



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Friday, January 27, 2017

Workshop

The Board met this date in a Workshop in the IRSC Williamson Conference Center in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom", Room 270, at 2229 NW 9th Ave in Okeechobee, Florida at 9:00 AM.

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	
Laura McCall	County Attorney	Present	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

I. Program

1. 9:00 AM STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

I. The Agenda - Day 2

- (1) Recap of Day 1
 - a. Robbie Chartier and Rod Clouser
- (2) Policy/Priority Core Direction - Rod Clouser
 - a. What wasn't heard that should be added
 - b. What was heard that should be considered
- (3) Consolidation of ideas into BOCC Priorities
 - a. Narrow (Identify the top 5) priorities - BOCC only
- (4) Scenario Planning Concept - does anything change
- (5) Identify Who is Responsible What Partnerships Needed or Required
- (6) Timeline and Metrics to Report Progress on Priorities

II. What Wasn't Heard:

- (1) Mental Health
- (2) Parks & Recreation - Physical Infrastructure
- (3) Roads - Physical Infrastructure
- (4) Rail - Physical Infrastructure

III. What Should Be Considered, BOCC Priorities

- (1) Commissioner Kelly Owens
 - a. Convert septic tanks to utilities

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- b. Actively promote health of Lake Okeechobee
- c. Try to get better appropriations from Heartland Legislative Coalition
- d. Continue to increase jobs, industrial jobs
- e. Enhance Senior Services
- f. Do more in collaboration with other governmental entities (City, OUA, ,School Board) - get on same page

(2) Commissioner David Hazellief

- a. Support Code Enforcement (get a mechanism to clean abandoned houses and recover cost)
- b. Building Department needs to be online for permits, etc
- c. Deprivatize Building Department and go back in-house
- d. Drainage issues in County
- e. Decrease Millage Rate
- f. Reduce spending on engineering and consultants
- g. Employee morale and retention, give raises when possible
- i. Relationship between Constitutionals, Staff, BOCC

(3) Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread

- a. Sustainable growth and increased job opportunities
- b. Government needs to be more user friendly
- c. Repair drainage issues and how to pay for them
- d. Increase and better our infrastructure; keep trucks off main intersection (find grant dollars)
- e. Increase Tourism
- f. Give agriculture a voice in the BOCC
- g. See Okeechobee be a bigger part of the "Treasure Coast"
- h. Lake Okeechobee issues; includes algae, releases, etc; get correct information out to the public
- i. Return of hometown families by increasing employment
- j. Watch spending with efficiency, but sometimes have to spend money to make money
- k. Out of the box thinking for old and new problems
- l. Securing properties and get it paid; like to do that with Sheriff's Office. If Sheriff's Office goes multiple times on calls maybe County can bill that property owner for the drug bust
- m. Parks; entertainment; develop Lock 7 = better quality of life

(4) Commissioner Bryant Culpepper

- a. Vocational training to attract new business (maybe County liaison to school board)
- b. Affordable housing so County can attract new people
- c. Continue to reduce taxes
- d. County beautification
- e. Increase activities for children
- f. Raises for County Commissioners (we are with our constituents 24/7)
- g. Reduce drug usage (help individuals get through drug issues)
- h. Increase in law enforcement, specifically, drug task force & staff up

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these efforts

- i. More activities in downtown area; work with the city to do this
- j. Term Limits on Commissioners

(5) Commissioner Terry Burroughs

- a. Economic development of the community and market ourselves with the "Research Coast"
- b. Infrastructure is key - if don't have sewer, water, broadband, you don't have anything
- c. Need better budget process
- d. Evaluation System
- e. Improve quality of life, public safety #1
- f. Code Enforcement & Building Department, need rapid permitting process and ability to get appointments for inspections. Code Enforcement should be more proactive then reactive
- g. Restructure the organization, streamline; more focus of management; don't have too many people at the top

IV. Scenario Possibilities:

- (1) Economic Changes
- (2) Unfund State/Federal Mandates
- (3) State Road Changes
- (4) Political Changes at - Federal, State, Local Levels
- (5) Weather

V. Broad Categories

- (1) Fiscal
- (2) Infrastructure
- (3) Economic Development
- (4) Human Capital
- (5) Quality of Life

VI. Fiscal Priorities

- (1) Reduce Exp
- (2) Improve Services
- (3) Partners
 - a. Staff
 - b. Constitutional Officers
 - c. Outside Groups
- (4) Metrics
 - a. Budget Process/Hearings
 - b. Justification of Requests

IX. Economic Development

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- a. Employment Opportunity (UP)
- b. Wages (UP)

(2) Partners

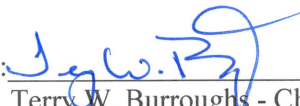
- a. Chamber, Enter FL, Reg Economic Development
- b. Others: School Board

Requested Action: Conduct a workshop to build consensus regarding key issues for our community to develop a Strategic Plan.

RESULT:	CONDUCTED
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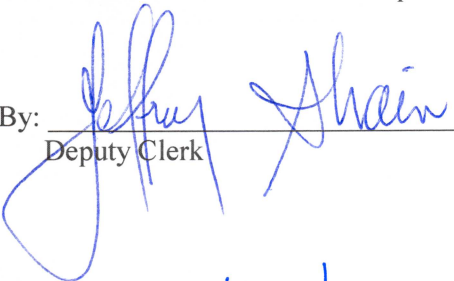
II. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Approved: 2/23/2017



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