



Action Notes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Regular Session

Roll Call

I. Commencement

II. Public Comments

Approved: Motion to close Public Comments.

III. Revisions

County Attorney John Cassels asked to add a discussion on Medical Marijuana; added Item g.1.

County Administrator Robbie Chartier asked for a discussion and possible Resolution opposing Senate Bill 10 for the sale of land at the south side of the lake; added Item g.2.

Approved: Motion to approve the amendments to the agenda.

IV. Agenda

1. *Consent Agenda*

a. **Approved:** Minutes from January 24, 2017 Regular Session.

b. **Approved:** Warrants List 2017-03.

c. **Approved:** Resolution 2017-06 amending the 2016-2017 fiscal budget to appropriate unanticipated Centennial Contributions in the General Fund providing an effective date and approve BA 17-06 in the amount of \$14,100.

2. *Proclamations/Public Hearings*

3. *General Business*

a. **Approved:** acceptance of the receipt of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Grant in the amount of \$11,000.00 to help cover costs of Cruelty Investigation Training. The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office has amended their FY2016/2017 Budget to include receipt of this grant.

b. **Approved:** to scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to consider whether to abandon certain utility easements in Palm Village Ranch subdivision.

- c. **Received:** comments from Commissioner Burroughs regarding the implementation of a new program to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.

Approved: Motion to authorize funding to support implementation of the plan up to \$20,833 for the remainder of fiscal FY16/17 and authorize budget transfer 17-57 from General Fund Reserves in the amount of \$20,833 for the same purpose.

- d. **No Action Taken:** to authorize the purchase of a portion of NW 8th Avenue from the Hamrick Estate in the amount of \$46,550.

- e. **Approved:** the quote from Mohawk Construction in the amount of \$30,090.00 in accordance with Exemptions 8, 10 and 11 of the Purchasing Manual to complete the construction obligation of Okeechobee County resulting from the sale of the county landfill in 1994 and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Mohawk Construction.

- f. **Approved:** Bid No. 2016-28 to Delaney Fence Company, Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$27,560.65 for the Swimming Pool Fence Replacement at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex.

- g. **Approved:** renaming the County Sports Complex to Darrell Enfinger Sports Complex and, determine when to do the renaming.

g.1. Medical Marijuana discussion

Concensus of the Board: Motion to direct the County Attorney to schedule a Public Hearing on extending the moratorium on the sale of Medical Marijuana for another six (6) months.

g.2. Purchase of land south of the Lake

Concensus of the Board: Motion to oppose supporting Senate Bill 10.

Approved: Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-07 opposing Florida Senate Bill 2017-10 which seeks to expedite the acquisition of land for a project to construct above ground reservoirs locate south of Lake Okeechobee.

- h. **Conducted:** interviews of four(4) confirmed ranked Engineering firms, whose rank was confirmed by the BOCC, for County Engineer; and following the interviews, rank the firms.

Approved: Motion to authorize the County Administrator to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm Civil Surv Design Group, Inc.,

4. Administration Report

5. Commissioner Reports

6. Additional Documents, If Any, Presented At Meeting

V. Adjournment

Sharon Robertson Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida	2 of 2 February 9, 2017	Terry Burroughs, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida
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