



MINUTES

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

412 W. ORANGE, ROOM 102, WAUCHULA, FL 33873

Commissioners:	District I	Colon Lambert, Chairman
	District II	Sue Birge, Commissioner
	District III	Rick Knight, Commissioner
	District IV	Russell Melendy, Vice-Chairman
	District V	Mike Thompson, Commissioner

County Manager Lexton H. Albritton, Jr
Clerk Victoria L. Rogers
County Attorney Kenneth B. Evers

Office Manager Sandy Meeks
Deputy Clerk Charlene Albritton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Colon Lambert	Chairman	Present	
Sue Birge	Commissioner	Present	
Rick Knight	Commissioner	Present	
Russell Melendy	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Mike Thompson	Commissioner	Present	
Lexton H Albritton	County Manager	Present	
Victoria L. Rogers	County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller	Absent	
Kenneth B. Evers	County Attorney	Present	
Sandy Meeks	Office Manager	Present	
Charlene Albritton	Deputy Clerk	Present	

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lambert announced the addition of an Add-On Appointment Time of 6:30 p.m. as Item E., for Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County, Inc., and requested to move the Pioneer Park Days Event Discussion to the first Agenda Appointment Time.

- A. Motion to approve the Agenda with the add-on and the change noted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Thompson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Russell Melendy, Vice-Chairman
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. BCC Regular Meeting of 05/18/2017 at 6:00 p.m.
2. BCC Regular Meeting of 06/01/2017 at 8:30 a.m.
3. BCC Planning Session of 06/09/2017 at 8:30 a.m.
4. Motion to approve the Minutes of 05/18, 06/01, and 06/09.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Russell Melendy, Vice-Chairman
SECONDER:	Sue Birge, Commissioner
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

4. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Lambert called for general public comment.

No public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Russell Melendy, Vice-Chairman
SECONDER:	Rick Knight, Commissioner
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

- A. Requested approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Bowling Green for the provision of services necessary to administer and enforce Bowling Green's Floodplain Management Regulations.
- B. Requested approval of Budget Amendments for FY 2016/2017.

6. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Pioneer Park Days Event Board Discussion:

Chairman Lambert requested Human Resource Director, Opal Wilkerson come forward and be available for any questions, advised the Board held previous discussions and presentations regarding the Pioneer Park Days Event, and noted the previous discussions and presentations are available for viewing online.

Chairman Lambert explained he would announce the names of the individuals who submitted a request to speak form, the individual would have three minutes to speak, and opened the floor for public comments.

The following persons addressed the Board during public comment:

- Mr. John E. Terrell
- Ms. Andrea Thompson
- Ms. Linda Roberson
- Ms. Jean Kelly
- Mr. Billy Judah
- Mr. Tom Mikovsky
- Mr. John McCarthy
- Ms. Jane Klein
- Mr. Joey Rugustein
- Mr. Greg Best
- Ms. Nancy Craft
- Mr. Sam Fite
- Mr. R. Paul Paris
- Mr. Will Hershel

Chairman Lambert addressed the following concerns:

- Citizen comments which had “meat on the bone”
- Operating a budget with declining revenues
- Funds for obtaining a seasoned event promoter
- Each Commissioner’s responsibility to the entire community
- Loss of funds during a critical budget time

Commissioner Knight addressed the following:

- His appreciation for the public’s interest
- Budget information

- Community participation possibly equaling success
- Volunteer commitment

Commissioner Birge addressed the following:

- Citizen interaction - providing new ideas
- Equal number of citizens wanting the end of the event and wanting the event to continue
- Volunteer commitment - citizens forming a committee
- Her support for citizen commitment

Commissioner Melendy addressed the following:

- His support for and commitment to continuing the event
- Budgetary concerns
- Community commitment - volunteering to take the lead

Commissioner Thompson addressed the following:

- His appreciation for the public involvement
- Taking the event out of County staff's "hands" and returning employees to their jobs
- Community involvement and commitment
- Changing the event in order for it to survive

Commissioner Melendy questioned why the Board cannot appoint a committee for the Pioneer Park Days Event.

County Attorney Evers advised the Board could appoint a committee to handle the event; however, with the appointment of a committee, the purpose and role of the committee must be adequately defined in specific detail, i.e., what level of authority would be granted, and the committee should consider itself "under" the Sunshine Law, which entails advertised meetings, taking meeting minutes, and no two committee members communicating outside of an advertised meeting.

There was discussion concerning how and whether the Board should appoint a committee.

County Attorney Evers noted citizens can form a committee without Board involvement, which need to communicate with County staff regarding the event.

There was discussion concerning privatizing/transitoning the event and establishing measurable goals.

Chairman Lambert requested Ms. Linda Roberson explain her plan regarding the event.

Ms. Roberson explained the Town of Zolfo Springs committed \$5,000.00 for employing an event planner; event donations are attainable; an established planning committee needs to work with Human Resources Director, Opal Wilkerson, and eventual transition of the event seemed possible.

Mr. John McCarthy explained how the County can partner with a non-profit entity to continue the event.

There was discussion concerning the number of volunteers and County employees required to stage the event and the amount of free camping given as compensation to the volunteers.

Chairman Lambert noted he had gathered from the discussion each Commissioner was in favor of "giving the event one more year" and noted the "ball was now in the citizens' court."

Chairman Lambert recessed the meeting.

Chairman Lambert reconvened the meeting.

B. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) and Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) Agreement for the CR 665 Project:

Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Willie Nabong, requested approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-29, approving the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) Agreement, and Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) Agreement, which will provide funding for the CR 665 Project and authorization for the Chairman to sign all related documents.

Director Nabong explained the SCOP Agreement will provide \$5,396,842.00, which includes advance funds of \$1,093,052.00, the SCRAP will provide \$3,892,393.00 funding, and no County cash match was required.

Chairman Lambert called for Commissioner questions.

No Commissioner questions.

1. Motion to approve and authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-29, approving the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) and the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP).

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

No public comment.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Russell Melendy, Vice-Chairman
SECONDER:	Sue Birge, Commissioner
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

C. Zoning Meeting - Ordinance 2017-12 - First Reading:

Planning and Zoning Board Agenda Item 17-15:

Ordinance 2017-12 - Mining Overlay Map Amendments - First Reading:

Request for approval and authorization for Chairman to sign Ordinance 2017-12, which is for the request by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, for approval of a Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (2) Amendment to add 266.8+/- acres zoned A-1 in the Agricultural Future Land Use District to the Generalized Mining Overlay Map. The parcels are contiguous with the South Fort Meade Mine and the Future Land Use Map Mining Overlay being located on or about the east side of Airport Road and the West End of the east side of Boyd Cowart Road.

County Attorney Evers advised he excused the Planning and Zoning Board Members which were in attendance due to the Planning and Zoning Board not having a quorum of the members present.

Chairman Lambert recessed the BCC Meeting and convened the Zoning Meeting Public Hearing.

Office Manager Meeks announced the Affidavit of Publication was advertised in *The Herald-Advocate* on June 29, 2017.

Commissioner Thompson questioned whether the Board could move forward without a Planning and Zoning Board recommendation.

County Attorney Evers explained the meeting is proceeding with Board action only although the meeting was advertised as a joint meeting; however, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, is in agreement to move forward.

Chairman Lambert questioned whether notice was mailed to adjacent property owners.

Planner II Haney confirmed the notice was mailed.

Director of Planning and Development, Todd Miller, reviewed the following:

- Former Davis Property - 206.72 acres
- Former Pohl Property - 2 acres
- Former Smith Property - 7.98 acres
- Former ATP Property - 10 acres
- Total - 226.85 acres
- Addition of Abandoned Right-of-way:
 - Fussell Road
 - Gibbs Road
 - Troy Smith Road
 - Simtrobar Road
 - Parker Road
 - Annette Road
 - McCardle Road
 - Dr. Banks Road
 - Reynolds Road
 - Boyd Cowart Road
 - Airport Road
- Zoning - Agriculture (A-1) on subject property and all surrounding properties
- Future Land Use - Agriculture on subject property and all surrounding properties
- Definition of the difference between a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- Requirements of Florida Statute, the Comprehensive Plan, and Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) were met
- Staff's recommendation for approval of the application

Director Miller entered the Staff Report for the record.

Chairman Lambert called Commissioner comments or questions.

County Attorney Evers advised there will be minor changes to the ordinance language given the circumstances surrounding the Planning and Zoning Board.

1. Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2017-12, amending the Mining Overlay Map as noted in the application.

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

No public comment.

Commissioner Melendy questioned whether minor changes to the ordinance were allowed.

County Attorney Evers explained minor changes can be made up until the ordinance is adopted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Thompson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Rick Knight, Commissioner
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

Chairman Lambert closed the Zoning Meeting Public Hearing and reconvened the BCC Meeting.

D. 2017 Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board Grant (Cycle 14) - Utilitech, Inc., Presentation:

Mr. Brent Stephens, of Utilitech, Inc., presented the 2017 EDA Grant Cycle 14 Utilitech Presentation.

Utilitech, Inc., submitted a Hardee County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Joint Grant Application for expansion and job creation.

F. Insurance Committee Recommendation:

Human Resources Director, Opal Wilkerson, previously presented the Insurance Committee recommendation for an increase to the Emergency Room Deductible from \$250.00 to \$400.00, Urgent Care Deductible from \$75.00 to \$150.00, and prescription medicine cost amounts from \$10.00, \$30.00, \$50.00 to \$10.00, \$35.00, \$70.00 for the United Health Care Health Insurance Co-Pay Plan at the July 6, 2017 Board Meeting. The Health Savings Account (HAS) plan will remain the same with no changes. The Board requested more information concerning the Urgent Care cost before rendering a decision at the July 6 Board Meeting.

Direction Wilkerson noted the Board had requested additional information concerning the monetary effect of not changing the Urgent Care Deductible, the original proposal was a 2.1% increase, and not increasing the Urgent Care Deductible to \$150.00 will produce a 2.3% increase or a \$4,000.00 difference.

1. Motion to approve the change in insurance by changing the Emergency Room Deductible from \$250.00 to \$400.00 and we leave the Urgent Care as is and the pharmacy changes as noted to \$10.00, \$35.00, and \$70.00.

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

No public comment.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Thompson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sue Birge, Commissioner
AYES:	Lambert, Birge, Knight, Melendy, Thompson

E. Add-on Appointment Time of 6:30 p.m.:

Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County, Inc., Executive Director, Leslie Long, presented the 2017 Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County, Inc. EDA Cycle 14 Grant Presentation.

Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County, Inc., submitted a Hardee County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Grant Application for assistance with purchasing a building to open a ReStore.

Public comment:

Ms. Sandy Scott

7. COUNTY MANAGER

A. Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board - Board Ranking of Cycle 14 Grant Applications:

Board ranking of the received grant applications and authorization of the submission of the ranking sheet to the Hardee County Economic Development Authority (EDA) was completed.

Chairman Lambert called for a motion to submit the ranking sheets.

1. Motion to submit the ranking sheets.

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

The following person addressed the Board during public comment:

Mr. Sam Fite

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Birge, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Rick Knight, Commissioner
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8. OTHER BUSINESS

County Manager Albritton addressed the comments made earlier during the Pioneer Park Days Event Discussion regarding the use of funds and donations.

9. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No comments were given by County Attorney Evers.

10. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

No comments were given by the Board.

11. REMINDERS

Chairman Lambert reviewed the following reminders:

- BCC Regular Meeting - 08/03/2017 at 8:30 a.m.**
- BCC Tentative Budget Hearing - 09/12/2017 at 6:00 p.m.**
- BCC Final Budget Hearing - 09/26/2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Lambert announced the cumulative ranking order for the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Grants:

1. Hardee County Economic Development Office
2. Industrial Development Authority (IDA) - Carlton Street Extension
3. Industrial Development Authority (IDA) - Water Sewer Corridor
4. Utilitech, Inc.
5. Whiteside Sawmill
6. C.C.R. - E DBA MM Wauchula II (Medical Facility)
7. Ranking Tie between: MM Wauchula II (Medical Facility - 100 Jobs) and Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County, Inc.
8. JC's Bees and Pollination, Inc.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Colon Lambert, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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Victoria L. Rogers, Ex-Officio Clerk
Board of County Commissioners