A and while there has not been a speed study, Ms. Hines feels the reduction would be consistent with all other neighborhood roads on the south side of 760A, the Board agreed.

Ms. Hines has requested Finance staff to reach out regarding a bridge loan of 2.5 million dollars. She is concerned with the impact of Hurricane Irma on cash distribution. We have incurred direct expenses and have paid out over 1.3 million dollars to date, with some projects paid and more to come. Ms. Hines feels it is prudent to take a bridge loan to prevent an undesirable cash situation. A loan package will be presented for approval at a later Board meeting.

Ms. Hines reported that Thursday April 19, 2018 will be the only Community Conversation meeting at the Turner Center Exhibit Hall.

Michael Giardullo stated there are three grant funded projects which are Fletcher, Shores and Masters that are currently under construction. The Annual Striping Project, Annual Paving Project, Annual Culvert Restoration Project and the Library Parking Project combined have almost \$500,000.00 budgeted expenses. The Annual Striping Project has a budget of \$60,000.00 with seven streets chosen based on traffic level and overall pavement condition. The Annual Paving Project chose

Prairie and Magnolia. The Windy Pine grant will help pay for Magnolia which left extra funds to pay help pay for two smaller projects. The Annual Culvert Restoration includes 10 culverts with bids coming in at \$51,000 which leaves extra funds to be used towards other projects. Mr. Giardullo stated he would like to start a pipe repair project on Kingsway Circle with an estimate of just under \$50,000. The Library parking area paving project has a \$35,000 budget and Fire Station 1 parking area of 10 unfinished spaces will fall under annual paving. There may not be sufficient funds for the Turner Center resurfacing project and will be added to the project list for the following year. Ms. Mandy Hines feels the Library parking lot should take priority over the Turner Center. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Hines thanked State Legislature for working diligently on two projects for Public Safety and a water project that were included in the budget. Ms. Hines expressed her condolences to Commissioner Hill's family for the loss of his mother.

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

Don Conn reported that Mosaic requested the re-zoning hearing be postponed until June 2018. The date in June also coincides with Florida Association of Counties. Mr. Conn suggested the option of the hearing being deferred until July 2018 and feels that two hearings will be necessary due to the length of time anticipated. Chairman Selph stated he felt the hearing should be rescheduled to the end of July 2018.

Mr. Conn stated when an owner has a Code Enforcement lien attached to a piece of property, the lien attaches to all property owned in DeSoto County, with no other property allowed to be developed before the lien is resolved. There are property owners attempting to sell the lien property for a very nominal fee so that they can receive development permits for other properties. Mr. Conn requested authorization by the Board to allow himself along with the Administrator and the Chairman, if concurrence, to move forward with foreclosure on the County's lien; Board consensus.

Mr. Conn presented a proposal to handle Development Plan approvals as quasi-judicial matters. Both Mr. Earl Hahn and Mr. Conn feel this is the appropriate way.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Elton Langford offered his condolences to Commissioner Hill on the loss of his mother.

Commissioner Judy Schaefer offered her condolences to Commissioner Hill on the loss of his mother. She feels employee recognition is important and is appreciated.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield offered his condolences to Commissioner Hill on the loss of his mother and thanked Turner Center staff for all the help over rodeo weekend.

Chairman James Selph offered his condolences to Commissioner Hill on the loss of his mother. He also commented that Sheriff Potter sends an email each week with information on the jail. He is proud of the new rodeo arena and feels that having this along with the Turner Center, we have the capacity to hold national activities. Chairman Selph expressed his feelings that Legislature, the Governor or FDOT could resolve the traffic flow issue leading to the rodeo arena by constructing the Highway 31 extension.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman James Selph adjourned the meeting at 10:03am

**ATTEST:**

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

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

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**JAMES F. SELPH**  
**CHAIRMAN**