



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Regular Session

The Board met this date in a Regular Session in the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom", Room 270, at 304 NW 2nd Street in Okeechobee, Florida at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call

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	Present	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

I. Commencement

Chairman Terry Burroughs called the meeting to Order. Pastor Nancy Fletcher offered the invocation, after which Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee Recognition

1. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the following employees met requirements for service awards during the April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 quarter:

5 Years:

Jarrod Akins, Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Rescue

10 Years:

Anita Lynn Manke, Insurance Clerk, Fire Rescue
Robert Winnubst, Equipment Operator, Road Maintenance
Rogelio Yanez, Equipment Operator, Road Maintenance
Charles Yingling, Park Maintenance Tech. 1, Facilities Maintenance

15 Years:

Shellie Mitchell, Administrative Secretary, Facilities Maintenance

25 Years:

Bill Royce, Director, Community Development

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Requested Action: Present Service awards to qualifying employees for the April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 quarter.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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II. Public Comments

Ms. Diane Merry addressed the Board and asked if they approved Chaka Stars this year and if they approved a Mental Health Court.

Motion: Motion to Close Public Comments.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

III. Revisions

There were no revisions to the Agenda.

IV. Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

Items 1a through 1e were approved by the Board to include the amended warrants.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

- a. MINUTES: June 8, 2017 REGULAR SESSION**
Requested Action: Approve Minutes from June 8, 2017 Regular Session.
- b. WARRANTS 2017-12**
Requested Action: Approve Warrants List 2017-12.
- c. THIRD RENEWAL OF THE CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AVCON, INC. AT THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Requested Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the third Renewal Agreement of the current contract for Professional Services at the Okeechobee County Airport with AVCON, Inc.; provide for a term beginning August 14, 2017 and ending August 13, 2018; as prepared by the County Attorney.

d. 2017-2018 COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (CCE) FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES STANDARD RATE AGREEMENT

Requested Action: Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Standard Rate Agreement with Florida Rural Legal Services for the contract year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Funding for these services is provided through the CCE Grant, the annual cost of which is on an as needed basis.

e. 2017 - 2018 IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES STANDARD RATE AGREEMENTS

Requested Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the 2017 - 2018 In-Home Supportive Services Standard Rate Agreements between Okeechobee County and (1) All About You Caregivers, Inc., (2) Shirley's Personal Care Services, Inc., and (3) VIP America, LLC, Service Providers for the period of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

2. Proclamations/Public Hearings/Presentations

a. PRESENTATION BY MS. DANA TRABULSY ON BEHALF OF THE TREASURE COAST BUSINESS SUMMIT

Ms. Dana Trabulsy and Ms. Lynette Marratta of the Treasure Coast Business Summit, addressed the Board and stated the First Annual Treasure Coast Trailblazers Award of distinction is being presented to women who have paved the way, broken the glass ceilings, created new avenues and inspired us all. We are proud to present this Annual Treasure Coast Trailblazer Award to Commissioner Kelly Owens who represents Okeechobee County as a woman who has carved a clearer path, brought a vision to life, or changed the paradigm by which we think. Women who are Trailblazers.

Requested Action: Receive presentation from the Treasure Coast Business Summit presenting the 1st Annual Trailblazer Award to Commissioner Kelly Owens.

RESULT:

RECEIVED

3. General Business

a. 1:30 p.m. - Executive Session - IAFF Collective Bargaining

Executive Session on the IAFF collective bargaining agreement will be held upon conclusion of the Regular Session.

b. TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT- TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 1, 2021

Tourism Coordinator Sharie Turgeon addressed the Board and stated at this time, two (2) regular member vacancies exist on the TDC Board. One application received

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from Margaret Garrard Helton and has been reviewed. The applicant complies with the rules of the Florida Statutes and Okeechobee County.

Requested Action: Approve appointment of Margaret Garrard Helton to one (1) regular member position of the Tourist Development Council Board (TDC), term to expire July 1, 2021.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

c. HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA - OKEECHOBEE APPOINTMENT

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the County has received an application from Dr. Christine Brennan Bishop for appointment to the Health Council of Southeast Florida (f/k/a Treasure Coast Health Council); term to expire June 22, 2019. The Health Council of Southeast Florida establishes strategies, priorities and preferences for development of health services and facilities, advises the county on health care issues, promotes public awareness of county health needs and pursues related activities.

Requested Action: Approve appointment of Dr. Christine Brennan Bishop to the Health Council of Southeast Florida; term to expire June 22, 2019.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

d. ACCEPT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND APPROVE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENT

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the Board authorized the submission of a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in April 2016. The \$750,000 grant will fund the extension of the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) potable water system into the Whispering Pines area, including the residential plumbing connection and well abandonment for income eligible households. OUA has already obtained the engineering design and permit for the project, and has agreed to waive the normal connection related charges for residential connections made through the grant as "leverage" for the grant. OUA will also pay all project costs in excess of the County's sub-grant to OUA, including engineering, line construction and connections.

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Requested Action: Approve to accept the \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and authorize the Chairman and/or the County Administrator to sign and submit the grant documents to DEO and approve Resolution 2017-27 amending the fiscal year 2016-17 budget for unanticipated revenues and approve BA17-12 in the amount of \$750,000 for same.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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e. LANDING STRIP CAFE REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ONE MONTH RENT

Airport Manager Kathy Scott addressed the Board and stated on April 25, 2017, the BOCC awarded the bid for Addition and Renovations to the Airport Terminal Building (The Landing Strip Cafe Project), to Platinum Performance Group. In the bidding of the project, the Cafe was not requested to close. The Contractors were advised that it was known that there would be time that the restaurant would possibly need to be shut down, but to bid the work around a schedule that would negatively affect the Restaurant operations as little as possible. At the Pre-Construction meeting, the Restaurant owner, Harold deLange, asked the Contractor if the Restaurant closed for a month would that assist with the project. The next week the Contractor provided the schedule of work. It moved the schedule from a 4 month to 2-1/2 month schedule.

Requested Action: Approve to waive one month rent in the amount of \$1,398.01 for the Landing Strip Cafe in consideration of their cooperation to close during the renovation of the Airport Terminal Restaurant area to expedite the project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

f. AIRPORT FUEL - GALLONS SOLD AND FUEL PRICE STAFF REPORT

Airport Manager Kathy Scott addressed the Board and stated as per the request from the BOCC, staff will provide a report as per the attached "Airport Fuel - Gallons Sold Comparison" for Okeechobee County versus Hendry County (LaBelle & Clewiston). This information was acquired through conversations with Mr. Thomas Vaughn, Airport Manager for LaBelle and Clewiston (Air Glades) Airports. Also included, at the bottom of this report, is a "Gallons Sold for Okeechobee Airport Fuel Sales Comparison" from the first 1/3 of the Year 2016 and 2017.

Additionally staff has attached an updated "Fuel Price Comparison" updating the previous January report to include May fuel prices for comparison of Airports in close proximity to Okeechobee County Airport.

Requested Action: Receive staff report on Airport Fuel - Gallons Sold Report and Fuel Price Update.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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g. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Human Resources Director Mariah Anuez addressed the Board and stated currently the County does not have a Social Media Policy. The County understands that social media can be a fun and rewarding way to share one's life and opinions with family, friends and co-workers around the world. However, use of social media also presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. To assist employees in making responsible decisions about their use of social media, we have established these guidelines for appropriate use of social media.

Requested Action: Approve the Social Media Policy and incorporate into the Employee Handbook with a fourteen day grace period on implementation; in order also remain compliant with the Fire Rescue Union Contract, Article 24, Section 2.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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h. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: OKEE-TANTIE ACQUISITION AND REDEVELOPMENT RFP

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated on May 16, 2017 the County received two proposals for the Acquisition and Redevelopment of Okee Tantie Campground and Marina.

1. Outpost Club Lake Okeechobee LLC (Guy Harvey)
2. Bass Pro Shops

On June 19, 2017, the Okee Tantie RFP Review Committee met and discussed the proposals and determined their pros and cons for Okeechobee.

The committee appointees were John Campbell, Don Fox, Frank Irby, Eddie Lehman, Wes Williamson, assisted by the County Administrator.

The Board stated Scott Driver Park is not part of the RFP.

Commissioner Kelly Owens stated there is no retail store planned in the Bass Pro Shop plan.

Requested Action: Approve to accept the recommendation from the Okee Tantie RFP Review Committee to conditionally designate the first ranked respondent Bass Pro Shops, as the Designated Developer of Okee Tantie Campground and Marina site and direct the County Attorney in conjunction with the County Administrator to begin the process of developing an agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
SECONDER:	David Hazellief, Commissioner
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i. RESOLUTION 2017-__ SUPPORTING THE TREASURE COAST COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (TCCLG) IN PROMOTING HOME RULE AUTHORITY

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated Okeechobee County is a member of the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG) which was established in 1987 and incorporated in 2003 as a voluntary council pursuant to Section 163.02 F.S., for the purpose of studying and addressing area governments problems as the TCCLG deems appropriate.

This resolution shows Okeechobee County's support to the TCCLG' s promotion of the integrity of the Home Rule power of local governments.

Requested Action: Approve Resolution 2017-28 in supporting the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments in Promoting Home Rule Authority; and directing certified copies of this Resolution to be provided to various officials.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

4. Administration Report

- a. County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed the following:
 1. Inquiry from Hendry County, is Okeechobee County interested in selling all or part of the Airport, for the purpose of transforming it to an International Hub. The Board did not agree with the idea.
 2. The Board could commence with the Executive Session sooner that 1:30 pm since there is no one else presenting except for the County Administrator and Fire Chief. The Board agreed to commence with the Executive Session at the end of the Regular Session.
 3. Met with Commissioner Hazellief and Pete DePasquale to discuss the drainage issues. Reviewed documents that depicts the drainage maintenance system of the County, and scheduling.
 4. Met with John Howell, County Engineer on issue of flooding at Gulf View Drive behind Potter Road. John recommended putting a second four inch pipe to alleviate flooding, estimated cost is \$100,000. Commissioner Hazellief thought it would cost alot less.

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5. Interest in providing Affordable Housing in Okeechobee County. Board felt it is a good idea but would be better managed by the private sector.

5. Commissioner Reports

- a. Commissioner Kelly Owens discussed the following:
 1. Career Source Heartland data for May 2017, Okeechobee County is second lowest in unemployment. Our average annual wage dropped a little.
- b. Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread discussed the following:
 1. Thanked both Bass Pro Shops and Guy Harvey for their interest, time and effort.
 2. Heard Lake Okeechobee is dead. Need to be proactive and get the word out that Lake Okeechobee is healthy.
- c. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper discussed the following:
 1. Thanked both Bass Pro Shops and Guy Harvey for their interest, time and effort.
- d. Commissioner David Hazellief discussed the following:
 1. Agreed getting the word out that Lake Okeechobee is healthy.
 2. Received report from Bill Royce on the costs the County incurred from the Music Festival. Wants detail behind the numbers.

Chairman Terry Burroughs stated he is not looking for more money, all he wants to know is how much money we spent relative to how much money we received. If there is a lot of time spent on concert planning, then we may need another person to handle it. Asked to track hours going forward.

Chairman Terry Burroughs invited Public Comments:

Mr. Frank Irby addressed the Board and discussed the Okee Tantie Redevelopment RFP Committee, and how professional and knowledgeable the participants were.

Ms. Libby Pigman from SFWMD addressed the Board and stated tomorrow from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the Army Corps of Engineers is holding their Lake Okeechobee Watershed Planning Project Meeting at the Service Center by her office on Hwy. 98. They eliminated from their process the Deep Wheel Injection Program (sending water to the ocean). Meaning they are looking to store more water in the Lake or continue to do the discharges.

SFWMD is happy to meet with you if you want to have pre-permitting discussion on drainage.

- e. Chairman Terry Burroughs discussed the following:
 1. Looking for the hours x rate for employees time that we were not compensated for.
 2. Sending Robbie web link to the HRTPO Meeting.
 3. John Gurney signed a contract with a Manufacturing company that is coming to Okeechobee with a capital investment of \$1.4 million, employing 12 to 15 people with an average income of \$30,000 per year.

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- 4. FAC Conference next week Tuesday through Friday.
- 5. Sheriff's budget books are in the Administrators office. Sheriff did a good job with the budget.
- 6. OUA City County Sub-Committee Meeting, Met with Attorney Minton, we had a discussion on the items we talked about in the meeting. Asked Tracy to schedule another meeting. Working on amendment to ILA and then it will be completed.

6. Additional Documents, If Any, Presented At Meeting

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Terry Burroughs declared the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 11:11 am.

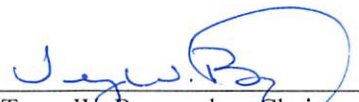
EXECUTIVE SESSION: LOCAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF) UNION - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AT 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Terry Burroughs addressed the Board and stated we are going to break at this time, after the break we will hold an Executive Session. Chairman Terry Burroughs stated representing the County will be County Administrator, Robbie Chartier and Public Safety Director, Chief Ralph Franklin.

Requested Action: Conduct an Executive Session pursuant to Section 447.605(1), Florida Statutes, regarding collective bargaining with the Local International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Union #2918 following the Regular Session.

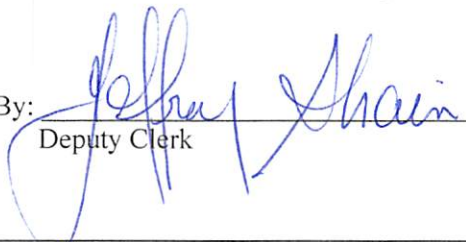
RESULT:	CONDUCTED
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: 
Deputy Clerk



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Approved: 07-06-2017

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