



MINUTES

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING

August 3, 2017 at 8:30 AM

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 8:31 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Motion to approve the Agenda.

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

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. BCC Regular Meeting of 06/15/2017 at 6:00 p.m.
2. BCC Regular Meeting of 07/06/2017 at 8:30 a.m.
3. Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2017, and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Thompson, Commissioner
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 Consent Agenda A through F.

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

- A. Requested approval and authorization to appoint Ms. Jana G. Thorpe to the Indigent Health Care Board to replace the term of Mr. Charles Parker.
- B. Requested approval and authorization for Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wauchula for the provision of treatment and disposal of leachate water produced by the Hardee County Sanitary Landfill.
- C. Requested approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wauchula regarding the use of the County Animal Control Shelter by the City of Wauchula.
- D. Requested approval of transfer and disposal of County assets listed on spreadsheet dated 08/03/2017.
- E. Requested approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-31, providing for the extension of the 2017 Tax Roll pursuant to Sections 197.323 and 193.122, Florida Statutes.
- F. Requested approval and authorization for staff to electronically submit an application for the WEDU PBS Phyllis L. Ensign Library Corners Grant to provide a WEDU PBS Library Corner for children in the Hardee County Public Library. No cash match required. Also, requested approval and authorization for Chairman to sign all related documents.

6. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Resolution 2017-30 - In Honor and Recognition of Dr. Elver Myron Hodges' Dedication and Service:
Request for approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign Resolution 2017-30, acknowledging the dedication and service of Dr. Elver Myron Hodges.

Commissioner Birge read Resolution 2017-30 for the record.

- 1. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-30 recognizing Dr. Hodges.

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

- B. Road and Bridge Department - Equipment Operator Job Description Revision:
Public Works Director/County Engineer, Willie Nabong, requested approval and authorization of the revised job description, which eliminates the requirement for the applicant to possess a CDL Driver's License, for the Road and Bridge Department Equipment Operator Position.

Chairman Lambert called for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Thompson noted the decision is a “good move” considering the difficulty with hiring good employees.

Commissioner Melendy noted the requirement did not “make sense” when the requirement was not necessary.

County Manager Albritton advised this is a unique job description where a “whole new class of employees” is being created and there are ten unfilled job positions due to the requirement for the CDL Driver’s License.

1. Motion to approve the change in the Equipment Operator Job Description.

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

No public comment.

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

7. COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Surplus of Bowling Green Property located on Oak Avenue:

County Manager Albritton requested approval and authorization to surplus County owned property located on Oak Avenue with Parcel ID 18-33-24-0810-00032-0003 and to prepare an advertisement to accept bids.

County Manager Albritton explained he is unsure how the County acquired title to the property, the property includes a platted undeveloped road located in Fort Green Subdivision that is “land locked,” and the property is assessed at \$18,000.00.

There was discussion concerning the location of the property, the property being a lot of record, and whether the property is accessible.

1. Motion to surplus County owned property on Oak Avenue and prepare advertisement to accept bids.

Chairman Lambert called for public comment.

No public comment.

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

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY

No comments were given by County Attorney Evers.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

10. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Thompson noted he has been keeping track of the County's rain fall totals and his property located on South Florida Avenue has received 44.2 inches of rain since May 22nd.

Commissioner Knight praised the progress made on the Courthouse landscaping project.

Commissioner Birge announced the Reagan Day Dinner Event.

11. REMINDERS

Chairman Lambert reviewed the following reminders:

BCC Regular Meeting of 08/17/2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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