

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 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 November 14, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Juril "Buddy" Mansfield	County 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	
Lauri Benson	Administration Office Manager	Present	
Thomas Moran	Emergency Management Director	Present	
Brian Wagner	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Peggy Waters	Social Services Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Eddie Miller	Utilities Director	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	
Frank Emery	Facilities Director	Present	
Chad Jorgensen	Interim Public Safety Chief	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

Mark Negley, Supervisor of Elections.

SET/AMEND

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

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1
SECONDER:	Judy Schaefer, County Commissioner, District 3
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1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. Minutes of August 22, 2017 BOCC Public Meeting; September 26, 2017 BOCC Public Meeting and October 10, 2017 BOCC Public Meeting.
3. Approval of 2017/2018 Small County Grant Application.
4. Public Safety Director Appointment Confirmation.
5. Southern Strategies State Lobbying Services amendment for lobbying services for an additional year.
6. Approval of Lease Agreement for Health Department Clinic Space.
7. 2017/18 FDLE Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Proclamation/Childrens Guardian Fund Day

Request to Proclaim Friday, November 17, 2017 as Children's Guardian Fund Day.

Ms. Mandy Hines addressed the Board and requested approval of the Proclamation declaring November 17, 2017 as Children's Guardian Fund Day. A motion was made by Commissioner James Selph approving the Proclamation as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jeremy Carter accepted and thanked the Board.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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9. Proclamation/Farm-City Week

Request to Proclaim November 15 - 22, 2017 as Farm-City Week.

Ms. Mandy Hines addressed the Board and requested approval of the Proclamation declaring the week of November 15-22, 2017 as Farm-City Week. Commissioner James Selph thanked the Board and spoke regarding the importance of agriculture. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the Proclamation as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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REGULAR BUSINESS

10. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Request to approve 2016/17 Budget Amendment Resolution.

Brian Wagner addressed the Board and requested adoption of a Resolution approving budget amendments 2017-192, 2017-193 and 2017-194. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner James Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

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

11. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Request to approve 2017/18 Budget Amendment Resolution.

Brian Wagner addressed the Board and requested adoption of a Resolution approving budget amendments 2018-05 and 2018-10. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

12. Agreement/FDAC Mosquito Control Agreement.

Request to approve the 2017/18 State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement.

Thomas Moran addressed the Board and presented a request for approval of the Mosquito Control Contract for funding. A motion was made by Commissioner James Selph to approve the contract as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Mandy Hines reported that Mr. Moran has officially been appointed the Interim Mosquito Control Director with the Department of State.

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

13. Donation/DeSoto Cares

Request to approve the donation of two County-owned lots, which have been deemed suitable for affordable housing to DeSoto Cares.

Peggy Waters addressed the Board and presented a request for approval of the donation of two County-owned lots which have been deemed suitable for affordable housing. Mike Provau addressed the Board as the representative for DeSoto Cares and thanked the Board for the donation as well as Peggy Waters, Earl Hahn, Lester Hornbake and Adrian Cline. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner James Selph. Motion carried unanimously.

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

14. Resolution/Set public hearing to vacate a portion of an alley and road

Request to adopt a Resolution setting a Dec. 12, 2017 public hearing to vacate a portion of an alley and road.

Earl Hahn addressed the Board and requested adoption of a Resolution setting a Public Hearing for December 12, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner James Selph to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

15. Amendment/USCA for Arcadia 70/31 Property Owners Assoc.

Request to approve the amendment to reduce reserved Water and Wastewater ERU's for Arcadia 70/31 Property Owners Assoc., Inc., Arcadia Property, LLC, Keystone Arcadia, LLC, and Penn Arcadia, LLC.

Eddie Miller addressed the Board and requested approval of an amendment to reduce reserved Water and Wastewater ERU's from 15 to 9 for the 70/31 Arcadia Property Owners Association, Inc., Arcadia Properties, LLC, Keystone Arcadia, LLC and Penn Arcadia, LLC. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the amendment as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

16. Legislative Project Award LP 14026

Request approval of a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for wastewater system improvements.

Ms. Mandy Hines addressed the Board and presented a request to approve a grant agreement the County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Lake Suzy wastewater modifications. A motion was made to by Commissioner Judy Schaefer to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

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

17. Selection/ Chair-Vice Chair

Request to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2017-2018 year.

Mr. Don Conn addressed the Board and presented ballots for selection of the 2017-2018 Board of County Commissioners Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Don Conn announced that Commissioner

James Selph was selected as the new Chairman and Commissioner Judy Schaefer was selected as Vice-Chairman.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mandy Hines reported that two debts associated with the utility re-location work on Highway 17 have been approved and the County has been released from the debt.

Ms. Hines stated Lee Gallagher will become a full time building inspector and resigning as the Veteran Services Officer and an ad will be placed to fill the vacant position.

Ms. Hines stated the Annual Employee Appreciation luncheon will be held at the Turner Center on December 7th and offices will close at noon; December 15th is set tentatively for the new Fire Station ribbon cutting.

Ms. Hines stated at a previous meeting the Board approved a budget amendment to move funds for the pipe sleeve project in Lake Suzy. There was an error with the sizing and the cost will be an additional \$3,200 which will come from the annual culvert fund.

Ms. Hines informed the Board we will be collecting donations for holiday dinners for local families in need. Staff has the option to wear jeans for \$1 a day through the holidays to raise money for less fortunate families.

Ms. Hines stated debris pick up is coming to a end and all debris should have been put out by October 29th.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Conn stated the County received a favorable ruling on the PIE case. The court issued a per curium decision which means without opinion and a conflict cannot be demonstrated. Further discussion ensued.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield congratulated Commissioner Selph and Commissioner Schaefer on their new positions. Commissioner Mansfield questioned the completion date for the guardrail on the bridges on Hog Bay Road and 760A. Ms. Hines stated the bridge on Hog Bay Road was not storm related.

Commissioner Mansfield questioned Mr. Conn on the consequences of destroying County property. Mr. Conn stated the County could pursue the recovery of costs for repair.

Commissioner Mansfield thanked all Veterans for their service as well as those who participated in the parade.

Commissioner Mansfield also stated the FAC Legislative conference will be held this week in Sarasota.

Commissioner Judy Schaefer congratulated Commissioner Selph on his new position as Chairman.

Commissioner Schaefer stated she was proud of the new fire station as well as the new rodeo grounds.

Commissioner Schaefer stated Veterans have a special place in her heart and everyone should appreciate their freedom.

Commissioner Terry Hill thanked staff again for all they do as well as Mandy Hines for accomplishing the release of debt from the Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Hill congratulated Commissioner Selph as the new Chairman as well as Chad Jorgenson on his position as our new Fire Chief.

Commissioner James Selph thanked Commissioner Elton Langford for his year serving as Chairman to the Board and congratulated Commissioner Schaefer on her new position as Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Selph stated he would like to see the Veteran's Day Ceremony begin by recognizing gold star families in the community.

Commissioner Selph stated he is currently the Director of the Cattleman's Association and they are holding a fund raiser for a scholarship program and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Elton Langford urged our younger generation to learn more about farming.

Chairman Langford also commented Veteran's Day is very special and congratulated Commissioner Selph and Commissioner Schaefer on their new positions.

Chairman Langford thanked Mr. Conn and Ms. Hines for their hard work with the utilities refund as well as staff for all they do on a daily basis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 10:05am.

ATTEST:

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

**MANDY HINES
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN**