

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 27, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	
Tara Poulton	Special Projects Coordinator	Present	
Peggy Waters	Social Services Director	Present	
Chad Jorgensen	Public Safety Chief	Present	
Thomas Moran	Emergency Management Director	Present	
Eddie Miller	Utilities Director	Present	
Michael Giardullo	County Engineer	Present	
Lauri Benson	Administration Office Manager	Present	
Jill Kersey	Transcribing Secretary	Present	
Tara Anderson	Parks & Recreation Director	Present	
Linda Waters	Library Director	Present	
Shawn Edwards	Road & Bridge Director	Present	
Cindy Talamantez	Purchasing Director	Present	
Latrinda Jones	Interim Human Resources Director	Present	
Henry Grimes	Environmental Services Director	Present	
Brian Wagner	Budget Coordinator	Present	
Earl Hahn	Development Director	Present	
Peter Danao	Interim Finance Director	Present	
Jody Sullivan	Turner Center Director	Present	

CALL TO ORDER

3:00 PM

TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Elton Langford offered the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff James Potter

SET/AMEND

A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to set the Agenda 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

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 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

1. Accounts and Warrants Drawn Per Schedule of Bills Payable.
2. Declaration of Surplus Property.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Area Agency on Aging regarding energy assistance .
4. Confirmation of Human Resources Director Appointment.
5. Approval of classification and Pay Plan.

REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Social Services Director Appointment

Ms. Mandy Hines requested approval to appoint Ms. Erica Villafuerte to the position of Social Services Director to begin March 19, 2018 subject to completion of all employment pre-screening activities. Ms. Waters will be moving to the position of MSBU/Grants Coordinator. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. Utility Director Confirmation

Ms. Mandy Hines requested approval to appoint Mr. Julian Deleon to the position of Utility Director. Mr. Eddie Miller submitted his resignation with a two month notice and final day of April 1, 2018. Mr. Deleon will begin the new position on April 2, 2018 contingent upon completion of all employee pre-screening. A motion was made by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield to approve the request 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

8. PCPP Agreement/DeSoto County Sheriffs Complex

Ms. Mandy Hines requested approval of the Petroleum Clean-up Participation Program Agreement with FDEP for a petroleum clean-up site at the Sheriff's Office Complex. 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

9. Presentation / 2017/18 1st Quarter Budget Report

Mr. Brian Wagner presented and reviewed the 2017-2018 1st Quarter Budget to Actual Report. A report is supplied on a quarterly basis to advise all fund and departmental revenue and expenses in order that Board members can remain informed as to the state of the Budget as it applies to actual funding and spending.

RESULT:	PRESENTATION GIVEN
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10. Resolution/Budget Amendment

Brian Wagner requested adoption of a Resolution approving budget amendments 2018-14, 2018-41, 2018-43X, 2018-45 and 2018-49. A motion was made 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

11. Property Sale/5307 SW Welles Avenue

Ms. Cindy Talamantez presented approval of an agreement for the sale of County owned property at 5307 SW Welles Avenue received through tax deed. There is also a Code Enforcement lien with the County that will be satisfied as part of the sale. Three bids were received with the highest bid offered by Deluxe Holding, LLC \$41,200.00 A motion was made by Commissioner Judy Schaefer to approve the agreement 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

12. Resolution/Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant Application

Ms. Tara Anderson requested adoption of a Resolution to submit an application for a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant. The application would allow phase one of the project to relocate the boat launch to the east end of Veteran's Park and will include additional improvements. 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

13. Bid Award - US Water Services Corp.

Mr. Eddie Miller presented approval of a request to upgrade Lift Stations 7 and 15 in Lake Suzy. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to approve the contract 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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Mandy Hines reported a Community Conversation Meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 at the Turner Exhibit Hall which will be the only one held this year.

Ms. Hines stated she as well as other members attended the SWFMD Governing Board meeting in Sarasota and presented our Out-of-Cycle Funding request for the south county drainage area and felt it was well received. This item will be presented as a consent item at a future Governing Board meeting.

Ms. Hines met with Sheriff Potter, Chief Chad Jorgenson, the School Board and the City Marshall regarding the communications issue to develop a solution. There was a unanimous consensus to choose Motorola.

Ms. Hines stated she was informed we did receive funding from the NRCS applications that will be released in cycles, however we will need to prioritize our projects. Ms. Hines suggested to the Board that the two top projects should be the Morgan Park Erosion and the Navigator Dredging Projects. The Board agreed with this suggestion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Don Conn reported on the Snow vs. DeSoto County case stating that our insurance initially denied coverage on the claim based on the fact it involved flooding. Mr. Conn filed an appeal which will be reviewed within 30 days.

Mr. Conn stated Mosaic has requested their zoning application be deferred until May 2018. There were no objections to the request.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Elton Langford requested prayer for our Country and all that have lost loved ones. He also stated he is very impressed with the new rodeo arena.

Commissioner Judy Schaefer thanked staff and expressed the new rodeo arena is beautiful and ready for the March rodeo.

Commissioner Terry Hill thanked staff. Commissioner Hill stated DeSoto County has a National Watermelon Queen, Savannah Christiansen.

Commissioner Buddy Mansfield stated he felt the SWFMD meeting was very receptive and invited everyone to attend the rodeo March 8-11, 2018.

Chairman James Selph thanked Sheriff James Potter for his annual report. The tragedy at Parkland High School was terrible and asked we keep all involved in our prayers. He encouraged all to attend the rodeo and informed everyone that Thursday night is the Peace River Citrus Growers annual

meeting and hopes all will attend. Commissioner Selph thanked staff. He also stated our Veterans deserve the best and feels the Veteran's Services position should be full-time. Ms. Mandy Hines stated the Veteran's Services office was moved upstairs so that there would be someone available at all times to greet, take messages and assist the public. The position was budgeted to be full-time. Chairman Selph also expressed his concern with the privacy of the Veteran's Services office and feels it should be sound proof.

RECESS UNTIL 6:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

14. First Read Ordinance/Agri-tourism related development

Earl Hahn presented a request to accept on first reading an Ordinance on agri-tourism related development. The Ordinance would amend LDR Section 2016-50 by adding three definitions, allow rental halls as a special exception and banquet halls as a permitted use in CG zoning districts, amends the public institutional zoning district to allow banquet halls and rental halls as a permitted use and amends the RM zoning district to allow agri-tourism related development as a permitted use as well as a banquet hall provided it has a minimum size of 15 acres. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to accept the first reading of the Ordinance with changes. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Buddy Mansfield dissenting.

RESULT:	FIRST READ [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Elton Langford, County Commissioner, District 4
SECONDER:	Terry Hill, County Commissioner, District 5
AYES:	Selph, Schaefer, Langford, Hill
NAYS:	Mansfield

15. First Read Ordinance/Land Development Regulations Amendment

Mr. Don Conn presented a request to accept on first reading the proposed Ordinance amending the land development regulations concerning minor subdivisions, signs, related definitions, development plan approval and zoning of funeral homes and refrigeration facilities. The proposed changes are a result of a stakeholder meeting held on February 13, 2018.

Commissioners Buddy Mansfield and Elton Langford feel there should be a specified time period for a plat to be recorded. Ms. Mandy Hines questioned the feasibility of a five day limit considering the limited amount of staff. Mr. Earl Hahn feels that each legal description needs to be reviewed by the County Surveyor to ensure accuracy which will take more time. Further discussion ensued on signs and funeral home location.

Mr. Danny Tew stated the new Ordinance prohibits a building to house his recreational fifth wheel and expressed his concerns. Mr. Earl Hahn explained that an accessory use structure can be 50% the size of a principal use structure but the accessory use rule does not make sense in the agricultural districts which are exempt from this rule. Chairman James Selph stated he is in favor of re-writing this section of the LDR. Mr. Conn suggested a Workshop with the Board agreeing. A motion was made by Commissioner Elton Langford to accept the first reading of the proposed Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Buddy Mansfield. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman James Selph adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm

ATTEST:

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

MANDY HINES
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JAMES F. SELPH
CHAIRMAN