

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 3:00 PM  
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM  
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Meeting on January 23, 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	Absent	
Elton Langford	County Commissioner, 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	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Chad Jorgensen	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Brian Wagner	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Eddie Miller	Utilities Director	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	
Jorge Hernandez	Compliance Director	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Interim Human Resources Director	Present	

**CALL TO ORDER                      3:00 PM**

**TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**

**PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Brian Russell with Pine Level United Methodist Church offered the invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff James Potter and 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 Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer 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, Langford, Hill
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Schaefer

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Katie Marks with the Arcadia Rodeo Association reported that the Mosaic Rodeo Arena will be ready for the March Rodeo with the addition of a Trade Show. Ms. Marks stated the Rodeo Association would like to rent the full arena at Turner Center for the purpose of the Trade Show at the rate for half of the arena.

Ms. Mandy Hines commented Jody Sullivan has drafted a contract with all discounts possible with a total price of \$4,973.35 for the entire arena for a period of four days. Ms. Hines also stated the total rental price for half of the arena is \$3,215.00.

Chairman James Selph feels once a policy is set the Board should not allow exceptions but is willing to help within the guidelines. Commissioner Elton Langford and Commissioner Buddy Mansfield concurred. Further discussion ensued.

**CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION TO APPROVE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	Schaefer

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. Adoption of the Resolution to write-off Delinquent EMS Accounts.
3. Agreement with The University of South Florida (Small Business Development Center) for Educational Services.
4. Approval of the amended Distinguished Citizen Award Policy.
5. Approval of Detailed Work Plan Budget for Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
6. Approval of the Contract Amendment with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Administration.
7. Declaration of Surplus Property.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**8. Proclamation/"Point In Time Count Day"**

Ms. Mandy Hines read into record the Proclamation declaring January 26, 2018 as Point in Time Count Day. Commissioner Elton Langford made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

Ms. Brenda Gray with Heartland Coalition for the Homeless thanked the Board for allowing her organization to serve DeSoto County.

**RESULT: PRESENTED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**9. Director Appointment Board Confirmation.**

Ms. Mandy Hines requested confirmation by the Board as required by state statute, the appointment of Ms. Tara Poulton as Special Projects Director. Ms. Poulton will work closely with County Administration in implementing Board policy and procedures. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
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**SECONDER:** Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4  
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**ABSENT:** Schaefer

**10. Resolution/Budget Amendment**

Mr. Brian Wagner requested adoption of a Resolution approving Budget Amendments 2018-31, 2018-32, 2018-33 and 2018-34. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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

**11. Approval of change order #7 with Fowler Construction.**

Ms. Cindy Talamantez presented a request to approve a time extension to the construction agreement with Fowler Construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve change order #7 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hill. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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**MOVER:** Juril "Buddy" Mansfield, County Commissioner, District 1  
**SECONDER:** Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5  
**AYES:** Mansfield, Selph, Langford, Hill  
**ABSENT:** Schaefer

**12. Agreement/Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees**

Ms. Mandy Hines requested approval of an agreement with Florida Gulf Coast University to conduct a salary study for Public Safety and Law Enforcement. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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**ABSENT:** Schaefer

### **13. Grant Agreement/2018 Small County**

Mr. Henry Grimes presented a request for approval of a small county grant for reimbursement of lease equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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**ABSENT:** Schaefer

### **14. Bid Award/The Chesapeake Group, Inc. for Economic Development Element**

Earl Hahn presented a request to approve the bid award to The Chesapeake Group, Inc. for the Economic Development Element and support documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the bid award as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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**ABSENT:** Schaefer

### **15. Ordinance/Annual Capital Improvements Element Update**

Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt an Ordinance updating County Capital Improvement Elements support documents as required by state law annually. Ms. Mandy Hines commended Mr. Hahn for completing this long overdue project. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Mandy Hines had nothing further to report.

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

Mr. Don Conn reported a new case filed regarding alleged damage to property due to the County's failure to maintain certain ditches and culverts. Mr. Conn requested Board approval to file a response; there was Board consensus. Mr. Conn requested approval to schedule an attorney/client

briefing session the case just discussed following the February 13, 2018 Board meeting; there was Board consensus. Mr. Conn would like to look further into the matter as well as possibly file an appeal within the required 15 days if needed.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Elton Langford stated he was very pleased to have Ms. Tara Poulton join our staff. He also thanked staff for always doing a great job.

Commissioner Terry Hill welcomed Ms. Tara Poulton. He also thanked staff and Chief Jorgenson for a job well done with the fire station ribbon cutting and open house.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield welcomed Ms. Tara Poulton. He thanked Chief Chad Jorgenson and staff for a job well done with the fire station open house. Commissioner Mansfield also thanked Mr. Earl Hahn for extra time and effort put forth to complete projects.

Chairman James Selph welcomed Ms. Tara Poulton. He enjoyed the fire station ribbon cutting and open house. Chairman Selph questioned the repair of the digital speed signs. Ms. Mandy Hines stated Mike Giardullo has been working with FDOT on the matter and we are waiting on instruction to maintain the signs.

Ms. Mandy Hines recognized Fire House Subs for donating the sandwiches for the ribbon cutting event and also donating the children's fire hats for the open house.

**RECESS UNTIL 6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING**

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Don Conn stated the proceedings for a Quasi-Judicial hearing. The oath was given by the Board Clerk.

**16. Resolution/250' tall cell tower near southeast corner of SR-72 & SW CR 769**

Mr. Don Conn gave a brief background on statues regarding wireless communications land use decisions. No ex-parte communications were reported.

Mr. Earl Hahn presented a request to adopt a Resolution granting North American Power, LLC a special exception use development order with conditions to allow within the A-5 zoning district, communications, transmitting and receiving facilities. Mr. Hahn stated certain conditions must be met if approved. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary Solick, Legal Representative for North American Towers, stated she and the applicant agree with the conditions of approval. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Robert Murray expressed his concern about health issues due to the electromagnetic fields and the type of lights on the tower. Mr. Murray stated there have been studies in Europe showing cell towers may increase the risk of cancer.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Elton Langford. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent. Commissioner Elton Langford made a motion to adopt the Resolution with conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Judy Schaefer absent.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman James Selph adjourned the meeting at 6:55p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**MANDY HINES  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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**JAMES F. SELPH  
CHAIRMAN**