



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

Thursday, June 11, 2020

*Regular Session*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Commencement**

***Employee Recognition***

**II. Public Comments**

**Approved:** Motion to surplus a picnic table from Okee Tantie to The Warrior Center, a non profit.

**Approved:** Motion to close Public Comments

**III. Revisions**

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated two items were added to the agenda.

Item 2e: Citizen Request - Okeechobee Rodeo Team - Request for Permit Fee Waiver for Use of Agri-Civic Center and Item 6c: Douglas Brown Park Projects Update (restroom, roads & sidewalk).

**Approved:** Motion to accept Agenda as presented

**IV. Agenda**

**1. Consent Agenda**

a. **Approved:** Minutes from the May 07, 2020 Emergency Session.

b. **Approved:** Minutes from the May 21, 2020 County Briefing updates COVID-19.

c. **Approved:** Minutes from the May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting

d. **Approved:** Warrants list 2020-11 in the amount of \$2,765,042.38.

e. **Approved:** and authorize the Chairman to execute the 2020 - 2021 In-Home Supportive Services Standard Rate Agreements between Okeechobee County and service providers: (1) All About You Caregivers, Inc., and (2) Shirley's Personal Care Services of Okeechobee, Inc., for the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

f. **Approved:** the purchase of a new John Deere 5090E Utility Tractor with attachments from Everglades Farm Equipment under State Contract No. 21100000-15-1 in the amount of \$59,226.62.

## 2. Proclamations/Public Hearings/Citizen Requests

- a. **Conducted:** discussion whether or not to grant a request to utilize the BOCC Board Room for a prayer meeting/gathering for two (2) consecutive days on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. OR Friday, July 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken on her request.
- b. **Presented:** a Proclamation of Appreciation to Mr. Tom Leach, Program Manager and the associates of Okeechobee County Senior Services for the innovation and work that continues to be performed during COVID-19 for our senior citizens during this unprecedented time in Okeechobee, Florida.

**Approved:** Motion to issue the Proclamation

- c. **Presented:** a Proclamation to Ms. Joy Jarriel, SHIP Housing Coordinator for Okeechobee County, designating the month of June 2020 as National Homeownership Month in Okeechobee County.

**Approved:** Motion to issue the Proclamation

- d. **Conducted:** an Executive Session pursuant to Section 447.605(1), Florida Statutes, regarding collective bargaining with the Local International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) #2918 at 11:30 AM.
- e. **Approved:** the Okeechobee Rodeo Team request for fee waiver of rental fees associated with use of the Agri-Civic Center area for an equine camp, similar to the 4-H Horse Camp, the week of June 22-26, 2020; and waive the rental fees for use of the Agri-Civic Center the week of July 6-10, 2020 for a clinic for the Okeechobee High School Rodeo Team, pending confirmation of availability of the facility for those dates.

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## 3. Airport/ Industrial Park

- a. **Approved:** and authorize the Chairman to execute Agreement for Tree Mitigation to Protect Part 77 Surfaces at Okeechobee County Airport as prepared by the County Attorney between Okeechobee County and Ofelio Chavez and Evangelina Chavez (Property Owners) to remove a tree located at 1296 NW 34th St. Okeechobee, FL 34972 as part of the Airport Obstruction Clearing Project, and provide payment to the property owners, Ofelio & Evangelina Chavez in the amount of \$3,000 within 30 days of tree removal.

## 4. Budget & SHIP

- a. There are no scheduled items

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**5. County Attorney**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**6. Community Development**

- a. **Approved:** to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9:00 am to consider whether to abandon a portion of a street right-of-way in Granada Terrace subdivision.
- b. **Approved:** to schedule a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9:00 am to consider whether to abandon a portion of an alley right-of-way in Block 61, Okeechobee Park subdivision.
- c. **Received:** an update on the Douglas Brown projects relating to restrooms, roads and sidewalks.

**7. Community Services**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**8. Capital Projects/Facilities Maintenance**

- a. **Approved:** and authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order No. 7 to the Contract with Marmer Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$6,348.31 for the Public Works Office Building Project new Fuel Management System; and approve BT20-107, in the amount of \$6,348.31, from Transportation Trust Fund Reserves to account expenditure line item for Building Construction-Fuel Tank Canopy.
- b. **Approved:** the Agreement with Ajax Building Company, LLC for Construction Management at Risk Consulting Services for the proposed Jail Renovation & Expansion in the amount of \$88,925 for Phase I; and authorize the Chairman to execute said Agreement with Ajax Building Company, LLC; and approve BT# 20-95 in the amount of \$88,925 from Capital Projects Reserves to Capital Projects Jail Renovation & Expansion Professional Services Line.

**9. Human Resources**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**10. Public Safety**

- a. **Received:** a County Briefing to receive an update on COVID-19 from the Public Safety Director and County Administrator as it relates to various scenarios and how it may impact the public, employees, and its operations.

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**Approved:** and authorize the Chairman to execute Resolution 2020-31, extending the Local State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 pandemic. This Resolution of a Local State of Emergency will commence at 8:00 AM EDT on Friday, June 12, 2020 for a period of 7 days unless rescinded earlier by the Board.

**11. Public Works**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**12. Solid Waste**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**13. Tourist Development**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**14. Administration**

- a. **Received:** a brief update from the BOCC Chairman on the Interlocal Agreement between City of Okeechobee and Okeechobee County for the provision of Fire Protection Services to the City. and approve a Joint Workshop between City and County on June 25th at 6:00 am. Public Comments will be heard at the end of the meeting.

**15. Administration Report**

**16. Commissioner Comments**

**17. Additional Documents, If Any, Presented At Meeting**

**V. Adjournment**

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