



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Tuesday, February 6, 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	Absent	
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. Commissioner David Hazellief offered the invocation, after which Commissioner Kelly Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee Recognition

II. Public Comments

Mr. Steve McKinley, resident of Berman Road addressed the Board and discussed the auto accidents on Berman Road and trash dumping.

Ms. Melissa Peaden, School Bus Driver along Berman Road, addressed the Board and discussed bad Semi-truck drivers on Berman Road.

Ms. Holly Walther, resident of Berman Road, addressed the Board and discussed bad Semi-truck drivers on Berman Road.

Ms. Ashley Tripp, resident of Berman Road, addressed the Board and discussed designating Berman Road as a residential road only.

Ms. Katie Walther, resident of Berman Road, addressed the Board and discussed bad Semi-truck drivers on Berman Road.

Ms. Mary Hurley, of King's Bay HOA, addressed the Board and discussed repair to roads in King's Bay, and asked to make it a priority.

Motion: Motion to close Public Comments.

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

III. Revisions

County Administrator Robbie Chartier asked the Board to add two items to the Agenda in General Business; Item 3h. Pipe Under US 441 at NE 144th Street Ranger Construction and Budget Transfer and Item 3i, RML Acoustics Services for 2018.

Motion: Motion to accept additions to the Agenda.

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

IV. Agenda

1. Consent Agenda

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

a. MINUTES: JANUARY 24, 2018 WORKSHOP

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

b. MINUTES: JANUARY 25, 2018 REGULAR SESSION

Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the January 25, 2018 Regular Session.

c. WARRANTS 2018-3

Requested Action: Approve Warrants List 2018-3.

2. Proclamations/Public Hearings/Presentations

a. PROCLAMATION - 211 HELPLINE AWARENESS WEEK

Commissioner Kelly Owens read while Chairman Terry Burroughs presented Ms. Michelle Miller, from the 211 Palm Beach of the Treasure Coast, a Proclamation

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designating the week of February 11-17th, 2018 as 211 Helpline Awareness Week in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Michelle Miller addressed the Board and thanked them for their continued support.

Requested Action: Present a Proclamation designating the week of February 11 - 17th, 2018 as 211 Helpline Awareness Week 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:	Terry Burroughs, Kelly Owens, David Hazellief, Bradley G. Goodbread
ABSENT:	Bryant Culpepper

b. PROCLAMATION - FOSTER FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK

Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread read while Chairman Terry Burroughs presented Ms. Denise Waninger of Community Relations, Devereux Community Based Care, a Proclamation designating the week of February 12-18th, 2018 as Foster Family Appreciation Week in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Denise Waninger addressed the Board and discussed the 200 children in the Okeechobee foster care system.

Requested Action: Present a Proclamation designating the week of February 12 - 18th, 2018 as Foster Family Appreciation Week in Okeechobee County

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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Motion: Motion to issue the Proclamation.

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

c. PROCLAMATION - THROUGH WITH CHEW WEEK FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2018

County Attorney John Cassels read while Chairman Terry Burroughs presented Ms. Courtney Moyett, of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee and Ms. Mariah Spelts, Vice President of SWAT, a Proclamation designating the week of February 18-24th, 2018 as "Through with Chew Week" in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Courtney Moyett and Ms. Mariah Spelts addressed the Board and discussed the Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee and SWAT in Okeechobee High School.

Requested Action: Present a Proclamation designating the week of February 18-24th, 2018 as "Through with Chew Week" in Okeechobee County.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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Motion: Motion to issue the Proclamation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
AYES:	Terry Burroughs, Kelly Owens, David Hazellief, Bradley G. Goodbread
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3. General Business

a. BRIDGETTE WALDAU: REQUEST TO APPEAR - OKEECHOBEE MAIN STREET LOCAL ARTS AGENCY FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Ms. Bridget Waldau, Arts and Cultural Director of Okeechobee Main Street and Angie Griffith, President of Main Street, addressed the Board and requested them to name Okeechobee Main Street as the Local Arts Agency on behalf of Okeechobee County.

Ms. Waldau stated the Local Arts Agency (LAA) through the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs has indicated they are wanting to increase the number of Local Art Agencies in Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) areas in Florida. Currently there is no LAA in Okeechobee County.

A Local Arts Agency (LAA) is a public entity, private nonprofit or public/private partnership whose primary purpose is to support arts and cultural organizations and individual artists through a variety of ways including advocacy, disseminating information, and serving as a convener for arts and culture.

Requested Action: Consensus of the Board to write a Resolution to create a local arts agency in Okeechobee County.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD
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b. 2018 OKEECHOBEE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL UPDATE

Mr. Kevin Collinsworth of Soundslinger, Inc. addressed the Board and gave an update on the third annual Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival, also known as OMF18 which is scheduled for the first weekend of March, 2018. The festival is organized by the firm Soundslinger, LLC. Festival attendees will begin arriving on Thursday, March 1. Arrivals will continue through Friday. The festival will conclude Sunday night, March 4, and all attendees are to leave the grounds by noon on Monday.

The Board asked questions of Mr. Collinsworth.

Sheriff Noel Stephen addressed the Board and discussed security issues.

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Mr. Earl Wooten from Okeechobee County Fire/EMS answered questions from the Board on Fire/EMS readiness.

Requested Action: Receive an update on Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival (OMF18), the third annual Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival scheduled for March 1-4, 2018.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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c. CONSTRUCTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AT CONCRETE PRODUCTS OF THE PALM BEACHES LOCATION

Airport Manager Kathy Scott addressed the Board and stated Concrete Products of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (Concrete Products) currently has a thirty-year (30) Land Lease with Okeechobee County, effective July 15, 2008 through July 14, 2038, at 1491 NW 24th Drive in the Okeechobee County Airport Industrial Park. Concrete Products is requesting to construct Concrete Supply Storage Bins and a Concrete Batching Plant on the property.

Compliance with Construction or Alteration Requirements, in the Land Lease - Prior to the commencement of construction or alteration of a new or existing structure by Tenant on the Leased Premises, or construction or alteration of the Leased Premises in any way including paving, Tenant's building plans of the proposed structure or of the proposed alteration to the Lease Premises shall be reviewed by Landlord for written approval.

Concrete Products manufactures pre-cast concrete structures to serve contractors and municipalities located in South Florida. They have been in business since 2005 with locations in Riviera Beach and Okeechobee. They believe the installation of the Batch Plant will allow them to optimize their production and lower their overall costs to produce products.

Requested Action: Approve construction of Concrete Supply Storage Bins and Concrete Batching Plant on the Concrete Products Of The Palm Beaches, Inc., leasehold in the Okeechobee County Airport Industrial Park, contingent on approval from or any requirements by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) 7460 Permit and any other Federal, State or County requirements.

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

d. OKEE-TANTIE RECREATION AREA REQUEST FOR CONVERSION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF FRDAP GRANT NO. A08206

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated on July 30, 2007, Okeechobee County entered into Project Agreement No. A08206 for the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP). The grant award was in the amount of \$200,000 along with the County's match of \$200,000 (either cash or in-kind services).

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The County has recently entered into a Letter of Intent/Due Diligence Agreement with Bass Pro for the redevelopment of the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area, therefore, the land developed with the FRDAP Grant funds can no longer be dedicated in perpetuity as an outdoor recreation site by the County for the use and benefit of the public at Okee-Tantie.

The Board and County Attorney discussed the pros and cons of paying the State back or moving the Band Shell. The Board also discussed where to relocate the Band Shell. County Administrator Robbie Chartier was asked to write a letter to FRDAP and find out what is required of the County.

Requested Action: Consensus of the Board to submit a letter to Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting a conversion of the 2007-08 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant, FRDAP Project No. A08206 seeking approval to relocate the Okee-Tantie facilities and improvements to another County Park, and keep the \$200,000 plus calculated interest in Okeechobee County.

RESULT:	CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD
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e. THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2018 FORD F-350 4x4 FROM DUVAL FORD FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE USING FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BID #FSA17-VEL 15.0

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated this is a request to purchase one 2018 Ford F-350 4x4 for use by prison crew, through Okeechobee Correctional Institution, budgeted in Facilities Maintenance from Duval Ford in the amount of \$30,416.00 using Florida Sheriff's Bid # FSA17-VEL 15.0. This vehicle was approved for purchase during the FY 17/18 budget process. Duval Ford was the lowest of the three prices obtained for this vehicle.

Requested Action: Approve the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford F-350 4x4 requested by Facilities Maintenance for use by prison crew, through county contract with Okeechobee Correctional Institution, from Duval Ford in the amount of \$30,416.00 using Florida Sheriff's Bid # FSA17-VEL 15.0.

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

f. ROAD MAINTENANCE DIVISION FY 17/18 PAVING PLAN

Road Maintenance Director Pete DePasquale addressed the Board and gave a presentation on the Road Maintenance Division FY 17/18 Paving Plan.

The Road Maintenance Division is providing a list of the County's roadways that are currently in the worst condition. These roads require constant maintenance. Most of them look like quilt work due to the amount of potholes that they have. Unlike previous years, a two part list is being presented.

The first part of this list covers 3.75 miles of full roadways to be paved. The second part is for smaller areas of patching & repairs. These areas are in multiple neighborhoods throughout the County. Within these neighborhoods, he identified

small areas full of potholes that need to be milled and patched, as well as intersections and cul de sacs that need to be completely repaired. The Board asked question of Mr. DePasquale and discussed some of the road priorities.

Requested Action: Approve the Road Maintenance Division FY 17/18 Paving Plan.

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

g. FY17/18 FINANCIAL UPDATE - YTD DECEMBER 2017

Budget Director Kelley Conrad addressed the Board and gave an overview of current combined Financial Update for fiscal year 2017/18 through December, 2017.

Requested Action: Receive an overview of current combined Financial Update for fiscal year 2017/18 through December, 2017.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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h. RANGER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO INSTALL PIPE UNDER US 441 AT NE 144TH DRIVE TO HELP WITH FLOODING ON NE 138TH STREET AND BUDGET TRANSFER

County Engineer John Howle addressed the Board and stated FDOT has issued a contract for the resurfacing of US 441 from south of NE 131st Lane to north of NE 208th Street. This resurfacing project includes the intersection of NE 144th Street and Potter Road and provides for the installation of turn lanes at the intersection. There is extensive drainage that comes from the northeast of this intersection, crosses under Dark Hammock Road, goes under US 441, then southwesterly to NE 138th Street resulting in flooding near the west end of NE 138th Street. In order to help with this flooding, the ditch along the north side of NE 144th Drive could be extended to the west to US 441, a pipe installed under US 441, and the limited improvement to the north ditch along NE 144th Drive to Cane Field Ditch.

Requested Action: Approve entering into a contract with Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$51,725.00 to install a 48 inch pipe under US 441 at NE 144th Drive to help with flooding occurring on NE 138th Street and exempt from competitive bidding as FDOT selected contractor for other work at this intersection using competitive bid process; and approve BT 18-27 from Transportation Trust Fund Reserves to Road Department expense line item.

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

i. RML ACOUSTICS SOUND MONITORING SERVICES

Community Development Director Bill Royce addressed the Board and stated Okeechobee County used the services of RML Acoustics for assistance in monitoring and analyzing sound impacts from the 2017 Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival. A continuation of that data gathering and analysis is desired for the 2018 festival. RML Acoustics has submitted a scope of services in the amount of \$27,500 to provide those services.

Requested Action: Approve and authorize an expenditure of \$27,500 to RML Acoustics for sound monitoring services and authorize the County Administrator to accept the Scope of Services; and that the Board find that RML Acoustics is a sole source of said services to maintain consistency with previous sound monitoring procedures and criteria.

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

4. Administration Report

- a. County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed the following:
 - 1. Landfill, a lot of what we are getting is from the hurricane debris. Changing the opening time from 3:30 am to 3:00 am. Law Enforcement needs to be enhanced to help stop speeding.
 - 2. Audit is underway.
 - 3. Staff directed to develop 2018/2019 budget.
 - 4. Health and Safety Expo was a success.

5. Commissioner Reports

- a. Commissioner Kelly Owens discussed the following:
 - 1. Wanted to thank Pier One and Hampton Inn for to not charge higher

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rates during our local events.

- b. Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread discussed the following:
 - 1. Wanted to thank the people from the Seminole Brighton Casino for inviting the Board out there for the first deal of the table games.
 - 2. Need alternate for Treasure Coast Council on Ageing (CAA) Board. Commissions Kelly Owens volunteered to be the alternate.
- c. Commissioner David Hazellief discussed the following:
 - 1. To help the residence living off Berman Road, paint double yellow lines of striping for a two mile stretch on Berman Road. Commissioner Kelly Owens discussed putting signs on the road that explain how much a ticket is going to cost and also increase the presence of law enforcement. Consensus of the Board to do the striping.
- d. County Attorney John Cassels discussed the following:
 - 1. Received \$300,000 option payment from Bass Pro that has been sent to the County Administrator for processing.
- e. Chairman Terry Burroughs discussed the following:
 - 1. In the Senate Budget there is \$500,000 allocated for a fire station.
 - 2. In the House Budget there is \$562,000 for septic to sewer conversions in Treasure Island.
 - 3. Continuing attack on Home Rule.

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 11:25 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

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By: *Jeffrey Shain*
Deputy Clerk (*Jeffrey Shain*)

(SEAL)

Approved: 2/22/2018



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