



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Monday, April 3, 2017

Workshop

The Board met this date in a Workshop in the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse in the “Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom”, Room 270, at 304 NW 2nd Street in Okeechobee, Florida at 1:00 PM.

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry Burroughs	Chairman	Present	
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner	Present	
Kelly Owens	Commissioner	Present	
David Hazellief	Commissioner	Present	
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner	Present	
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator	Present	
John Cassels	County Attorney	Absent	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

I. Commencement

Chairman Terry Burroughs called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper offered the invocation, after which Commissioner Hazellief led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Service Award

County Administrator Robbie Chartier read while Chairman Terry Burroughs presented Ted Adriance, Facilities Management Dept., Electrician, his 10 year service award and congratulated him on his retirement. The entire Facilities Management Department was in attendance to support him.

III. Agenda

1. INFORMAL PRESENTATION BY FDOT REGARDING SR 710 EXTENSION

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the Commission has requested Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) consider abandoning the SR710 extension project. FDOT informally will update the BOCC on the current progress of the project and the impacts of abandoning the project and address the BOCC regarding the alternate routes.

Ms. Laura Kirchner from FDOT addressed the Board and discussed the SR710 Project. Ms. Kirchner stated they are ready to move into the design phase but it is on hold due to the BOCC concerns.

The Board asked questions of Ms. Kirchner.

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Commissioner David Hazellief stated the reason why the BOCC wants to scrap the project, is because they want to continue through US Highway 98, and not stop at SR 441 N.

Ms. Kirchner stated if the Board stopped the project, a new project wouldn't start for over 15 years.

Ms. Pat Steed, Executive Director of Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization, addressed the Board and described the HRTPO. Ms. Steed gave a presentation to the Board.

Staff was directed to put the SR710 Extension issue on a meeting agenda so the Board could vote on it.

Requested Action: Receive an informal presentation and status update on the SR710 Extension project.

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IV. Public Comment

Mr. Mac Worley addressed the Board and discussed the project routes as it was discussed several years ago; as well as his concerns.

Mr. Frank Irby addressed the Board and discussed the project. Asked the question.. what is the purpose of a bypass, and would this project satisfy the bypass.

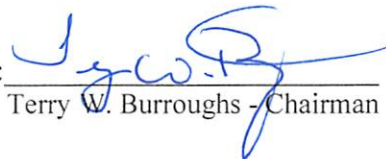
Mr. Noel Chandler addressed the Board and discussed the project and different possible routes.

Okeechobee City Administrator Marcos Monts de Oca addressed the Board and discussed the project.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Terry Burroughs declared the Workshop of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: 
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Approved: 4/13/2017



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