



# Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Thursday, May 24, 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	
John Cassels	County Attorney	Present	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

### I. Commencement

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

#### *Employee Recognition*

### II. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

**Motion:** Motion to close Public Comments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bryant Culpepper, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

### III. Revisions

There were no revisions to the Agenda.

### IV. Agenda

#### **1. Consent Agenda**

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

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

**a. MINUTES: MAY 10, 2018 REGULAR SESSION**

Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the May 10, 2018 Regular Session.

**b. WARRANTS 2018-10**

Requested Action: Approve Warrants List 2018-10.

**c. REQUEST BY MICHAEL W. RICKER, SR., 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 \$3,000.00; 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.

**d. RESOLUTION CREATING THE LOCAL ARTS AGENCY (LAA) IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY; AND DESIGNATING OKEECHOBEE MAIN STREET, INC., AS THE LOCAL ARTS AGENCY IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution 2018-13 creating the Local Arts Agency (LAA) under the authority of F.S. 265.32 to function in Okeechobee County; and designating Okeechobee Main Street, Inc, as the Local Arts Agency in Okeechobee County, Florida.

**2. Proclamations/Public Hearings/Presentations**

**a. 9:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2017-2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT & RESOLUTION**

Budget Director Kelley Conrad addressed the Board and stated the "Mid-Year Budget Process" is a comprehensive review of the County's budget. The proposed amendment to the County's fiscal year 2017/18 budget falls into the following categories:

- Beginning Fund Balance Adjustment to Actual: This constitutes a true-up of each fund's budgetary beginning fund balance for fiscal year 2017/2018 to actual receipts (or ending fund balance) per the County's Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.
- Budgetary Ending Fund Balance/Reserves: The budgetary ending reserves of each fund are adjusted as a result of the beginning fund balance adjustment, changes in funding sources, appropriations and other adjustments as detailed.
- Grant Adjustments: This section addresses adjustments required to true up the budget to actual carry forward balances of unexpended grant funds to fiscal year 2017/18.

Ms. Conrad stated there is a reduction in the Budget of \$699,418.

Commissioner David Hazellief and County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed

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the \$500,000 grant. Chairman Terry Burroughs asked for this subject to be brought back to the Board in an Agenda Item.

Chairman Terry Burroughs opened the Public Hearing.

**Requested Action:** Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on Budget Amendment for adjustments in fund balances and revenue estimates for fiscal year 2017-18.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONDUCTED</b>
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**Motion:** Resolution 2018-14, amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget to reflect changes in balances brought forward and changes in revenue estimates; Budget Amendment (BA) 18-09, in the amount of (\$699,418).

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

**Motion:** Motion to close the Public Hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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**3. General Business**

**a. PURCHASE OF MOBILE APP AND A SPEED TRAILER AND APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER**

Sheriff Noel Stephen addressed the Board and stated in December of 2014 the Board of County Commissioners established the Crime Prevention Fund with a beginning balance of \$243,267.00. This fund has continued to grow and has an available fund balance of \$327,396.00. Florida Statute Section 775.083 (2) states in part "The county, in consultation with the sheriff, must expend such funds for crime prevention programs in the county, including safe neighborhood programs under Section 163.501-163-523.

The Sheriff's office has two requests we feel meet the definition of expenditures of these funds. The first request is for funding for the development of a Custom iPhone and Android Mobile App at a cost of \$14,565 and the second is a Stalker SAM-R Mobile Speed Trailer at a cost of \$5,638.40.

**Requested Action:** Approve a requisition of \$20,265 to the Okeechobee County Sheriff to purchase a Mobile App and a Speed Trailer; and approve Budget Transfer BT 18-86 in the amount of \$20,265 from reserves in the Crime Prevention Trust Fund to transfer to Constitutional Officer-Sheriff.

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

**b. PURCHASE OF (2) DUAL PURPOSE K9'S AND ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AND APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER 18-85**

Sheriff Noel Stephen addressed the Board and stated the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office has certain funds that can be spent on the Narcotics Unit. This purchase is requested for the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office to purchase Two (2) Dual Purpose K9's and additional surveillance equipment (Dome Camera's, power supplies and wireless remote control systems). This expenditure's in part will be approved by the Authorized Official for the Administrator of Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$2,463.97. This is the remaining available in the 2016-JAGC-OKEE-1-H3-087 grant and must be finalized by September 30, 2018.

**Requested Action:** Approve a requisition of \$23,000 to the Okeechobee County Sheriff for the purchase of 2 Dual Purpose K9's and additional Surveillance Equipment; and approve Budget Transfer BT 18-85 in the amount of \$23,000 from reserves in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Constitutional Officer-Sheriff.

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

**c. UPDATE ON THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SHERIFF INMATE WELFARE FUND**

Sheriff Noel Stephen addressed the Board and stated in keeping with my commitment to transparency, I am providing you with the following amendment to the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Increase in Expenses:	\$ 698.00
Increase in Capital:	\$10,976.00

These expenses meet the criteria for use of Inmate Welfare Funds and are detailed as follows:

- Upgrade of internet service for the video conferencing.
- Purchase of Video Conferencing Equipment
- Purchase of Resting Electrocardiograph Machine for medical and
- Purchase and installation of replacement PTZ Color Dome Camera.

The Operating Budget is increased from \$113,848 to \$114,546 and

The Capital Budget is increased from \$5,000 to \$15,976

The Personnel Budget remains at \$98,194

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Total Inmate Welfare Fund budget is now \$228,716

**Requested Action:** Receive an update from Sheriff Noel Stephen regarding the Inmate Welfare Fund.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**Motion:** Motion to allow the Sheriff to increase his budget by \$11,674 from the Inmate Welfare Fund.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Hazellief, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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- d. VFW POST 10539 SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST TO ALLOW THE SALE OF DRAFT BEER AND REQUEST WAIVER OF \$150 BLEACHER FEE AT C. SCOTT DRIVER RECREATION AREA FOR THE BIG LAKE VFW 10539 LOCAL VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Chairman Terry Burroughs stated Mr. Dennis Conner of the VFW Post 10539 has requested to appear before the Board seeking approval to allow the sale of draft beer, and waiver of \$150 bleacher fee for a special event for the Big Lake VFW 10539 Local Veteran's Assistance Fishing Tournament at the C. Scott Driver Facility. This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2018.

**Requested Action:** Approve a special event request to allow the sale of draft beer and request waiver of \$150 bleacher fee at C. Scott Driver recreation area for the Big Lake VFW 10539 Local Veteran's Assistance Fishing Tournament based upon the recommended guidelines.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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- e. COMBAT WOUNDED RECOGNITION PROGRAM WITH NOMINATION FORM

Veteran's Services Officer Sarah Carter addressed the Board and stated on February 22, 2018, the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) proclaimed Okeechobee County as a Purple Heart County, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy, while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. The purpose of this recognition program is to recognize those individuals who, in the defense of their Country, sustained injuries from combat and were awarded the Purple Heart at a local, home town level.

**Requested Action:** Approve the Combat Wounded Recognition Program and Nomination Form for use by the County Veteran Service Officer.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Hazellief, Commissioner
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**f. DARRELL ENFINGER SPORTS COMPLEX SCORE TOWER AND DUGOUT RE-ROOF PROJECT AWARD RFP NO. 2018-03**

Community Services Director Albie Scoggins addressed the Board and stated on May 8, 2018, the County received one (1) bid from Close Construction, LLC in response to RFP Project No. 2018-03 for the Score Tower and Dugout Re-roof at the Darrell Enfinger Sports Complex in the base bid amount of \$57,300.00, plus Alternates No. 1 and No. 2, to add the Kynar 500 Paint Finish for an additional \$9,000, for a total bid amount of \$66,300.

Close Construction, LLC, Base Bid	\$57,300
Alternate No. 1 Score Tower Roof - Kynar 500 Paint Finish	\$5,000
Alternate No. 2 Dugout Roofs - Kynar 500 Paint Finish	\$4,000
Total Bid Amount	\$66,300

The Board asked questions of Mr. Scoggins about shade cloth vs safety netting. Also to do both projects (roofing and shade cloth/safety netting) at the same time. Chairman Burroughs asked for Mr. Scoggins to bring back to the Board the cost of both netting and warranty periods for the Board to choose, at the June 26th meeting.

**Requested Action:** Table award of Bid No. 2018-03 for the Score Tower and Dugout Re-roof at the Darrell Enfinger Sports Complex to Close Construction, LLC in the base bid amount of \$57,300, plus Alternates No. 1 and No. 2, to add the Kynar 500 Paint Finish for an additional \$9,000, for a total bid amount of \$66,300. Staff to bring back to the Board the cost of both netting and warranty periods for the Board to choose, at the June 26th meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/26/2018 9:00 AM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Hazellief, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Burroughs, Culpepper, Owens, Hazellief, Goodbread

**g. STATE DEM FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 18-SR-3A-07-57-01-XXX**

Facilities Maintenance & Development Director Donnie Oden addressed the Board and stated the Okeechobee County Health Department facility is a 36,442 SF facility that currently houses the Health Department, WIC, Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, Building & Permitting, Code Enforcement, Senior Services, Solid Waste and Capital Improvements. The facility was

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constructed in 1991 and was designed in accordance with the Standard Building Code, 1988 Edition with 1989 and 1990 Amendments with 110 MPH wind rating for the region.

Since the late 90's the facility has been designated as a hurricane shelter and is still considered an active hurricane shelter today. However, since its original construction the facility has gone through some modifications and wind speed designs have changed that could alter the buildings overall ratings.

The State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management has offered grant funding under the Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Project the amount of \$15,000 for the evaluation of the Okeechobee County Health Department Facility. The grant funds will be used for the structural review of the facility by a Florida Licensed Structural Engineer to determine and certify roof and load path systems meet or exceed wind load requirements. Pending the outcome of the evaluation, supplementary funding maybe available for additional improvements.

**Requested Action:** Approve the acceptance of a State Division of Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the Evaluation Services for Okeechobee County Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Project and authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant Agreement.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Hazellief, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bradley G. Goodbread, Commissioner
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**h. PURCHASE OF ONE 2019 FORD F-350 4X4 CREW CAB FROM DUVAL.**

Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Ralph Franklin addressed the Board and stated this is a request to purchase one 2019 Ford F-250 4X4 Crew Cab from Duval Ford for Road Maintenance in the amount of \$29,124.00. This purchase was approved during the FY 2017/2018 budget process. The funds for this purchase are still within the identified budget.

A quote was obtained from three vendors for this vehicle. The lowest price was obtained from Duval Ford in the amount of \$29,124.00. A quote was also obtained from the local vendor and they were given the option of being within 2% of the price as per the Procurement Policy. The local vendor was unable to come within the 2% as indicated by the email included in the agenda back-up items.

**Requested Action:** Approve the purchase of one 2019 Ford F-250 4X4 Crew Cab from Duval Ford for Road Maintenance in the amount of \$29,124.00.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Hazellief, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kelly Owens, Commissioner
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**i. PURCHASE OF ONE FORD F350 4X4 CREW CAB FOR FIRE RESCUE FROM GILBERT FORD**

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Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Ralph Franklin addressed the Board and stated this is a request to purchase one Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab from Gilbert Ford in the amount of \$31,935.00 that was approved in the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Fire Rescue budget. Funds for this purchase are still within the identified budget.

Prestige Ford was the low bidder at \$31,309.00. However, local vendor Gilbert Ford was within the 2% pricing allowed by the purchasing policy at \$31,935.00 and therefore they are the recommended vendor for this purchase.

**Requested Action:** Approve the purchase of one Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab for Fire Rescue from Gilbert Ford in the amount of \$31,935.00.

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

**j. DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION AND MONITORING PROCESS FOR PROPERTIES ABANDONED OR IN FORECLOSURE AND TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO REQUIRE ONGOING MAINTENANCE DURING THE FORECLOSURE AND RESALE PERIOD.**

County Attorney John Cassels addressed the Board and stated it has generally been recognized, but became more apparent during the “great recession”, that homes and properties under either threat of foreclosure or actual initiation of foreclosure proceedings faced a greater possibility of being abandoned or allowed to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance. The outward neglect of these properties in turn placed stress upon entire neighborhoods with the logical consequence of inhibiting sales and new construction.

A number of communities around the state and country have adopted registration programs which require lenders to identify to the local Government when a foreclosure is initiated and provide contact information for the lender and, more importantly, a local property manager that would have the responsibility to take certain steps to maintain the property and minimize the outward appearance of neglect or abandonment. The steps can run the gamut from mowing and trimming to placing broken windows and securing the property to reduce the likelihood of vandalism or transient occupancy.

A registration, inspection and enforcement process should be beneficial and can either be accomplished in house, or by partnering with a company that specializes in this type of activity. In Florida, the largest provider that we have been able to determine is Community Champions Corporation which has approximately 61 cities and counties. As its business model is to retain \$100.00 of the initial registration fee (which is set by the county), with the balance to the county, its services are funded without direct cost to the county.

County Attorney John Cassels stated there is no issue when the property is in foreclosure and the bank owns the property and takes care of it. There could be a multi prong approach registration process done in house or with a professional company. Capture properties not captured in the registration process, collect on abandoned property that the bank does not own.



**Requested Action:** Conduct discussion on methods of addressing a continuing problem of the condition of homes that have either been abandoned or not maintained during the foreclosure process including a lender’s holding period attempting resale. County Attorney will bring back options to the Board.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONDUCTED</b>
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**k. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE OKEECHOBEE LIVESTOCK MARKET et. al. vs. OKEECHOBEE COUNTY et. al. MATTER**

County Attorney John Cassels addressed the Board and stated as the board is aware, the county is a defendant in litigation styled:

CASE NO: 472017-CA-000182

HOBART McCOLLUM and OKEECHOBEE LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC.,  
vs.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS,  
and CATTLEMEN'S MARKET OF OKEECHOBEE, LLC,

The County Attorney's office wishes to have an executive session with the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator regarding this case.

**Requested Action:** Approve an executive session pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, shall be scheduled regarding the pending Okeechobee Livestock Market vs. Okeechobee County action to be held on 6/5/18 at 11:30 AM, pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes .

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

**I. MERCHANT MCINTYRE ASSOCIATES SERVICE AGREEMENT - FEDERAL GRANT WRITER**

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated Merchant McIntyre Associates (MM) is the leading federal government relations agency serving non-profits and for-profit corporations since 1994. Merchant McIntyre professionals have excelled at achieving their clients' federal funding, legislative, regulatory and policy objectives.

Merchant McIntyre is comprised of former Congressional staff, Executive Branch officials, grant writers, subject matter experts and marketing professionals. They know how Washington D.C. works and know how to make Washington D.C. work for the County.

During the past 24 years, the team of Merchant McIntyre (which previously led Russ Reid's Washington, DC office) has established an extraordinary track record for their clients, securing grants ranging from \$250,000 to hundreds of millions.

Counties and local governments that work with them regularly obtain federal support for projects related to water and sewers, transportation, economic development, green initiatives, public safety, and more.

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Merchant McIntyre will help the County achieve federal funding through competitive and discretionary grant funding, federal appropriations and authorizations, build congressional and administration relationships, and advocate on the County's behalf.

Ms. Chartier reviewed several projects the Grant Writer could work on.

**Requested Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Service Agreement with Merchant McIntyre Associates in the amount of \$7,500 per month for 12 months to provide grant writing services to Okeechobee County, subject to County Attorney review and approve BT18-101 in the amount of \$90,000 for the remainder of FY17/18 from Road Improvement Trust Fund reserves.

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

**m. SALARY STUDY & PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated this was a complete revamp of the classification system, so a pay grade of 18 may have gone to a pay grade of 17, but that does not mean a decrease on compensation.

Human Resources Director Mariah Anuez addressed the Board and stated a salary study has been conducted for all job positions within the County. The data sources include the following counties: Brevard, Franklin, Gadsden, Indian River, Jackson, Levy, Martin, Osceola, and St. Lucie. Okeechobee Utility Authority, City of Okeechobee and South Florida Water Management were included in the data collected for Road Maintenance only; as these agencies are where County employees seek employment. An average of each minimum salary range was calculated using the data collected. This number was utilized to determine what pay grade classification of each position. Using the average salary range calculated for each position, a new pay and classification scale was drafted. The salary study revealed overall differences ranging from 2% to 20% in the base pay.

When comparing the change in pay for many of the Facilities and Road Maintenance employees it was apparent there is a need for a salary study to be conducted. These two departments have historically had the highest turnover rate. The main reason for these employees leaving County employment has been the rate of pay. The salary study revealed that Okeechobee County is below the average data collected. To fully remove compression within Road the cost would be \$33,654.86. To fully remove compression within Facilities the cost would be \$26,917.11.

For all other positions the same process was used. To move employees to new base and remove compression the cost would be \$127,618.76.

Total impact as a result of the salary study would be \$188,190.73, excluding benefits. Fire Rescue will be discussed and handled in Executive Session, as it is a topic of negotiation.

The Board discussed spreading out the adjustments over two or three years.

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**Requested Action:** Consensus of the Board for County Administrator to bring back to the Board options on adjustments to employees pay at the June 26th BOCC Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD</b>
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- n. IAFF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - REQUEST TO SCHEDULE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 447.605(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 5, 2018

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated this is a request to schedule an Executive Session pursuant to Section 447.605(1), Florida Statutes on June 5, 2018. The session is closed to the public and exempt from the provisions of s.286.011. The proposed discussion must be confined to collective bargaining. Salary Study of positions in the IAFF will be discussed. Representing the County will be County Administrator Robbie Chartier and Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Ralph Franklin.

**Requested Action:** Approve to schedule an Executive Session pursuant to Section 447.605(1), Florida Statutes, regarding collective bargaining with the Local 2918 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Union, to be held on June 5, 2018, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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

**4. Administration Report**

- a. County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed the following:
  1. Grant money for expansion of Fire Station #2. Senator Grimsley supports the use for the \$500,000 for the expansion but still waiting to here back from the Fire Marshal. The Board discussed the renovations vs expansion for Station #2. Ms. Chartier to bring back design for renovations.
  2. Agenda Item for Legislative Issues, by mid July.
  3. Interviews for the new 4H Agent are June 14th in Gainesville and June 15th in Okeechobee.
  4. There will be a report on the Music Festival at the next Board Meeting on June 5th.
  5. Bass Pro's discussion with all permitting agencies is May 31st.

**5. Commissioner Reports**

- a. Commissioner Kelly Owens discussed the following:
  1. Working with FDOT on re-engineering of Berman Road.
  2. Roll out of children's car seat installation training program.
  3. Judge in Tropicana Speech program for fourth, fifth and sixth graders.
  4. Shout out to fishing community for putting on the Memorial Tournament.

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- b. Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread discussed the following:
  - 1. Issue at the intersection on 101th street across from the landfill with a lot of trash.
  - 2. Thanked Ms. Chartier for the work on the grant writer program.
  - 3. Condolences to the Rucks family. Tommy Rucks was an icon in the dairy community.
  
- c. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper discussed the following:
  - 1. Would like to put an item on the Agenda about the lights out in the Prairie, for next school season.
  - 2. Accomplishment of the Board, as the 6.5 inches of rain and the water drained well. It's not done yet, but we are headed in the right direction.
  
- d. Commissioner David Hazellief discussed the following:
  - 1. Next meeting bring back the PATCDL Building and Road Maintenance building.
  - 2. Where are we in the design of replacement pipes in culverts.
  - 3. Next meeting report on annexation from the County Attorney, on rules and regulations.
  - 4. Capital Improvements planning report before budget time.
  - 5. Sheriff's request for fill dirt.
  - 6. Building Department issues.
  - 7. Misplacement of roof permit.
  - 8. River Lake construction project. Resurface of areas that need it.
  - 9. CGI Entertainment issue with video.
  
- e. Chairman Terry Burroughs discussed the following:
  - 1. Compliments to Freedom Ranch on Veterans Appreciation Day.
  - 2. Where are we on the hiring of Mental Health person.
  - 3. Eagle Bay Drainage District flooding.
  - 4. Meetings in Ocala on Legislative Package for Rural Florida and Rural Broadband.
  - 5. Ditch cleaning project review, bring back to Board for discussion.

**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 4:40 p.m.

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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

Sharon Robertson Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida	12 of 13 May 24, 2018	Terry Burroughs, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida
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ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Jeffrey Shain  
*Jeffrey Shain, Deputy Clerk*

Approved: 06/05/2018



Sharon Robertson Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida	13 of 13 May 24, 2018	Terry Burroughs, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida
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