



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Thursday, January 25, 2018

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	
Laura McCall	County Attorney	Present	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

I. Commencement

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

Employee Recognition

II. Public Comments

Mr. Greg Maynard addressed the Board and discussed honoring Mr. Earl Hanson by naming a street after him (for example) in the County. He fought in WWII and Korea and died in Korea and his body is still there.

Motion: Motion to close Public Comments.

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

III. Revisions

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and asked the Board to add Item 3i to General Business; Resolution opposing Constitutional Revision Commission Proposal 95.

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Chairman Terry Burroughs added Item 3j, discussion on turn lanes to go left off of US 441 onto Potter Road.

Motion: Motion to approve revisions to the Agenda.

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

IV. Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

Items 1a through 1d were approved by the Board to include the amended warrants. Commissioner Goodbread asked for Item 1e be moved out of the Consent Agenda to General Business.

Commissioner Goodbread asked to discuss the check to GoUnderground. County Engineer John Howle discussed the project and issues.

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

a. MINUTES: JANUARY 10, 2018 WORKSHOP

Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the January 10, 2018 Workshop.

b. MINUTES: JANUARY 11, 2018 REGULAR SESSION

Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the January 11, 2018 Regular Session.

c. WARRANTS 2018-2

Requested Action: Approve Warrants List 2018-2.

d. REQUEST BY PAUL JACO, RESPONDENT, FOR A REDUCTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN

Requested Action: Approve adoption of the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate's Report and Recommendation as to Reduction Request to \$1,750; directed the Chairman to execute the Final Administrative Order; and directed the Chairman to execute a Release of Lien upon the timely payment of the reduced amount.

e. Motion: 4463 : Request for Reduction of Code Lien - Aldridge (Respondent)

RESULT:	MOVED TO GENERAL BUSINESS
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Motion: Motion to accept changes to the Consent Agenda.

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

2. Proclamations/Public Hearings/Presentations

a. PROCLAMATION - POINT IN TIME COUNT DAY

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper read while Chairman Terry Burroughs presented Mr. Sylvestre representing Ms. Brenda Gray, Executive Director of Heartland Coalition for the Homeless, a Proclamation designating January 26, 2018 as "Point in Time Count Day" in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Sylvestre addressed the Board and described the work of the Coalition for the Homeless. Also asked for help in locating the homeless to see if he can help them.

Requested Action: Present a Proclamation designating January 26, 2018 as "Point in Time Count Day" in Okeechobee County.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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Motion: Motion to issue the Proclamation.

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

b. 2018 OKEECHOBEE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL UPDATE

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated since the presenter cannot be here until after 1:30 pm, it is recommended that we pull the agenda item and put it on the February 6, 2018 agenda.

Requested Action: Pulled from Agenda Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival Update moved to the February 6th Board Meeting.

RESULT:	PULLED FROM AGENDA
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3. General Business

REQUEST BY ELVIS BARRETT (CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER) FOR A REDUCTION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN ON PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY ZOLLIE ALDRIDGE, RESPONDENT

1e: Commissioner Goodbread contested the \$1000 fine. County Attorney Laura McCall explained why the lean was \$1000.

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Mr. Elvis Barrett addressed the Board and discussed the property he purchased and disputed the \$1000 fine.

Requested Action: Approve 4463 : Request for Reduction of Code Lien - Aldridge (Respondent). Reduction Request to zero dollars; directed the Chairman to execute the Final Administrative Order; and directed the Chairman to execute a Release of Lien.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
AYES:	Terry Burroughs, Bryant Culpepper, David Hazellief, Bradley G. Goodbread
NAYS:	Kelly Owens

a. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL MAPPING, INC. TO PROVIDE GIS SERVICES FOR INPUTTING COLLECTED DATA INTO THE ROADWAY, SIGN, AND DRIVEWAY INVENTORY GIS

County Engineer John Howle addressed the Board and stated on September 14, 2017, the Board approved a contract with Culpepper and Terpening to obtain roadway and driveway data for use in the County's GIS system. The presentation also addressed additional expenditures required which included this contract with Global Mapping, Inc. to input the data obtained by Culpepper and Terpening into the GIS system.

The scope of services under this contract include transferring the Culpepper and Terpening data into the GIS system, housing this data, and making backup copies of the data. The GIS data will also reside on the Road and Bridge Department's GIS workstation.

The final product will be in standard ESRI format and will be fully compatible with the Property Appraiser's GIS data and may be migrated to a website similar to the Property Appraiser's website.

Requested Action: Approve an Independent Contractor's Agreement with Global Mapping, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000 to input data obtained as part of the Culpepper and Terpening roadway and driveway data collection into the County's GIS system; and approve Budget Transfer BT18-19 from Transportation Trust Fund Reserves in the amount of \$45,000.00 to provide fees for these services.

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

b. NEW LAND LEASE WITH MAGNA-BON II, LLC, ON LOT 22 IN THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Airport Manager Kathy Scott addressed the Board and stated the original Land Lease for Lot 22, located in the Okeechobee County Airport and Industrial Park, was entered into on November, 1, 1997 by and between the Okeechobee County

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Industrial Development Authority (ODA), as Landlord, and The New Magna Bon Corp., Inc., as Tenant, and Robert H. Cook, Jr. And Nancy C. Cook, as Guarantor. The initial term of this lease was for twenty (20) years beginning November 1, 1997, and terminating on October 31, 2017. In 2005 the assignment of this Land Lease was entered into transferring and assigning of all rights, title and interest of The New Magna Bon Corp., Inc. to Magna-Bon II, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company. By execution of the assignment, assignee accepted the assignment, assumed all of Tenant's obligations under the original Land Lease. Mr. Frank Miele, Managing Member of Magna-Bon II, LLC, has continued to operate said company and abide by all terms and conditions of the original Land Lease. All obligations to Okeechobee County have continually been met.

The new agreement will bring the Lease to the current Land Lease rate of 0.1168 per square foot with Annual Adjustments of 3.5%. This rate is as per the Okeechobee County Airport & Industrial Park Land Lease Rate Schedule adopted by the BOCC. The new Land Lease Rate for Magna-Bon II, LLC, would be \$4,672 Annually or \$389.33 Monthly (40,000 sq. ft. x 0.1168 = \$4,672) plus applicable taxes.

Requested Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the new Land Lease with Magna-Bon II, LLC on Lot 22 in the Okeechobee County Airport Industrial Park for a twenty (20) year term; beginning November 1, 2017; as prepared by the County Attorney.

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

c. BUDGET RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SPONSORSHIP FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Senior Services Program Manager Tom Leach addressed the Board and stated Okeechobee Senior Services (OSS) has received a sponsorship from the Florida Power and Light Company in the amount of \$800.00 to be used at the discretion of the Program Manager to assist residents in need age 60 and above in Okeechobee County.

These funds will be added to the Senior Services Project Help Expense fund which is funded solely by the donations of individuals and businesses for the purpose of assisting residents in need age 60 and above in areas not addressed by grant funding.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-05 amending the 2017-2018 fiscal budget to appropriate unanticipated sponsorship funds received from the Florida Power and Light Company for the Senior Services operating area providing an effective date and approving BA18-07 in the amount of \$800.00.

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

d. DONATION FROM FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT BUDGET RESOLUTION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the Fire Chief requested assistance from Florida Power and Light for funding of training in the Technical Rescue disciplines. Florida Power and Light has made a donation in the amount of \$25,000 for this project.

These donated funds will help in assisting to defer some of the cost of this training. Fire Rescue personnel trained in the Technical Rescue disciplines will be a benefit to both the citizens and Florida Power.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-06 amending the 2017-2018 fiscal budget to appropriate unanticipated revenues; providing for an effective date; and acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from Florida Power and Light to Fire Rescue for the providing of Technical Rescue Training and approve Budget Amendment 18-05.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
SECONDER:	David Hazellief, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

e. RESOLUTION & BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR GRANT AWARD FROM FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated this grant was applied for in December 2017 to provide Emergency Medical Displacing (EMD) training to the city and county dispatchers.

This grant will afford us the opportunity to purchase the EMD accessories and to provide training to ten of the dispatchers during Fiscal Year 17-18. The remaining dispatchers will be trained in Fiscal Year 18/19 through the normal budget process. The grant will pay \$14,614 towards the \$16,520.81 cost of this program. The EMS budget will provide the remaining \$1,906.81 cost.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-07 amending the FY 2017-2018 Budget to appropriate unanticipated funding received from the Florida Emergency Medical Service (EMS) County Grant Program in the amount of \$14,614.00 to provide Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) training and approve Budget Amendment 18-06.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

f. RESOLUTION AND GRANT APPLICATION FOR STATE EMS MATCHING GRANT CALENDAR YEAR 2018

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the County is eligible to submit an application for the EMS Matching Grant with the Florida Department of Health. This is a matching grant in the amount of \$57,482. The county would be required to provide funds equal to a ten-percent match.

This grant would afford Fire Rescue the opportunity to purchase and install Traffic Preemption systems on two intersections and fire rescue vehicles. The two intersection would be US 441 and SR 70 and NW 5th Avenue and SR 70. Installation at the intersections would be completed by the vendor. Vehicle installations would be done by fleet maintenance after training from the vendor.

Traffic Preemption systems allow for emergency response vehicles equipped with these devices to request access and control of the intersection. Upon receiving the request from the responding vehicle, the traffic light then cycles into a green light for the direction of travel. This provides for a safer traffic flow for both responders and citizens.

The total cost of the program with accessory items is \$57,482.00. The EMS Matching Grant will pay a total of \$51,733.80 of the funds and the remaining balance of \$5,748.20 will come from the Fire and EMS budget as the ten-percent match.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-08 supporting application to Florida Department of Health, Emergency Medical Service Program for an EMS Matching Grant and authorize submission of grant application for Calendar Year 2018 in the amount of \$57,482.00 to provide Traffic Preemption systems on two intersections and fire rescue vehicles.

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

g. COQUINA WATER DISTRICT REQUEST TO USE THE BASSINGER CIVIC CENTER TWO FRIDAY'S PER MONTH AT NO CHARGE FOR THEIR WATER DISTRICT MEETINGS

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County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the Coquina Water District is requesting to use the Bassinger Civic Center on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month for their meetings at no charge. From time to time in the past we have provided them the facility for their monthly meeting at no charge; as the meeting was considered a community service.

The Board discussed waiting until the investigations are complete before they vote on giving the Coquina Board the meeting room for free.

Requested Action: Approve to deny the Coquina Water Districts request to utilize the Bassinger Civic Center on a scheduled basis at no charge for their groups meeting.

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

h. DISPOSITION OF UNUSED COUNTY REAL PROPERTY (NE 39TH BLVD)

Assistant to County Administrator/Special Projects Russell Rowland addressed the Board and stated due to the widening of Hwy 441 North, the old intersection of NE 39th Blvd (Cemetery Road) was realigned to meet up with the new intersection of Hwy 441 North & NW 36th Street. This realignment created an unused portion of county owned real property at the old intersection which serves no useful function to Okeechobee County. The size of the said property is approximately 1.15 acres in size and measures 620 foot on the north boundary line, 470 foot on the south boundary line by 100 foot wide. The estimated value of said real property is between \$62,000 to \$80,000, which is based on per square foot values of surrounding properties on each side of said county property.

Timesaver Food Stores, LLC owns the property on both sides of said county owned real property and has indicated a interest to purchase this property from the county in 2007. Timesaver Food Stores, is still interested in the property; as their attorney approached the County Administrator and asked the status of surplussing the property.

Since the current value of this county real property is greater than \$15,000, if the Board declares the property as surplus, the County must dispose of the surplus real property to the highest qualified bidder as defined in Chapter 125.35 (1), Florida Statutes.

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Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-09 to declare the unused portion of NE 39th Blvd as described in Exhibit "A" as surplus real property and authorize the County Administrator to sell said surplus real property in a sealed bid.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Hazellief, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

i. Resolution Opposing Proposal 95

The Board discussed Proposal 95 which eliminates Home Rule and is bad for business, bad for customers and bad for counties and cities.

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-10 urging the Constitutional Revision Commission to oppose Constitutional Revision Commission Proposal 95 that would eliminate Home Rule and force locals to Tallahassee for all local issues.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
SECONDER:	David Hazellief, Commissioner
AYES:	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

j. Motion: Motion to push forward with requesting turn lanes to go left off of US 441 onto Potter Road.

Chairman Terry Burroughs discussed the need for left turn lanes in some intersections. The intersection of Potter Road and US 441 North no plans for left turn lane. Discussed this with Heartland TPO and FDOT, Heartland TPO told him to put in a proposal for turn lanes to go left off of US 441 onto Potter Road. If the Board agrees, will get documents drawn up.

Also discussed removal of turn lanes on NE 102 Street, but TPO said that was not possible as they spent \$400,000 in that program already and they are well on their way.

Also discussed mitigating some situations Commissioner Hazellief noted on Potter Road and 144th intersection to US 441 North.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD
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4. Administration Report

a. County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed the following:

1. US 441 from northeast 131 Lane to south of northeast 224 Street will begin construction tomorrow January 26, they will be adding a south bound left turn lane and drainage improvements. That is a 3.2 million dollar project with FDOT coming into our county.
2. February 1st at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm is the Main Street Art Reception.
3. Some Board appointments are coming up the last meeting in February.

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4. Next meeting will be light.

5. Commissioner Reports


- a. Commissioner Kelly Owens discussed the following:
 - 1. Workshops coming up on Code Enforcement, how Board can assist them.
- b. Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread discussed the following:
 - 1. Follow up on Welcome to Okeechobee signs on 70 and 78 & 441.
 - 2. Follow up on Dog Park.
 - 3. Time frame for sidewalks in Bass Wood.
 - 4. Mental Health Court.
- c. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper discussed the following:
 - 1. Four Way Stop Signs in DeBerry.
 - 2. Code Enforcement staff.
- d. Commissioner David Hazellief discussed the following:
 - 1. City annexing other property.
 - 2. Workshops are good but now need to put dollars to the projects.
 - 3. Permit for roof work, policy needs to come from Board.
- e. Chairman Terry Burroughs discussed the following:
 - 1. Setting up other Workshops, March 8th meeting: Budget Development and Code Enforcement. March 22 meeting: Building Department and Economic Development.
 - 2. SW 9th Street in Lazy 7, cars speeding.
 - 3. Roofing companies should not have to leave ladders in property for inspectors. Building Department should have their own ladders.
 - 4. Mental Health Court.

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 11:00 a.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: *Jeffrey Shain*
Deputy Clerk (*Jeffrey Shain*)



Approved: 02/06/2018

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