MINUTES OF THE GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Tim Stanley, Chairman
Weston Pryor, Vice Chairman
Donna Storter Long
Donald Strenth
John Ahern

Others present:

Julie Mann Braddock, Administrative Secretary
Richard Pringle, County Attorney
Bob Jones, County Manager
Susan Whidden, Administrative Assistant
David Hardin, Sheriff
Susan BuChans, Community Development Director
Tiffany Patterson, Finance Director
Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator
Steve Dobbs, Steve Dobbs Engineering
Archie Branch, Public Works Director
Angie Snow-Colegrove, Acting Public Safety Director
Marissa Shivers, Emergency Management Director
Libby Pigman, South Florida Water Management Director
Gabrielle Ibietatorremendia, Human Resources Director
Tracy Whirls, Executive Director – EDC
Aletris Farnam, Supervisor of Elections
Tommy Perry
Raoul Bataller, Hendry Glades Sunday News
8 citizens

Chairman Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER
Vice Chairman Pryor gave the invocation.

PLEDGE
Commissioner Storter Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
There were no amendments.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS
There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case No. RZ 18-04 Glen Harvey – Proposed Re-Zoning (Glades County Ordinance No. 2020-3)**

Susan BuChans, Community Development Director, stated this rezoning hearing had been properly advertised and noticed. She read the title of the proposed Ordinance into the record.

Steve Dobbs, Applicant's Representative, and Mrs. BuChans were sworn in by Attorney Pringle.

Mrs. BuChans called for the disclosure of any ex parte communication regarding this application.

Chairman Stanley stated he had discussed the application in general with Mr. Dobbs.

Commissioner Ahern stated he had done the same.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated he had discussed the matter with Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Harvey.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had casually discussed the matter in 2018.

Commissioner Strenth stated he had probably had a conversation with Mr. Dobbs but did not recall for certain.

Mrs. BuChans stated this request was for approval of an ordinance rezoning 531+/- acres from Residential General and Commercial to Planned Development, with approval of Property Development Regulations, Phasing of Development, Schedule of Uses, Criteria of the Overall Development, and the Conceptual Master Plan. She asked that the background and summary of report be made a part of the record. She stated the request was heard at the Board's January 8, 2019 meeting and was continued to the Board's February 12, 2019 day meeting. She stated the board had requested that the proposed Ordinance provide for a Master Property Owners' Association (POA) for the development and that the POA provide that the property in Phase 1 be required to connect to public wastewater utility service or package treatment unit when it became available. She stated the Board approved the request for a 90-day extension at its February 12, 2019 meeting. She stated the Agent contacted the County Manager and explained that several delays had developed. The first was that a federally protected species was located on the site. The second delay was the South Florida Water Management District not permitting access to their road (Access Road). She stated that in February 2020, the Applicant's Attorney requested that the hearing be tabled until today so that all parties could agree on the concepts and objectives for the proposed rezoning. The rezoning application would need to be amended to comply with all agreed upon items. She stated of the total

531 acres, 475 acres were considered for the residential development. She stated this would include 472 single family lots. She stated 56 acres would be used for commercial development along Highway 78. She stated this would consist of 500,000 square feet of commercial development. She stated staff had met with FDOT about an improvement that would need to be made at the Phase 1 access. She stated a west bound left-hand turn lane would be required. She explained that page 2 of the staff report identified some changes that had been made since the last application was made. She stated the acreage had been reduced by 1 acre. She stated the requirements about Access Road had been removed from the application. She stated there were now 2 points of access to the development. She stated the secondary location could change at the time of development depending on FDOT's requirements. She stated FDOT had required that some right-of-way be dedicated and a legal description had been provided for this dedication. She stated the phasing detailed had also been modified in this application. She stated what was Phase 2 was now Phase 1, what was Phase 3 was now Phase 2, and what was Phase 4 was now Phase 3. She stated the original Phase 1 was shown on the Master Plan as an undesignated phase. She stated this could become Phase 4 in the future. She stated the Master Plan clearly identified 30% open space as required by the Comprehensive Plan. She stated she had included all of the public hearing back to the first Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Mrs. BuChans read the motion for approval into the record. She stated this motion included the conditions of approval.

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF GLADES COUNTY FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-2) AND RESIDENTIAL GENERAL (RG) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) FOR 531+/- ACRES OF LAND, PARCEL NUMBERS; A04-39-34-A00-0060-0000, A03-39-34-A00-0010-0000, A34-38-34-A00-0030-0000, A02-39-34-A00-0010-0000 AND A35-38-34-A00-0060-0000; CASE NUMBER RZ18-04; APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER IS GLEN HARVEY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, conditioned on the development approvals granted by Ordinance 2020-3 must be satisfied by the developer. Failure to satisfy the following Conditions of Approval shall result in the development approvals granted by Ordinance 2020-3 becoming voidable in the sole discretion of Glades County:

1. Prior to final plat approval for Phase 1, the Applicant shall enter into a Developer's Agreement with Glades County setting forth the terms which obligates the Developer to construct adequate public facilities and the other development requirements of Ordinance 2020-3 becoming voidable in for each phase of the development subject to the procedure and requirements of Section 163.3320-163.3243, Florida Statutes, and the requirements of including the Exhibits thereto.

2. Development may not occur until all appropriate county, state and federal permits and approvals have been obtained and evidence of same has been provided, in writing, to Glades County.

3. The roadway improvements to SR 78 for a left-turn lane for westbound traffic at the primary project entrance shall be either bonded or completed prior to final plat approval of Phase 1.

4. Should future development plans for Phase 4 not comply with the approved Conceptual Master Plan requirements, the developer shall meet with County Staff to determine if any of the proposed changes constitute a minor modification or an amendment of an approved Master Concept Plan of the PD, pursuant to Section 125-175 (j) Revisions to approved planned development ordinances of the Glades County Code of Ordinances.

5. Approval of title opinion by County Attorney, approval of Property Development Regulations, Phasing of Development, Schedule of Uses, Criteria of the Overall Development and the Conceptual Master Plan as attached to the ordinance and based upon the application, as amended, on the findings of fact and analysis in the revision of the amended staff report dated February 4, 2020.

Steve Dobbs, Applicant's Representative, stated this project had been a long time coming. He stated he appreciated the county sticking with them throughout this process. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions.

Attorney Pringle asked that the application, and any amendments, be made a part of the record. He also made the staff report that addressed all of the changes was made a part of the record, along with the findings of fact. He stated he Planning & Zoning Board had considered this application at a public hearing and had recommended approval.

Mrs. BuChans stated the revised application contained a scrivener's error on the set-backs for the sides and back. She stated staff had made this change in the proposed ordinance. She stated the schedule of uses had amended to take out the list of accessory uses. She stated each use did not have to be described. She stated until the property was developed, Mr. Harvey would continue to use the property for agricultural uses. She stated she had taken out the language regarding agricultural uses. She stated it was better to use the broader term. She stated this did not match the application.

Chairman Stanley expressed concern with only one access road.

Attorney Pringle stated this could be addressed prior to final approval

Chairman Stanley called for public comment. There was none.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Ordinance No. 2020-3 amending the Official Zoning Map of Glades County from Commercial General (C-2) and Residential General (RG) to Planned Development (PD) for 531+/- acres of land, Parcel Numbers: A04-39-34-A00-0060-0000, A03-39-34-A00-0010-0000, A34-38-34-A00-0030-0000, A02-39-34-A00-0010-0000 and A35-38-34-A00-0060-0000; Case Number RZ18-04; Applicant and Property Owner – Glen Harvey; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date, conditioned on the development approvals granted by Ordinance 2020-3 must be satisfied by the developer. Failure to satisfy the following Conditions of Approval shall result in the development approvals granted by Ordinance 2020-3 becoming voidable in the sole discretion of Glades County:

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Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Strenth – Yes
Commissioner Ahern – Yes

Commissioner Storter Long – Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor – Yes
Chairman Stanley – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approved Records Disposition - Community Development Department (Exhibit A)**
3. **Approved minutes of the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting**
4. **Approved County Warrants (Exhibit B)**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Ahern abstained from the vote on one invoice to his place of business.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Ahern abstained from voting on Invoice #87438 in the amount of $28.99 to Ahern's BP Shop.

PUBLIC INPUT ON BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Anyone wishing to provide public comment on an Agenda Item please fill out a comment card on the table at the entrance to the Commission Chambers.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. **Glades County Resolution No. 2020-2 – Glades County as Second Amendment Sanctuary**

David Hardin, Glades County Sheriff, presented a proposed resolution declaring the County a second amendment sanctuary county. He stated this would protect citizens' rights both under the Constitution and the laws of Florida. He thanked Attorney Pringle, County Manager Jones, and Mrs. Whidden for their assistance in getting this resolution written.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2020-2 – declaring Glades County a Second Amendment Sanctuary; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability; providing an effective date; and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Chairman Stanley - Yes
Commissioner Ahern - Yes
Commissioner Storter Long - Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor - Yes

Commissioner Strenth – Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

6. **Glades County Resolution No. 2020-3 – Creating a Separate Category of County Real Property for use in County State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)**

Attorney Pringle explained how the SHIP real property was handled and disposed of under Florida Law. He stated the Board could create a separate category of County real property that could be designated for the SHIP program. He stated this would be done by resolution.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Resolution into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2020-3 – creating a separate category of County Real Property for use in the SHIP Program and authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Ahern - Yes
Commissioner Storter Long - Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor - Yes
Chairman Stanley - Yes
Commissioner Strenth - Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

7. **Glades County Resolution No. 2020-4 State Funded Grant Agreement between State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Glades County for the purpose of the FDOT's participation in design, construction and construction engineering inspection services for the design and construction for the resurfacing of CR 721 from South Tucker Ridge Road to Bullhead Grade Road (Project Funding ID FPID #438568-1-54-01**

County Manager Jones presented an agreement for the resurfacing project on CR 721 and Bullhead Grade. He stated FDOT required a resolution.

Attorney Pringle read the title of the Resolution into the record.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board adopted Glades County Resolution No. 2020-4 – approving the Agreement between Glades County and FDOT for the SCRAP/SCOP project on CR 721 from South Tucker Ridge Road to Bullhead Grade Road (Project Funding ID No. FPID #438568-1-54-01).

Chairman Stanley called a roll call vote:

Commissioner Ahern - Yes
Commissioner Storter Long - Yes
Vice Chairman Pryor - Yes
Chairman Stanley - Yes
Commissioner Strenth - Yes

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

8. Policy of the BOCC for the Duties of the County Manager

County Manager Jones stated this policy would authorize the County Manager to contact the Board Chairman or Vice Chairman to authorize additional holidays, if the Governor authorized State employees an additional day that falls next to a scheduled County holiday that occurs in the middle of a week.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved adding Item #7 to the previously adopted Policy Statement regarding the County Manager's position.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

9. Library Cooperative

County Manager Jones stated this was a request for input from the Board regarding moving forward with forming a Library Co-op with Hendry County and Okeechobee County. He asked if the Board wished to remove Glades County from the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Vice Chairman Pryor stated he would like to move forward with the new co-op.

Commissioner Ahern agreed and stated there would be additional funding available also.

Commissioner Storter Long agreed with moving forward with the new co-op.

County Manager Jones explained the base grant. He stated Okeechobee County was providing notice to remove itself from the Heartland Cooperative.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board approved proceeding with the forming of a Library Co-op with Okeechobee County, Hendry County, and Glades County.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

Chairman Stanley recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman Stanley called the meeting back to order at 10:06 a.m.

10. Transfer of property located at 207 Pinecrest Avenue from Glades County to the Dixons

Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator, stated this property came back to Glades County from the SHIP Program. She stated the home had been rehabbed and a tentative family was ready to moving into the home. She stated she would like to transfer this property to the County using the Resolution just passed. She stated the County had expended thee following on this property - $3,642.51 in taxes and $1,653.46 on attorney fees for a total of $5,296.77. She stated this money would come back to the County when the property was transferred. She stated

Attorney Pringle explained that this was the Davis property that had gone through foreclosure. He asked that the motion language be amended. He stated the property would need to be transferred into the Glades County SHIP Program Real Property designation. He stated the second motion would be to authorize the disposal of the property by conveyance to the Dixon family, who was qualified to own the property under the SHIP Program.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board approved the transfer of the property located at 207 Pinecrest Avenue, Moore Haven, Florida to the SHIP Program Real Property designation.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Storter Long seconded by Vice Chairman Pryor the Board authorized the disposal of the property located at 207 Pinecrest Avenue, Moore Haven, Florida from the category of County Real Property in the SHIP Program to Mr. & Mrs. Dixon with the SHIP Program reimbursing the County for expenses related to delinquent taxes and recording fees.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

11. Change Order for 2019-Rehab-Ambrose and increase of encumbrance by $968.15

Cindy Ricker, SHIP Coordinator, stated a floor joist that was in need of repair had been discovered while doing the new plumbing on this home. She stated the cost of repair would go over the amount encumbered by $968.15. She asked that the motion include language that allowed the funding to go over the strategy amount but that it not be a specific amount since she was unsure what the final amount would be.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board approved Change Order #1 for Applicant 2019-Rehab-Ambrose in the amount of $968.15 plus recording fees.

Motion carried by 5 - 0 vote.

12. Request for a portion of Alvin Ward Sr. Road

County Manager Jones stated Bret Starts had requested that a letter be sent to South Florida Water Management District requesting a transfer of ownership of 745 feet of Alvin Ward, Sr. Road to Glades County. He stated this would allow Mr. Starts access to his property. He stated County Staff had inspected the road and it was in good shape. He stated if the Water Management District granted the request, the road would become County property and would be maintained by the County.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board authorized a letter to SFWMD requesting the transfer of ownership of 745 feet of Alvin Ward, Sr. Road to Glades County and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

13. CR 720 from S4 Canal to the County Line

County Manager Jones asked for authorization to send a letter to the U.S. Army Corps and the Water Management District addressing the concerns with the increased truck traffic and damage being done to CR 720. He stated this work would continue to at least October and it was tearing the road up significantly.

Commissioner Storter Long asked if the County could restrict the weight of the trucks using the road.

County Manager Jones stated he believed the best choice was to ask that the Corps make some provision for repairs after the project was complete.

Attorney Pringle suggested reviewing the agreement to see what obligation the contractor had to do the repairs. He suggested gathering pictures and evidence now in case the contractor did not voluntarily do the repairs.

Archie Branch, Public Works Director, stated there were weight restrictions (no thru trucks) on the road already. He suggested getting the "as-builts" on the road at the time of construction.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Storter Long the Board authorized County Manager Jones to send a letter to both the Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District addressing the County's concerns with the damage being done to CR 720 due to an increase in truck traffic.

Motion carried by 5 – 0 vote.

14. Agreement for Purchase and Sale between Glades County and New Moore Haven, LLC regarding the Glades County hotel site and additional parcel

Attorney Pringle stated he had sent a letter to New Haven, LLC terminating the agreement for failure to perform. He stated he had not received any response to date. He asked how the Board wished to proceed with this matter.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to move forward with a new proposal.

Commissioner Ahern agreed.

Commissioner Strenth hiring an independent appraiser to do an appraisal and then put out a minimum bid.

Commissioner Ahern stated the fact that the property would be back on the tax rolls, bringing in sales tax, and bed tax revenues would be worth a lot to the County.

Commissioner Strenth agreed but stated he would like to have an idea of what was being given away.

Commissioner Storter Long agreed and stated it may help sell the property.

Chairman Stanley stated if the property was going to be sold at market value he did not believe the County should tell the developer what he could build on the property.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she would like to have a true value established. She asked if the Property Appraiser could establish this value.

Attorney Pringle stated the Property Appraiser could and did annually evaluate property values. He stated this would be quicker and not cost anything. He stated he would work on the language in the RFP documents and include a statement regarding the County awarding the bid to the higher bidder. He stated the Board could still require the condition of development of a hotel on the site.

Commissioner Storter Long suggested hiring a professional realtor to sale the property.

Attorney Pringle expressed concerns with the use of a realtor with all of the conditions on the sale.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with a new RFP for the hotel property and to have staff bring a draft to the next day meeting for review.

15. RFQ No. 2020-1 Professional Services for CR 74 from 2.5 miles East of Firetower Road – Widening and Resurfacing Construction Project No. 436657

County Manager Jones stated he had sent out an RFQ for professional services for this project and 3 responses had been received: Johnson Engineering, AIM Engineering and Surveying, and Craig S. Smith and Associates.

Archie Branch, Public Works Director, stated all 3 responders had been used in the past. He suggested using AIM Engineering for the design phase and Johnson Engineering for the inspection phase. He stated staff had opened the bids and ranked them as follows:

Design Phase: 1 – AIM Engineering and Surveying, 2 – Johnson Engineering, 3 – Craig A. Smith and Associates and for the Inspection Phase: 1 – Johnson Engineering, 2 – AIM Engineering and Surveying, and 3 – Craig A. Smith and Associates.

Attorney Pringle explained that under the law and the RFQ document that was released, the Board would need to first determine that the responders were qualified to do the work. He stated staff had reviewed the responses and determined that all were qualified.

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board determined that that all 3 responders were qualified to respond and perform the work.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long abstained from the vote on the floor. (Exhibit C)

Attorney Pringle asked that the Board now rank the responders for the design and inspection phases.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner Strenth the Board ranked the firms as follows for the design phase of the project:

AIM Engineering and Surveying – 1
Johnson Engineering – 2
Craig A. Smith and Associates – 3

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long abstained from the vote on the floor. (Exhibit C)

ON MOTION of Vice Chairman Pryor seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board ranked the firms as follows for the inspection (construction) phase of the project:

Johnson Engineering – 1
AIM Engineering and Surveying - 2
Craig A. Smith and Associates - 3

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long abstained from the vote on the floor. (Exhibit C)

Attorney Pringle asked that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the documents due to time constraints on this project.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ahern seconded by Commissioner the Board authorized the Chairman to execute the agreements and to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried by 4 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Storter Long abstained from the vote on the floor. (Exhibit C)

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Sheriff Hardin stated the population at the jail was 473 inmates, of which 33 were County inmates, 38 were US Marshalls and the remainder were ICE inmates. He stated things were moving along well at the jail.

Angie Snow Colegrove, Public Safety Director, stated she would have a booth this year at Chalo Nitka and have a float in the parade. She stated there was a new volunteer in Palmdale who was going to clean up the Community Association building and get it up and running again. She stated Dora Lee Simmons would be contacting the County Manager's office about getting the keys to the building.

Mr. Branch stated the Public Works Department had been really busy with the recycling program. He stated his crew had pressure washed the community centers and would be following up with painting during the summer. He stated he would start mowing roadsides again soon. He stated the mulch machine was in the Muse community right now cleaning up some roads. He stated he was continuing to work with Mr. Bennett on the Harney Pond Look Out project design. He stated he hoped to have something for the Board by the next night meeting.

Commissioner Storter Long stated she had 2 request from the Muse Community Association. She stated the first was replacement of the rumble strips at the end of Kirby Thompson Road and the second was the need for reflectors and reflective paint on Loblolly Bay Road. She stated the road conditions were unsafe without these markings.

Mr. Branch stated he would check into these requests.

Chairman Stanley stated Kirby Thompson Road was also puddling up with water.

Mr. Branch stated he would look into the matter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was no discussion.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jones stated he had spoken with Connie Vanassche and she still had not heard anything further on the Seminole Gaming Pact. He stated the 911 Center funding was moving forward. He stated Mrs. BuChans had submitted the storm water permit and had found a way to save the County approximately $7,700.00, if approved. He stated Water Management District would be looking at the Lakeport locks to resolve some drainage issues there. He reminded everyone of the traveling workshop following the meeting.

Commissioner Strenth asked if anyone from the Seminole Tribe had contacted the County regarding the Commissioners riding in their festival parade on Saturday.

Commissioner Ahern stated Larry Howard from the Tribe had called and asked the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Strenth volunteered the use of his truck and asked that everyone meet up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tracy Whirls, Executive Director – EDC, reminded everyone of the upcoming Southwest Central Florida Connector Task Force meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 3:00 p.m. She stated public comment would be taken at 4:00 p.m. She stated she had attended a couple of these meetings. She stated no specific routes are being discussed. She stated there was a certain consensus that there may be a need for additional hurricane evacuation routes here in South and Central Florida. She stated there may be a need to construct east and west corridors. She stated they wanted local officials, community development staff, and economic development staff to work with them moving forward. She stated she would be attending the meeting and encouraged the Board members to attend.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Strenth invited everyone to attend the Lakeport Community Association meeting tonight.

Commissioner Ahern commented on his recent trip to Tallahassee. He stated the funding on the public safety center in Muse and the training center appeared to be moving forward. He stated there was funding in the amount of $250,000.00 for the Glades Youth Livestock buildings. He stated there were six 4-H students that attended the Legislative Day with Tycee Prevatt, Agriculture Extension Agent.

Commissioner Storter Long stated the Ortona Community Association would be hosting a lunch for the traveling workshop this afternoon. She stated 383 dinners had been served at the last spaghetti dinner. She invited everyone to attend the next dinner on Saturday. She stated Muse was finalizing its plans for the Honey Festival. She asked for clarification on the motion on Item #9. She stated the co-op would be strictly for counties and not cities/municipalities.

Commissioner Ahern agreed and stated the motion did not include the City of Clewiston.

Commissioner Storter Long thanked the Sheriff for declaring the County a second amendment sanctuary county. She commented on a recent report given by the Sheriff at the Ortona Community Association's last monthly meeting regarding how safe the Ortona community was. She stated she appreciated the deputies that patrolled the area. She stated it made her feel safer.

Vice Chairman Pryor also thanked the Sheriff for the second amendment sanctuary county designation. He commented on the recent compliments received on the Community Development Department. He thanked Mrs. BuChans for her efforts with that office.

Chairman Stanley commented on the lake level. He stated Broward and Palm Beach Counties were pushing for their right to have the appropriate amount of water from the lake. He stated he had been doing some research regarding the history of Glades County. He stated the centennial year for the County would be 2021 and encouraged staff to start planning now.

Sheriff Hardin stated the County was formed in April 1921 and the first Sheriff was appointed in May of that same year.

Chairman Stanley suggested that a committee be formed to come up with some ideas for the celebration.

Chairman Stanley recessed the meeting for a traveling workshop at 11:20 a.m. (See minutes of traveling workshop)

Chairman Stanley reconvened the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

ON MOTION of Commissioner Strenth seconded by Commissioner Ahern the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Stanley adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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Timothy Stanley, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra H. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Approved: _____

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