

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

April 08, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met in a workshop session in Commission Chambers at 10:04 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

INTRODUCTION OF WORKSHOP BY CHAIRMAN KATHY BRYANT

Chairman Stone advised that the workshop was scheduled this morning to discuss Marion County Utilities' Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Vice Chairman David Moore, District 1; Commissioner Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Jeff Gold, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalac, District 4. Also present were County Attorney Matthew G. Minter and County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes.

STAFF PRESENTATION – Jody Kirkman, PE – Environmental Services Director, Bob Titterington, PE – Utilities Engineering Manager and Kevin Vickers, PE – Utilities Senior Engineer

Environmental Services Director Jody Kirkman presented a 1 page Agenda and a small binder entitled, "Marion County Florida Utilities CIP Workshop FY 2019 – 2023 April 8, 2019", which includes a 16 slide PowerPoint Presentation.

Mr. Kirkman provided a brief update on the current infrastructure of the utility system, noting many of the projects that are planned include maintenance and rehabilitation of these existing facilities. Other projects provide for expansion of existing systems in order to provide service to areas currently not served. The utility system provides over 10,503,000 gallons per day (gpd) of water to residents; treats over 2,253,000 gpd of wastewater; and delivers 1,119,000 gpd of reclaimed water to its customers. CIP projects can be broken down into 2 main categories: 1) construction (water mains, fire hydrants, etc.) and 2) non-construction/miscellaneous (utility acquisitions, computerized maintenance management, etc.)

Commissioner Bryant requested an update on the Oak Run project. Engineer Kevin Vickers addressed the odor control improvements that are taking place. He stated staff is in the equipment ordering phase of the project and are performing some work in the meantime. One of the primary sources of odor at the facility is the surge tank. Staff will be bypassing the surge tank, which will reduce odors in the interim. Staff will proceed with the installation of the equipment once it arrives.

In response to Commissioner Zalac, Mr. Vickers advised that Stonecrest is in a similar situation to Oak Run. The covers are being manufactured now. Later this month the department should receive the covers for the headwork structure. The contractor is committed to starting the construction and installation of those covers this month. He stated the delivery of the other covers is scheduled for end of May, 2019 and staff recently

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executed a Change Order for the odor control equipment and are receiving shop drawings to order that equipment. The timeline on this equipment is 120 days for fabrication.

Commissioner Zalak requested an update on Oak Run and Stonecrest be sent to Commissioner Bryant and himself.

Mr. Kirkman continued the PowerPoint Presentation, which includes an overview of the 5-Year CIP Summary, water mains and fire hydrant projects, and utility relocations due to construction.

Commissioner Zalak requested an update on the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) project. Mr. Kirkman advised that meters have a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years before they start losing accountability; therefore, it is a continuing process in order to remain accurate.

Commissioner Zalak questioned how many meters can be purchased and installed with \$450,000. Mr. Kirkman advised that between 3,200 and 3,300 meters are replaced per year, which equals approximately 10% of the customers.

Mr. Kirkman continued the PowerPoint Presentation, which includes an overview of water treatment plan improvements, wastewater treatment plant improvements, lift stations, sewer mains, and reclaimed water, as well as water and sewer extensions.

Commissioner Gold out at 10:18 a.m.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Mr. Kirkman advised that the county is producing approximately 1,000,000 gallons of extra reclaimed water, noting the excess is used by surrounding golf courses.

Mr. Vickers stated each golf course usage is dependent upon the consumptive use permit (CUP), noting Lake Diamond will use approximately 200,000 to 300,000 gpd for their facility. Currently, at the Silver Springs Shores Wastewater Treatment Facility, the county is treating between 1,100,000 and 1,300,000 gpd. A combined total of 1,100,000 gpd is delivered to Silver Springs Shores, Oak Run and Stonecrest.

Commissioner Gold returned at 10:22 a.m.

Mr. Kirkman continued the PowerPoint Presentation which includes an overview of grant funding received and grant funding applications

Commissioner Bryant questioned why funding for the backup solar battery assemblies was not approved. Environmental Services Budget and Financial Manager Tamecika Travalta advised that based on the criteria for the applications that piece of equipment does not fit. The criteria is based on what is beneficial for the community and because it is a traveling piece of equipment it was not approved.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

In response to Commissioner Moore, Mr. Kirkman advised that funding comes into play when addressing the Silver Springs Shores AC Water Main Replacement. Currently, staff can continue the planning steps through 2020, but funding will be needed to move the project forward in a positive manner.

Commissioner Zalak questioned if there are a lot of capital needs at the Stonecrest, Silver Springs Shores or Oak Run facilities in the future. Utilities Engineering Manager Bob Titterington stated there is some operations and maintenance (O&M) planned, but there is not any expansion plans. Currently, the departments major project is Golden Ocala, which is in the design phase. He advised that staff will be applying for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding assist with the costs.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Mr. Titterington advised that the World Equestrian Center (WEC) is going through some issues with the fire flow requirements for their

facilities, which may require a buster system; however, as far as capacity and flow are concerned it is adequate at this time and in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Kirkman addressed water and sewer line extensions and stated if the availability program moves forward staff has taken steps to set aside \$200,000 in the next year's budget for line extensions.

General discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bryant commented on the possibility of creating a match program for the line extension.

Commissioner Zalak stated if a line goes across 4 lots the developer would be responsible to pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of that line extension, as well as pay the hook up and capital charges. The county would bank the other 3 lots and hold it until they are developed and charge the next people in line. He stated the developer is already paying more than what a well installation costs and does not see how it would benefit to match.

Mr. Kirkman advised that availability program is similar to the line extension program already in place, but the difference is the county is going to front the costs.

In response to Chairman Stone, Mr. Kirkman advised that reclaimed water has to be treated up to Class I Treatment, which meets the same treatment requirements as a water system. The State of Florida and the United States (US) has not gotten to the point of introducing reclaimed water back into the water system. There are some locations that have started introducing it back into a water body, where it receives additional treatment through land distribution.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Chairman Stone thanked staff for all their hard work.

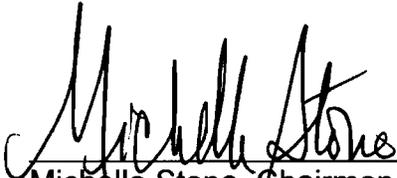
In response to Chairman Stone, Mr. Kirkman advised that he is in the process of creating staffing plans and will bring that information back to the Board.

UPDATE: Mr. Bouyounes commented on a conversation he had with Emergency Management Director Preston Bowlin, Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), relating to the county's antiquated alert radio system, which was put in place in 1995. The cost to replace the system is between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He stated the manufacturer owns and maintains every other system for all the different counties around Marion County, noting it is unclear why this arrangement was not made with Marion County or the City of Ocala. Mr. Bouyounes advised that the county should push the manufacture to allocate funding to replace the system or if the county replaces the system require the manufacturer be responsible for the maintenance. The Board should reach out to the Representatives and request assistance. Staff will be sharing the information with the Lobbyist in Washington D.C and State delegations. He stated Mr. Bowlin will continue to work and push to have Marion County treated the same as surrounding counties, noting more information will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Michelle Stone, Chairman

Attest:



David R. Ellspermann, Clerk