

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 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	Present	
Mandy Hines	County Administrator	Present	
Donald Conn	County Attorney	Present	
Lauri Benson	Administration Office Manager	Present	
Jill Kersey	Transcribing Secretary	Present	
Chad Jorgensen	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Frank Emery	Facilities Director	Present	
Brian Wagner	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Peggy Waters	Social Services Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Julian Deleon	Utility Director	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Interim Human Resources Director	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Jorge Hernandez	Compliance Director	Present	

**CALL TO ORDER                      9:00 AM**

**TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**

**PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Matt Clayton with First Baptist Church of Arcadia offered the invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff James Potter; Karen Whaley with Representative Ben Albritton's Office; Kathryn Hill, Tax Collector and Honorable Judge Danielle Brewer.

**SET/AMEND**

A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

<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, Hill

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. To approve Minutes of March 13, 2018 BOCC Public Meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**3. Proclamation/Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2018**

Ms. Mandy Hines read into record the Proclamation declaring the month of April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the Proclamation as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Buddy Mansfield presented the Proclamation to Anamary Juvier with SPARCC.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTED</b>
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**4. Presentation/FPL Energy Services, Inc.**

Madonna Rykken, Senior Account Executive with FPL Energy Services gave a presentation regarding the LED Street Light upgrades to LED technology. Ms. Rykken gave a brief history and spoke on experience, expertise, leaders in light, benefits, new LT-1 tariff which is a rate structure change and styles. The purpose of the upgrades are to make existing customers as efficient as possible when it comes to electric use. Smart nodes will be installed that will allow constant communication with the service center to resolve issues. The color of the light is more of a true color that contributes to better safety as well. The FPL street lights would be phase 1 and if at a later date the County upgraded their lights that would be phase 2 or 3. Further discussion ensued. The Board is in favor of this program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION GIVEN</b>
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**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**5. Agreement for Sale and Purchase- 1427 SW Gross Drive**

Cindy Talamantez presented a request to approve an agreement authorizing the sale of surplus County owned property located at 1427 S.W. Gross Drive . There has been an offer on the property but there will be no revenue to the County. The funds will satisfy a SHIP mortgage along with the tax deed from the previous owners. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**6. Weiler Engineering Work Authorization 17/18-09- Spring Lake Storm Water Study**

Ms. Mandy Hines presented a request to approve a work authorization with Weiler Engineering for the Spring Lake Storm Water Study. This will allow the start of data collection and survey work required to complete the drainage study. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**7. Salary Adjustments/Public Safety and Sheriff's Office**

Ms. Mandy Hines presented a request to approve the proposed pay adjustments in the Public Safety Department and the Sheriff's Office as presented. There are extremely high turnover rates due to the rate of pay with Public Safety down by 25% currently. This will temporarily fill the gap until the issue is permanently resolved. Also there is a need to replace equipment. The continual impact of these adjustments cannot be sustained within our current revenue. The Board expressed their concerns and agree something needs to be done immediately. A motion was made by Commissioner Terry Hill to approve the proposed pay adjustment as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**8. Resolution/Budget Amendment**

Brian Wagner presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving budget amendment 2018-76. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**9. Resolution/Budget Amendment**

Brian Wagner presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving budget amendments 2018-59, 2018-65, 2018-67, 2018-68, 2018-70 and 2018-74. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**10. Bid Award/State Housing Initiative Partnership**

Peggy Waters presented a request to approve the bid award for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) bids on two income eligible homes for rehabilitation. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the bid award as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**11. Resolution/Transportation Disadvantaged Service Area**

Pat Steed, Executive Director Central Florida Regional Planning Council presented a request to adopt a Resolution supporting the creation of a four county Transportation Disadvantaged service area including DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**12. Masters Ave./EPI/Change Order**

Michael Giardullo presented a request to approve a change order for Masters Avenue for an embankment needed due to wash outs caused by Hurricane Irma. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**13. Shores Ave./EPI/Change Order**

Michael Giardullo presented a request to approve a change order for Shores Avenue to pave shoulders of the road with funds provided through a grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Judy Schaefer to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**14. Resolution/Subdivide a 45.79-acre tract into a 16.84-acre lot and a 28.95-acre lot**

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution approving a subdivision of a 45.79 acre parcel into one 16.84 acre lot and one 28.95 acre lot. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**15. Drinkwater Utility Credit**

Julian Deleon presented a request to authorize a utility credit due to a leak which has been corrected. Staff recommends splitting the consumption with the customer. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**SECONDER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
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**16. Utility Billing Account Adjustment**

Ms. Mandy Hines presented a request to authorize a billing credit. This will put on record a Board vote to accept a term that was negotiated by the previous Utility Director which was a credit on an irrigation well in the amount of \$3,304.60 with Concire Centers Inc. This was due to a series of inaccurate meter reads over a long period of time. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the billing credit as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
**SECONDER:** Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Mandy Hines requested Board approval to appoint Lauri Benson to the Social Services Director position and Jill Kersey as Administration Office Manager. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hines stated she met with Mr. Womack on his request to discuss a rate adjustment due to rising costs in the industry. There was Board consensus to hold a Workshop with dates presented at future meeting.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Don Conn had nothing further to report.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Elton Langford had no further comments.

Commissioner Judy Schaefer congratulated Jorge and Yojaida Hernandez on their son becoming a Marine. She reminded all of the upcoming Community Conversation on April 19th at the Turner Center and stated she enjoyed the FPL presentation. Commissioner Schaefer thanked staff and congratulated Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office on salary adjustments.

Commissioner Terry Hill thanked staff. A special thanks was given to Shawn Edwards as well for resolving an issue with the drainage ditches in Oakview.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield thanked Sheriff James Potter and staff for a job well done with traffic on Turner. He feels the street light presentation was very informative. He also expressed that the salary adjustment for Public Safety and Sheriff's Office is only a temporary fix.

Chairman James Selph welcomed Honorable Judge Danielle Brewer and feels Sheriff James Potter and Chief Chad Jorgenson are doing a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman James Selph adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**MANDY HINES  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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**JAMES F. SELPH  
CHAIRMAN**