

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
**GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Approve minutes of the February 9, 2010 regular meeting.	
<b>DEPT/DEPT REQUEST:</b> Clerk's Office	
<b>BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF REPORT:</b> A copy of the minutes is attached.	
<b>BUDGET IMPACT:</b> Yes / No – If Yes, how much? From where?	
<b>COORDINATION WITH:</b>	
<b>MOTION:</b> STATE DRAFT MOTION Approve minutes of the February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting.	
<b>REQUEST BY:</b> Consent Agenda  Sandra H. Brown, Sr. Deputy Clerk	<b>Meeting Date:</b> March 9, 2010
	<b>Agenda #</b>

MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE  
HAVEN, FLORIDA

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The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Russell Echols, Chairman  
K.S. "Butch" Jones, Vice Chairman  
Donna Storter Long  
Paul Beck  
Robert Giesler

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary  
Wendell Taylor, County Manager  
Larry Hilton, Community Development Director  
Joe Flint, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Richard Pringle, County Attorney  
Jim Cianfrani, President-Muse Community Association  
Bob Jones, Public Safety Director  
Avant Brown, Glades County Road Superintendent  
David Whidden, AIM Engineering  
Raoul Bataller, Hendry/Glades Sunday News  
Nena Bolan, Glades County Democrat  
Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector  
Lorie Ward, Assistant Tax Collector  
Brenda Choban, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Sandra Brown, Senior Deputy Clerk  
Joyce Wilson, Glades County Property Appraiser's Office  
Charlie Murphy, Okeechobee Radio  
Missie Barletto, SFWMD  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney Lakeport Water Association  
Ray Altman, Altman Fencing  
19 citizens

**PRAYER**

Vice Chairman Jones gave the invocation.

**OPENING PLEDGE**

Commissioner Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Echols requested that Item #9 – County Purchasing Policy be removed from  
the agenda and tabled until March 9, 2010.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board removed Item #9 – County Purchasing Policy and tabled the issue until March 6, 2010.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS**

**1. Presentation: Recognize Lorie Ward**

Gail Jones, Glades County Tax Collector, recognized Lorie Ward, Assistant Tax Collector, for her outstanding service to Glades County and the Tax Collector's Office. She stated Mrs. Ward started work with her office on January 14, 1980. She stated she had the pleasure of working beside Mrs. Ward for the past 30 years. She stated Mrs. Ward was an awesome employee and friend.

Mrs. Ward was presented with a plaque and inscription was read into the record.

Mrs. Ward thanked Mrs. Jones and the Board for the recognition. She stated it had been her pleasure to serve the people of Glades County for the past 30 years and a blessing to get paid for doing something she loved.

**2. National Firewise Programs**

Gerry Lacavera, Fire Wise Mitigation Coordinator, stated Glades County was one of the few counties in the United States that had every community covered and recognized as a Fire Wise Community. He congratulated the Board for the activities they were taking, the action plan they had, and the risk reduction steps they were taking. He stated Glades County was really unique in its desire to have every community throughout the County recognized as a Fire Wise Community. He thanked the Board and the local Division of Forestry for their support.

Michelle Steinburg, Firewise Communities Support Manager (National Fire Protection Association), stated the Fire Wise Program began out of a terrible fire season in 1985. She stated the fire hazard continued to grow due to more people living in harm's way, population growth and unpredictable climate/weather factors. She congratulated the Emergency Management Team (Bob Jones, Angie Snow, Tosha Reiss and Commissioner Storter Long, and Jimmy Cianfrani). She thanked everyone for their support of the program.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 3. A. Approved County warrants. (Exhibit A)
- B. Approved Records Disposition Document No. 2010-1 (Clerk's Office)
- C. Approved Transfer of \$10,000.00 for Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Glades County Sheriff's Office.

- D. Approve Change Order #1 for MCS Contracting, Inc. for tree removal.
- E. Acknowledged receipt of Barron Water Control District's letter regarding Schedule of Regular Meetings.
- F. Approved minutes of the January 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- G. Approved minutes of the January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- H. Deleted items from Road Department Property Records. (See Exhibit B)
- I. Deleted items from Property Records. (See Exhibit C)

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**4. Request: Exclusive Franchise for Lakeport Water Association**

Steve Ramunni, Attorney for Lakeport Water Association, asked that the Board consider granting an exclusive franchise for the area currently serviced by the Lakeport Water Association. He referred to several maps (Exhibit D ) provided in the packet which described the property. He requested that the Board give their consensus to move forward with the franchise and reminded them that an Ordinance would have to be adopted which would require two public hearings. He stated this request had been necessitated by a set of circumstances that had been presented to the Lakeport Water Association which purchased their potable water from the Seminole Tribe. He stated the Seminole Tribe had recently expanded their water treatment plants at a cost of approximately \$30 million. He stated the Seminole Tribe had approached the Lakeport Water Association with a request that Lakeport pay a prorated share of these costs. After negotiating with the Tribe for approximately 1.5 years the sum of \$4 million appeared to be the principal amount that the Lakeport Water Association would be paying to the Tribe. He stated the funds would either be paid directly to the Tribe over a number of years or using funds from a USDA grant that Lakeport Water Association had applied for. He stated this request was being made in order to protect the area that was currently serviced and to support the debt that the Association would be undertaking in the near future.

Commissioner Storter Long asked when this issue would go before the Public Service Commission. Attorney Ramunni stated this item would not be applicable under the Public Service Commission. He stated the Association was a not for profit organization and did not fall under these perimeters.

Commissioner Beck questioned who owned the Lakeport Water Association. Attorney Ramunni stated the residents, citizens and users within Lakeport were the owners.

Commissioner Starter Long stated she did not object to the franchise but questioned why Lakeport Water Association would remain involved if the Seminole Tribe had built the facility and would be providing the water. Attorney Ramunni explained that one way or another, citizens of Lakeport would need potable water and the Lakeport Water Association was the legal entity that had the responsibility to provide potable water services to these citizens.

Commissioner Giesler asked where the boundary line would be. County Manager Taylor stated the Indian Prairie Canal would be the boundary. Attorney Ramunni stated franchise would only encompass the current service area.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Lakeport Water Association to pursue an exclusive franchise as depicted on the maps furnished in the Commissioner's notebooks.

**5. Request: Firefighter's Assistance Grant**

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, stated he had received official notice yesterday that Glades County had received the Firefighter's Assistance Grant; however, there had been a reduction in the amount of the grant. He stated the County currently had a Life Pack 10 & Life Pack 11 that could be used for trade. He explained that the Life Pack 10 was no longer maintained for maintenance and the Life Pack 11 would no longer be used after the upcoming year. He requested that Life Pack 10 and Life Pack 11 be deleted from the property records and allow him to include them in the trade-in towards the purchase of 2 new heart monitors.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Commissioner Starter Long the Board deleted 2 Life Packs (#10- Property ID#1533 and #11 – Property ID#2120) from the property records, declared them surplus to County need and authorized Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, to use them for trade-in towards 2 Life Pack 15's.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**6. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)**

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, requested authorization to purchase five demo Interspiro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) with Spiromatic S6 and five extra bottles of oxygen. He stated Interspiro had agreed to allow the County to purchase these at a reduced price. He stated the SCBA's were upgradeable and the funds were within his budget.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board approved the purchase of five Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) from Interspiro in the amount of \$12,500.00 from Public Safety's budget.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**7. Resolution and Agreement for Maintenance of Bike Paths**

County Manager Taylor stated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had asked that the County sign an agreement and adopt a Resolution for the maintenance of the bike paths around Lake Okeechobee.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck seconded by Vice Chairman Jones the Board approved Resolution 2010-04 for the post project maintenance of the new bike path trail/nature walk within the Vance Whidden Park and authorized the Chairman to sign both the Resolution and the agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**8. Discuss Bids on 2009-1010 Resurfacing Plan**

Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, requested that the Board allow him to go out for bids on for the 2009-2010 Resurfacing Plan.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if one cent money could be used for the maintenance of capital items. Mr. Brown stated the funds would come from the within the gas tax funds and the Road Department's budget.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Jones seconded by Commissioner Beck the Board authorized County Manager Taylor and Avant Brown, County Road Superintendent, to request bids on the 2009-2010 Resurfacing Plan.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

**9. County Purchasing Policy**

This item was removed from the agenda by amendment.

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

There was no discussion.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Commissioner Storter Long stated the County had agreed to maintain the trail on Curry Island. She asked if an agreement had been signed. County Manager Taylor stated the County had not signed an agreement for maintenance. Commissioner Storter Long asked if the Moore Haven Canal project would include maintenance on the County's part. Attorney Pringle stated he did not believe there was any agreement regarding maintenance of the canal. Commissioner Storter Long questioned who would maintain the canal. Attorney Pringle stated he believed maintenance would be shared between the County and the State.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

There was no discussion.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Bob Jones, Public Safety Director, recognized his Emergency Management Team – Angie Snow and Tosha Reiss. He stated Marie Chapman had been awarded the "Volunteer of the Year Award" at the annual Florida Emergency Preparedness Meeting in Daytona Beach. He stated this was the second time Glades County had received this award. He stated he would like to bring this item back before the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Jones stated the Lakeport Fire Department had purchased an F-700 truck back in 1987. He stated this truck was coming off of the line and was still title in the County's name. He stated this had been done for insurance purposes. He stated the Lakeport Fire Department was requesting that they be allowed to scrap the truck after removing what equipment could be salvaged. He asked that any funds received from the sale of the truck be given back to the Lakeport Fire Department to be used in the building of a new truck.

Commissioner Starter Long asked if this vehicle would be listed on the County's surplus list. Mr. Jones stated the truck would be on the list as soon as the VIN# were obtained and would be for sale at the upcoming auction.

Commissioner Beck stated this truck had been purchased prior to some significant policy changes in the County. He stated the truck was purchased by the Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department with their funds and had been titled to the County for insurance purposes. He stated the truck had an aluminum body and tank which could be scraped at .58 cent/lb. He stated there was approximately 1 ton of aluminum on the truck. He stated the funds from the sale of the truck would be used to apply to other needs of the Department. He stated the chassis of the truck would make someone a suitable service truck.

Attorney Pringle stated the truck was not on the list of items to be declared surplus and auctioned at the sale. He stated the Board would first need to declare the truck surplus property. He stated since the Board was already beyond the Business Agenda they would need to amend the agenda to include this item. He stated this would enable the truck to be sold at the auction. He stated the funds could be held by the County and disbursed accordingly at a meeting in the future.

Chairman Echols stated this did not need to be a standard practice.

Commissioner Giesler cautioned the Board against amending the agenda. He asked if this item had to be taken care of today.

Mr. Jones stated the truck would have to be declared surplus property at today's meeting in order to be sold at the auction.

Attorney Pringle stated this would be the Board's last opportunity prior to the sale to declare the property surplus.