CALL TO ORDER:
The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in Commission Chambers at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The meeting opened with invocation by Commissioner Bryant and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

9:00 AM ROLL CALL:
Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Carl Zalak, District 4; Vice-Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner David Moore, District 1; Commissioner Jeff Gold, District 3; and Commissioner Michelle Stone, District 5. Also present were Clerk David R. Ellspermann, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter and County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Chairman Zalak addressed upcoming scheduled meetings as listed on the Commission Calendar (Item 12B).

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS:
Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board approved and/or ratified the following:

1A. PROCLAMATION - Career and Technical Education Month - Dr. Heidi Maier, Superintendent of Marion County Public Schools (Approval and Presentation)
The Board presented the Proclamation designating the month of February, 2017 as “Career and Technical Education Month” to Dr. Heidi Maier, Superintendent of Marion County Public Schools and Mark Vianello, Executive Director of Vocational Programs. Chairman Zalak commented on career aspects and the incredible economic opportunities that technical education provides to students. Dr. Maier thanked the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and Clerk Ellspermann for their support. She advised that current programs will be expanding to offer even more opportunities for students in Marion County.

1B. PROCLAMATION - Southeastern Youth Fair (Approval Only)
The Board approved the Proclamation recognizing the “2016 Southeastern Youth Fair” as the 77th anniversary of the Fair.
Commissioner Bryant out at 9:12 a.m.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC ITEMS: All members of the public wishing to speak during the “General Public” portion of the agenda will be limited to two (2) minutes to make their request or presentation and will be heard following scheduled requests, which are limited to five (5) minutes. For unscheduled requests, public comment
request forms are available in the lobby. If the request or matter requires investigation by County staff, the Chairman will refer to staff for follow-up with the person making the request.

2A. Roger Knechtel - Affordable Medical Care Act Update
Roger Knechtel, SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, addressed the Board in regard to the Affordable Medical Care Act.
Commissioner Bryant returned at 9:13 a.m.
Mr. Knechtel expressed concern with the fines assessed to citizens who cannot afford insurance and commented on the difficulties many faced trying to enroll in the program.

2B. Ron Raack - Constitutional Rights
Ron Raack, SE 131st Place, Ocklawaha, presented a 2 page handout relating to Constitutional rights, which he read into the record. He commented on the US Constitution and the responsibility of government to protect the unalienable rights of the people. Mr. Raack expressed concern that each state, county and city enacts their own laws. In response to Commissioner Bryant, Mr. Raack stated he will provide the Board with a written list of his rights that he believes the Board is violating.

2C. General Public Comment (Limited to 2 Minutes Each Speaker):
Richard Graybill, SE 158th Street, commented covenants in the Bible, the Constitution, as well as government and religion.
Hagan Smith, NW 105th Terrace, did not appear when called upon to speak.
Gene LaCross, NE 22nd Avenue, did not appear when called upon to speak.
Francine Julius Edwards, SE 140th Street, Summerfield, addressed the Board in regard to the Proclamation declaring February, 2017 as “Black History Month”.
Kathy Davis, SW 117th Street Road, presented a 1 page flyer advising of an upcoming event entitled, “A Synopsis of Slavery in the USA, Florida & Marion County” to be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Ocala. She invited everyone in the community to attend.
Sara Clifton, NE 11th Circle, commented on the Proclamation regarding “Black History Month”.
Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, referred to Item 10B and questioned when the Board will fill the vacancy on the Marion Oaks MSTU Board. County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that the vacancy will be advertised for 2 weeks and then come before the Board for membership appointment.
Mr. Munoz referred to Item 4A, which he opined will help provide funding to address issues with youth in the community.
Lester L. Smith, SE 73rd Place, addressed the Board in regard to the need for blinking turn signals/lights on SR 200 to help alleviate some of the traffic issues. Chairman Zalak advised that those are Department of Transportation (DOT) signals, noting DOT is evaluating, community by community, to determine which signal lights will be retrofitted with flashing turn arrows. He stated the Office of the County Engineer (OCE) is working on the matter.
Robert Viacancich, SW 94th Lane, commented on the Proclamation regarding “Black History Month”.
Virginia Gayle, SW 39th Circle, addressed on the need for all citizens to become united as a nation.
3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: (1 set)
3A. January 11, 2017
A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adopt the meeting minutes of January 11, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

4. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS / GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:
4A. Jonathan Lin, Trial Court Administrator - Request Approval and Acceptance of the Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Sub-Grant Award from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for the Marion County DUI Court, Juvenile Dependency Drug Court and the Juvenile Drug Court
The Board considered the following recommendation from Trial Court Administrator Jonathan Lin:
Description/Background: DUI Court is structured to provide repeat DUI offenders with intense outpatient treatment while on supervised probation. Additionally, the offender's compliance and progress will be monitored by the Court through regular court appearances before the Presiding Judge. The program includes, but is not limited to, random drug screens, group/individual substance abuse counseling and frequent support group meetings. The length of this program is normally 12 months. The sub-grant amount is $5,467.00.
The Juvenile Dependency Drug Court and the Juvenile Drug Court grant funds will provide funding for the cost of breathalyzer and drug screens for enrolled participants and those individuals whom the court is requiring to obtain a drug screen. The sub-grant amount is $12,267.00.
Budget Impact: Total grant revenue in the amount of $17,734.00 ($5,467 for DUI Court and $12,267.00 for Juvenile and Dependency Drug Court). Matching funds are not required.
Recommended Action: Approval and execution of the applications and certifications.
(Ed. Note: DUI is the acronym for Driving Under the Influence.)
Chief Deputy Court Administrator Todd Tuzzolino, Court Administration, advised that the funding request is in regard to the Juvenile Dependency Drug Court, which helps reunite children within the Department of Children and Families (DCF), noting grant funds are also associated with DUI Court. He stated no matching funds are required.
A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve and execute the applications and certifications. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

5. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:
5A. Request Adoption of the Following Budget Amendment Resolutions:
Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board adopted the following Budget Amendment Resolutions transferring funds as presented by Clerk Ellspermann:
5A1. 17-R-018 – Fine & Forfeiture - Sheriff Regular - $3,496
5A2. Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund - Fire/Rescue Services - $119,478 was pulled for discussion with Agenda Items 7E1
5A3. 17-R-019 – Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund - Fire/Rescue Services - $2,335,917
5A4. 17-R-020 – General Fund - Code Enforcement - $2,250
5A5. 17-R-021 – General Fund - Code Enforcement - $3,300
5A6. 17-R-022 – General Fund - Sheriff Jail - $5,520
5A7. 17-R-023 – Marion County Utilities Fund - Utilities - $2,035,413
5A8. 17-R-024 – MSTU for Law Enforcement - Sheriff Patrol & CID - $9,407
5A9. 17-R-025 – Silver Springs Shores Special Tax District - Silver Springs Shores Recreation Facility - $3,500
(Ed. Note: EMS is the acronym for Emergency Medical Services; MSTU is the acronym for Municipal Service Taxing Unit; and CID is the acronym for Criminal Investigation Division.)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

7. CONSENT: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless desired by a Commissioner.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board acted on the Consent Agenda as follows:

7A. Administration:
7A1. Request Approval of the 2017 Federal Legislative Agenda (Budget Impact - None)
The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Jeannie Rickman, Administration:

Description/Background: Each year the Board updates our Congressional Delegation of Marion County's federal legislative priorities. Attached is the proposed 2017 Federal Legislative Agenda, as prepared by the County's Federal Lobbyist, Jim Davenport with Alcalde & Fay and our internal legislative team. This report is presented for commissioner review and discussion as needed, with staff recommendation for approval.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 2017 Federal Legislative Agenda, with the incorporation of any appropriate verbiage changes as recommended by Jim Davenport.

7B. Development Review Committee:
7B1. Request Approval of Final Plat for The Sanctuary at Stonebridge Phase I Subdivision, Application #19308 (Budget Impact - None)
The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Growth Services Director Sam Martsolf:

Description/Background: On January 23, 2017, the Development Review Committee approved the Final Plat for Candler Hills West, The Sanctuary at Stonebridge Phase I Subdivision and recommended that the Board approves and authorizes execution by the Chair and the Clerk. This subdivision is located in the southwest portion of the County and contains 70 lots and 4 tracts on 27.52 acres with 1.11 miles of private road.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the subject plat and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.
7C. Human Resources:

7C1. Request Approval of the Reorganizational Plan within the Marion County Public Safety Communications Department Budget #3950 (Budget Impact - Expenditure of $10,516.20)

The Board accepted the following recommendation to adopt Resolution 17-R-026, as presented by Human Resources Director Amanda Tart:

Description/Background: Over the past several months, the Assistant County Administrator of Public Services and the Acting Director of Public Safety Communications have diligently worked to evaluate the needs of the Public Safety Communications department. In an effort to increase efficiencies, improve operational readiness, recruitment, retention, and employee morale, the Acting Public Safety Communications Director is recommending the following organizational changes to the Public Safety Communications department.

**Job Description Title Change:**

The current job title of Dispatcher, as outlined in the job description of those working in public safety communications is not indicative of the true scope of the profession either in function or in terms of training and education. The scope of work for an Emergency Telecommunicator includes answering 911 calls, providing emergency instructions to the 911 caller, dispatching of fire, EMS and law enforcement units, maintaining a complete status of field units and other functions as outlined in the job description. The position requires certification by the State of Florida as a “911 Public Safety Telecommunicator”. The title change from Dispatcher to Emergency Telecommunicator will more closely align the title with the standard state and national terminology. The job description change also includes the addition of a positional matrices. The position of Dispatcher is currently separated by four (4) individual job descriptions. The addition of a matrix will eliminate the job descriptions Dispatcher I, Dispatcher II, Dispatcher III and Dispatcher IV by consolidating them into the Emergency Telecommunicator job description. The Dispatcher V will remain separate as it is a limited number of positions and is filled by a competitive application process. The title of Dispatcher V will change to Emergency Telecommunicator Supervisor with no changes to pay grade.

**Shift Differential**

Marion County Public Safety Communications is a 24 hour / 7 day operation that operates in two 12 hour shift rotations. The rotations are between the hours of 6:00am to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 6:00am. Currently, employees rotate between the night shift and day shift every four months. Changing from day to night shift every four months has had a negative impact on recruitment and retention. In order to improve in these areas, this reorganization will keep the shift assignments static (with possible occasional working of opposite shifts to meet departmental needs). The operational needs of the organization require that some employees work night hours. The addition of a $1.00 per hour shift differential will provide monetary compensation to employees working a shift considered by many to be undesirable. Shift differentials are a common occurrence in many sectors including the federal wage system, many state wage plans, and hospitals. This change will have a budget impact of $36,435.88 for the remainder of this fiscal year with an effective date of March 4, 2017 and an annual cost of $72,871.78.

**Reclassification**

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During the course of each 12 hour shift a one hour lunch break is taken by each employee. Currently, to maintain minimal operational readiness of the 911 and communications system, a full time employee is brought in on overtime for six hours each day, to cover the lunch rotations, this current practice results in an annual cost of approximately $58,000. Having two part time employees fill these relief positions would reduce the need for overtime coverage; providing cost savings to the organization and to the tax payers. The reduction in overtime coverage, coupled with the direct savings of the part time positions, by not having to provide certain benefits results in a savings of $62,355.58.
Therefore, we respectfully request the approval of the reclassification plan and shift differential, within the Marion County Public Safety Communications department budget #3950 as outlined above.
Budget/Impact: Expenditure of $10,516.20; there are funds available due to the amount of vacancies and time each have been vacant.
Recommended Action: Approval of the attached resolution for the reorganization plan within the Marion County Public Safety Communications department budget #3950.

7C2. Request Approval of the Reclassification of One (1) Staff Assistant III - Part Time Position, Pay Grade 7, to One (1) Staff Assistant III - Full Time Position, Pay Grade 7; and the Deletion of One (1) Staff Assistant I – Part Time Position, Pay Grade 3, within the Marion Oaks MSTU Department Budget #4320 (Budget Impact - Expenditure of $3,525.26)

The Board accepted the following recommendation to adopt Resolution 17-R-027, as presented by Human Resources Director Tart:
Description/Background: During the Marion Oaks Recreation Advisory Board meeting on January 10, 2017, the Advisory Board unanimously approved the reclassification of the Staff Assistant III – Part Time position, which is currently filled by employee #4379, to a Staff Assistant III – Full Time position. They also approved the deletion of the Staff Assistant I – Part Time position that they have been unable to fill since October 11, 2016. The board recognized that the current employee has the necessary skillsets to provide excellent customer service to the citizens and also to fill the needs of the department.
Therefore, we respectfully request the reclassification of the Staff Assistant III – Part Time position, pay grade 7, to a Staff Assistant III – Full Time position; and the deletion of the Staff Assistant I – Part Time position, pay grade 3, within the MSTU – Marion Oaks department budget #4320.
Budget/Impact: Expenditure of $3,525.26. There are funds available, due to the amount of time that the Staff Assistant I – Part Time position has been vacant.
Recommended Action: Approval of the attached Resolution to reclassify the Staff Assistant III – Part Time position, pay grade 7, to a Staff Assistant III – Full Time position, pay grade 7; and the deletion of the Staff Assistant I – Part Time position, pay grade 3, within the MSTU – Marion Oaks department budget #4320.

7D. MSTU:

7D1. Request Authorization of Refunds to Property Owners in the Edmond Raoux-SE 33rd Ave-FL Orange Grove Road Improvement Area (Budget Impact - Neutral; refunds of $6,710.78 to property owners)
The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by MSTU Director Shawn Hubbuck:

Description/Background: The following road improvement project has been completed on time and under budget. This item is presented to request the Board to amend the assessment roll so refunds can be issued to all affected property owners located within the Edmond Raoux-SE 33rd Ave-FL Orange Grove Road Improvement Area.

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Budget/Impact: $6,710.78 to be refunded and disbursed to the property owners located within the project area.

Recommended Action: Motion to amend the assessment roll for Edmond Raoux-SE 33rd Ave-FL Orange Grove Road Improvement Area and authorize the Clerk’s Office to prepare and mail refund checks to the property owners within the project area.

7D2. Request Authorization of Refunds to Property Owners in the Westbury Road Improvement Area (Budget Impact - Neutral; refunds of $19,344.64 to property owners)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by MSTU Director Hubbuck:

Description/Background: The following road improvement project has been completed on time and under budget. This item is presented to request the Board to amend the assessment roll so refunds can be issued to all affected property owners located within the Westbury Road Improvement Area.

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Budget/Impact: $19,344.64 to be refunded and disbursed to the property owners located within the project area.

Recommended Action: Motion to amend the assessment roll for Westbury Road Improvement Area and authorize the Clerk’s Office to prepare and mail refund checks to the property owners within the project area.

7E. Procurement Services:

7E1. Request Approval of Task Order for Architecture Services: 15Q-075-TO-16, Fire Station #28, Rolling Greens - Rispoli & Associates Architecture, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of $72,750 as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen:

Description/Background: At its May 19, 2015 meeting, the Board approved contracts with three (3) firms to provide architectural services for the County. Firms can be selected based on area of specialty, or on a rotating basis. Rispoli & Associates Architecture, Inc. has been selected to design the new prototype for the Rolling Greens Fire Station #28. There are several goals for the new prototype fire station including:
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- Build in industry recommended cancer prevention system(s)
- Reduction of cost (estimated $150-$200K)
- Reassess interior design for function

The scope of work includes coordination of meetings with consultants, the County and contractor. Base services include redesign and new architectural drawings, as well as construction administration, structural engineering, and MEP and IT engineering services. A re-use fee has been established at 45% of this project’s fee. A copy of the firm’s complete scope is attached for review and will become part of the task order file and backup to the purchase order.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; services outlined shall not exceed $72,750 for this project; re-use fee for future stations will be set at $32,737.50.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and authorize staff to release the purchase order for 15Q-075-TO-16 to Rispoli & Associates for the Rolling Greens Station #28 task order.

5A2. Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund - Fire/Rescue Services - $119,478

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adopt Resolution 17-R-028 transferring $119,478 from the Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund for Fire/Rescue Services. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

7E2. Request Approval for Task Order for Civil/Site Engineers for Miscellaneous Projects: 15Q-051-TO-45, Engineering Services for Fire Station #28 - Rolling Greens - Davis Dinkins Engineering, P.A., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of $42,480 as approved in the FY 16/17 infrastructure sales tax budget)

The Board considered the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: At its May 19, 2015 BCC meeting, the Board approved contracts with ten (10) engineering firms to provide various services for the County under 15Q-051. Firms can be selected based on area of specialty, or on a rotating basis. Davis Dinkins Engineering, PA has been selected to provide engineering and permitting services for the Fire Station #28 - Rolling Greens project which includes a site plan of on-site improvements, geological engineering for boring locations and St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and FDEP permitting. A copy of the proposal is attached for review and will become part of the project file and backup to the purchase order.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated expenditure of $42,480. A 10% contingency will be added to the P.O., however, this cannot be utilized without written approval from Facilities Management.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and authorize staff to release the purchase order for 15Q-051-TO-45 for Engineering Services for Fire Station #28 – Rolling Greens.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Procurement Services Director Susan Olsen advised that Florida Statute 287.055 addresses the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), relating to competitive solicitation. She clarified that the county has a number of engineers on a master contract based on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which are reviewed and scored. The engineering firms can be selected based on area of specialty, or on a rotating basis.

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Ms. Olsen advised of some inconsistencies within the statute and noted Representative Stone is working with counties to try and revise the CCNA statute in order to resolve those inconsistencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to authorize staff to release Purchase Order No. 15Q-051-T0-45 for Engineering Services for Fire Station #28 – Rolling Greens. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

7E3. Request Approval for Bid Award and Contract: 17B-028, Non-Recreational Mowing - Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure $157,025.50 as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Facilities Management, Procurement advertised a bid for mowing Non-Recreational county properties. In an effort to attract local vendors and possibly award to multiple vendors, some properties were quoted together as complexes which includes the McPhearson Complex east and west, Maricamp Complex (Fire & Fleet), Downtown Complex (Judicial Center, Public Defender, Clerk’s Annex, Guardian Ad Litem) and Silver Springs Blvd. Complex (Growth Services, Library Headquarters, Veterans Resource Center). The rest of the county non-recreational properties were bid individually. There were only three bids received, Taylor Maid, Rocking B Enterprises and Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc. After reviewing the bids, Southern Lawn Care was the low bidder for the majority of the sites, and Taylor Maid was low bidder for four sites. We had pre-award meetings at Procurement with both vendors. Taylor Maid decided to withdraw from their four sites; therefore, Facilities is recommending Southern Lawn for the entire contract for a term of three (3) years with one (1) two-year renewal option.

Attached for review is a draft of the contract; upon approval, it will be sent to Southern Lawn Care for execution and upon return and approval by legal, it will be forwarded for the Clerk’s and Chairman’s signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; annual expenditure shall not exceed budgeted amounts.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval by legal, authorize Chairman to execute the contract with Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc. for bid 17B-028.

7E4. Request Approval for Bid Award and Contract: 17B-021, Mowing and Grounds Maintenance Services of Recreation Areas - Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of $179,677 as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Parks and Recreation (Parks), Procurement advertised a bid to mow recreational areas grouped in the north, central, and south districts, as well as open cut (as needed) mowing; two (2) responsive bids were received and evaluated. Parks had the option to recommend the overall low, or lower by group in the County’s best interest. The overall low summary appears below, and the detailed tabulation follows.
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<td>Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc. - Ocala</td>
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<td>Picture Perfect Lawn &amp; Landscape, Inc. - Summerfield</td>
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After review of the bids, and discussion with the contractor, it is Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Couillard's recommendation to award to the overall low bidder, Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc.

Attached for review is a contract draft for an initial five (5) year term with two (2) additional, optional five (5) year terms pending department and contractor recommendation and Board approval; annual expenditures shall remain consistent unless sites are added or removed, or fuel costs merit a renegotiation. Upon approval at today's meeting, the contract will be sent to the contractor for execution and upon return, will be forwarded for the County Attorney's, Clerk's, and Chairman's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; annual expenditure estimated shall be $179,677 based on sites in the bid.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval by Legal, authorize Chairman to execute the contract with Southern Lawn Care Mid Florida, Inc. for bid 17B-021.

7E5. Request Approval of Sole Source: 17SS-069 Emergency Vehicle Apparatus and Accessory Repair - Rev Technical Center (fka Hall-Mark Apparatus), Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Unknown; depending on need and usage as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Fleet Management, a request to waive the formal solicitation process and declare a sole source provider is being presented to the Board for collision and related specialized repair of fire-rescue apparatus. Currently, all vehicle repairs are handled by a collision shop through a contract with Fleet, however due to unique parts accessibility and expertise in recertification of emergency apparatus, Fleet requests all emergency vehicles be exempt from that contract and allowed to be managed by Rev Technical (Rev Tech) Center, formerly known as Hall-Mark. Rev Tech is the only local business of its kind and its technicians are already familiar with our apparatus, and their lighting and marking requirements. Using Rev Tech will expedite repairs, getting emergency vehicles back on the road in a fraction of the time of a standard auto body shop or facility out of town; the closest facility of this kind is in Sanford.

The Procurement Code, Section 2-4 (i) states “The Board of County Commissioners may grant an exemption to the solicitation process if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.” Fleet has recommended this type of repair service be declared exempt from quoting and authorize the work to be done by Rev Tech until directed otherwise or Procurement feels the services should be bid.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; expenditure depends on the needs of Fleet; repairs over $50,000 will be brought back before the Board for review and approval.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation for bid exemption for Fleet of it Fire-Rescue emergency apparatus and declaration of Rev Tech as the sole source under 17SS-069.
7E6. Request Approval of Contract Renewal: 15B-009, Annual Supplies - Signs, Striping & Signal Materials - Universal Signs & Accessories and Allied Tube & Conduit Corp., Harvey, IL; Osburn Associates, Logan, OH; Swarco Industries, Inc., Columbia, TN; Whiteleaf LLC, Sanford, FL; Flint Trading, Inc. and Ennis Paint, Inc., Thomasville, NC; Shur-Tite Products, Hutto, TX; and Vulcan, Inc., Foley, AL (Budget Impact - Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of $349,000 as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On February 17, 2015 the Board approved a contract with the subject suppliers to provide sign, striping and signal materials. The suppliers have complied with all terms and conditions of the contract which included renewal option for up to two (2) additional two (2) year terms. With receipt of an evaluation by the Office of the County Engineer, and acceptance of the renewal request by all suppliers, Procurement is recommending approval for the first renewal term ending February 28, 2019. Attached for review is a draft of the contract with Ennis Paint, Inc.; the others will be identical. Upon approval, they will be sent for execution, and upon return will be forwarded for the County Attorney, Clerk, and Chairman's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; estimated annual expenditure of $349,000.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval from Legal, authorize the Chairman to execute the first contract amendment with Universal Signs & Accessories, Allied Tube & Conduit Corp., Osburn Associates, Swarco Industries, Whiteleaf LLC, Flint Trading, Ennis Paint, Shur-Tite Products, and Vulcan.

(Ed. Note: Caminoverde IL, LP is doing business as (d/b/a) Shur-Tite Products.)

7E7. Request Approval of Bid Award and Contract: 16B-197, Stonecrest Centrifuge Building - Boyle Construction, Inc., Ocala, FL (Budget Impact - Neutral; expenditure of $208,100 as approved in FY 16/17 budget)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: On behalf of Utilities, Procurement advertised a bid for a contractor to erect a metal prefabricated building to house the centrifuge at the Stonecrest wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). Two (2) firms responded, and the bid opening was conducted by Carrie Hyde representing Procurement Services. Procurement and Utilities staff met with the contractor to ensure the scope of work was understood, after which Utilities Director, Angel Roussel recommended award to Boyle Construction, based on the tabulation below:

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Attached for review is a draft of the contract; pending approval at today's meeting, it will be sent to the contractor for execution as written and upon return of all documents and verification of bonds, the contract will be forwarded for the County Attorney, Clerk of the Court, and Board Chairman's signatures.

Budget/Impact: Neutral; the project cost shall not exceed $208,100.
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Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation and allow staff to issue contract, and upon approval by Legal, authorize the Chairman to execute the contract with Boyle Construction, Inc., for bid 16B-197.

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: At its June 4, 2013 meeting, the Board approved two (2) firms which would be used to solicit quotes for auto body repairs for the County's fleet vehicles: Reutimann Collision Repair and Liles Collision Service, Inc. Reutimann Collision Repair has been sold, and its new owner is not interested in performing estimates for the County under a transfer of contract at this time, leaving us with only Liles, and although it has performed well since 2013, a single auto body shop does not meet the intent to solicit quotes from a qualified pool. Additionally, Fleet has some proposed changes to the scope, however a new RFP cannot be re-advertised without termination of 13Q-138. Although the contract will be identified as terminated, Liles has been notified it is not related to performance, and they will be invited to submit a proposal if a new RFP becomes available.

Budget Impact: None; this action carries no budget impact.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve recommendation to (a) terminate contract and authorize Procurement to provide Liles 30 days' notice of cancellation, and (b) release a new RFP after Fleet provides its revised scope.

7E9. Request Approval of Purchases Over $50,000
The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by Procurement Services Director Olsen:

Description/Background: The items listed below have been received by Procurement Services for approval and payment in conformance with the Procurement Code/Manual:

Purchase Order Number 170533/Vermeer Southeast Sales and Services Inc.

- The Office of the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase one (1) BC1500-15" Brush Chipper with Tier 4 Final Engine. NJPA contract # 070313-VRM. The total purchase amount of $57,878 will come out of account #4121-564101.

Purchase Order Number 170532/Kenworth of Central Florida, Inc.

- The Office of the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase one (1) Kenworth T880 Base Truck, to include dual factory roof MTD strobes, double frame full length, 64,000lb GVWR package, Fr tires 20k & 44K, PacMac grapple KB 225 with 40CY dump body. Florida Sheriffs Contract # FSA 16-VEH14.0. The total purchase amount of $183,198 will come out of account #4121-564101.

Requisition Number 1700574/Kenworth of Central Florida, Inc.

- The Office of the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Kenworth T880 Base Truck, to include double frame full length frame insert, 64,000lb GVWR package including fr tires 20K & 44K, OX dump body 18 cubic yard with electric tarp. Florida Sheriffs Contract # FSA 16-VEH14.0. The total purchase amount of $121,372 will come out of account #4121-564101.
Requisition Number 1700591/Orlando Freightliner, Inc. – The Office of the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Freightliner M2 25,500lb GVW Cab and Chassis (Dual rear wheel) 4X2 Patch Truck, to include crew cab, vehicle interface, 35000 GVW upgrade, Pothole HD Industries TCM. Florida Sheriffs Contract #FSA 16-VEH14.0. The total purchase amount of $160,453 will come out of account #4121-564101.

Purchase Order Number 170535/Alan Jay Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc. – The Office of the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Ford F-450, regular cab chassis DRW 2WD, XL 120' CA, to include 4:88 axle ratio limited slip rear differential, reading custom 11' classic II utility body, water pressure cleaner and hose reel with additional 3' tail shelf to ensure 14' pipe will fit in center storage, and third key. NJPA contract # 102811-NAF. The total purchase amount of $61,038 will come out of account #4121-564101.

Requisition Number 1700578/Dell Marketing LP – Information Technologies is requesting approval of the purchase of two (2) Equallogic PS6610 storage area network (SAN) units per the Dell standardization approved by the BCC at its 6/18/13 meeting. Total cost $119,979.42 available in budget #2510-564101.

Purchase Order Number 170518/United Data Technologies, Inc. – Information Technologies is requesting approval of the annual maintenance renewal for data communications equipment and services. WSCA contract FL-43220000-WSCA-14-ACS valid through 6/2/19. Total cost $64,713.05 available in budget #2510-546301.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve purchases over $50,000.

7F. Transportation - County Engineer:

7F1. Request Approval of a Purchase Agreement and First Amendment for a Portion of Parcel ID 31872-000-00 Associated with Rolling Greens Fire Station (Budget Impact - Neutral: expenditure of $85,020.00 plus closing cost)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Tracy Straub:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve a Purchase Agreement in the amount of $85,020.00 plus closing costs for a proposed future fire station site located in the Rolling Greens Subdivision adjacent to Cherry Road and immediately east SE 58th Avenue. Also requested is approval of the First Amendment to the above mentioned Purchase Agreement.


Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached purchase agreement and first amendment and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

7F2. Request Approval of the Release of the Developer's Agreement with Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC (Budget Impact - None)

The Board accepted the following recommendation as presented by County Engineer Straub:

Description/Background: This is a request to approve the Release of the Developer's Agreement with Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC. All items identified in the recorded agreement have been completed. The release will be recorded in the Public Record acknowledging termination of the agreement.

Budget/Impact: None.
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Recommended Action: Motion to approve the attached release and to authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the same.

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY:
8A. Request Approval of Release/Reduction of Civil Restitution Liens for Shane Stevens, Jr.
Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky Taylor presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: At the December 6, 2016 Board meeting, the Board tabled a Request/Reduction of Mr. Shane Stevens, Jr. Civil Restitution Liens and directed that Mr. Stevens' request be brought back upon further research from the Clerk. The Clerk has provided additional information regarding Mr. Stevens' financial assessments of his liens.

On October 25, 2016, the County Attorney received a letter from Shane Stevens, Jr. requesting a release/reduction of the civil restitution liens recorded on November 1, 2011, at OR Book 5588, PG 450; October 24, 2012, at OR BK 5755, PG 1718; January 31, 2013, at OR BK 5803, PG 1889; and on August 2, 2013, at OR BK 5904, PG 313. Mr. Stevens is requesting the release/reduction due to a financial inability to pay. The reduction or release would alleviate some of the financial burden on the family. Mr. Stevens does not own any property in Marion County.

Mr. Stevens was arrested on April 21, 2011, for Driving Under the Influence Blood Alcohol Level over .15 (First Degree Misdemeanor). On July 22, 2011, he was adjudicated guilty and sentenced in Case No. 2011-CT-3302 to 2 days in jail and 1 year probation. The Court imposed incarceration costs of $100.00 (sentence of 2 days x $50 per day).

Mr. Stevens was arrested on September 1, 2011, for violation of his probation. On September 30, 2011, he was adjudicated guilty and sentenced in Case No. 2011-CT-3302 to 90 days in jail. The Court imposed incarceration costs of $4,500.00 (sentence 90 days x $50 per day).

Mr. Stevens was arrested again on June 21, 2012, for violation of his probation. On August 10, 2012, he was adjudicated guilty and sentenced in Case No. 2011-CT-3302 to an additional 250 days in jail to run concurrent with Case No. 2012-CF-1948. The Court imposed incarceration costs of $12,500.00 (sentence of 250 days x $50 per day). The civil restitution lien was recorded on October 24, 2012. He is currently in a payment plan for court costs and fines paying $50 per month.

Mr. Stevens was arrested on October 11, 2012 for Violation of Domestic Violence Injunction (First Degree Misdemeanor). On December 7, 2012, he was adjudicated guilty and sentenced in Case No. 2012-MM-7507 to 100 days in jail. The Court imposed incarceration costs of $3,100.00 (sentence of 100 days x $50 per day). The civil restitution lien was recorded on January 31, 2013. He has paid all court costs and fines in this case.

Mr. Stevens was arrested again on December 26, 2012 and January 31, 2013 for Violation of Domestic Violence Injunction (First Degree Misdemeanor). On April 2, 2013, he was adjudicated guilty and sentenced in Case No. 2012-MM-9135 to 324 days in jail. The Court imposed incarceration cost of $16,200.00 (sentence of 324 days x $50 per day). The civil restitution lien was recorded on August 2, 2013. He has paid all court costs and fines in this case.
Mr. Shane Stevens, Jr. is requesting a release/reduction in the Civil Restitution Liens totaling $36,400.00.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve or deny Mr. Stevens' request for a Reduction or Release of the Civil Restitution Liens.

County Attorney Matthew G. Minter commented on the request to approve or deny the Reduction or Release of the Civil Restitution Liens in the amount of $36,400, which represents the financial charges for time Mr. Stevens spent incarcerated at the Marion County Jail.

Mr. Minter advised that as a result of Board action relating to a previous request by a different individual, the county has received numerous calls inquiring if the Board has adopted a new Policy relating to reductions or releases from liens. He provided a brief overview of the BCC's history relating to these types of requests, noting the Board addresses them on a case-by-case basis due to the public incurring a substantial expense to house, secure, feed and provide medical care to anyone who is incarcerated.

It was noted that Mr. Stevens did not appear when called upon to speak.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to deny Mr. Stevens' request for a Reduction or Release of the Civil Restitution Liens. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:
9A. Administrative Updates

County Administrator Bouyounes advised that Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Jeannie Rickman will provide a brief overview of recent state legislative activities.

Commissioner Moore out at 10:14 a.m.

ACA Rickman commented on House Bill (HB) 2405 by Representative McClain, which includes the county’s State Veterans Nursing Home Planning Bill that staff will continue to monitor. She advised of previous conversations with Representatives Stone and McClain who are very supportive of the county’s State Legislative Priorities, especially relating to the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion (SELP). The county did not submit a Project Appropriation Request Form for the SELP due to the fact that the request was made through the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Ms. Rickman addressed a proposed Bill that is intended to abolish Visit Florida and the Enterprise Florida, Inc. programs, which are public/private partnerships that promote tourism. She stated the House Committee will be meeting on this matter in Tallahassee tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p.m., noting many within the community are planning to attend the meeting. She stated staff will continue to monitor Bills that may impact the county and will update the Board as necessary.

Commissioner Moore returned at 10:16 a.m.

Chairman Zalak addressed Amendment 1 funds, noting most of the money is earmarked to go to West Palm Beach rather than other counties to help with projects such as abatement of septic tanks, etc. He opined that local counties need to provide input as to where the funds should be allocated.

Commissioner Bryant advised that the Florida Associations of Counties (FAC) is divided on this issue and is not going to take a position one way or the other.

Chairman Zalak opined that it will continue to be helpful for Marion County to provide Tallahassee with information as to how the county would utilize Amendment 1 funding to complete projects.
UPDATE: County Administrator Bouyounes advised of recent communications staff received from County Administrator Rick Leary, Putnam County, who requested a joint meeting between Marion and Putnam counties to discuss issues that may impact both regions.
Chairman Zalak stated he spoke with Putnam County BCC Chairman Larry Harvey in regard to the possibility of a partnership to address matters that affect surrounding counties. It was the general consensus of the Board to direct the County Administrator to schedule a joint workshop.

UPDATE: County Administrator Bouyounes commented on Board discussion held on January 17, 2017 relating to roadside litter throughout the county. He stated the community of Salt Springs has scheduled a community cleanup day and noted county staff will help by providing support from the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Bouyounes addressed the possibility of reaching out to others in the community to organize similar projects.

Mr. Bouyounes advised that he, Chairman Zalak and Solid Waste Director Mike Simms held a meeting with the Chief Judge from the Marion County Courthouse to discuss how the judicial system can help address the issue.

Chairman Zalak commented on previous years where Judges offered gain time/community service hours to inmates at the jail to help incentivize them to work on roadside cleanup crews. However, that has been happening less and less, resulting in the loss of approximately 2,000 days of inmate roadside cleanup over the past several years.

Chairman Zalak addressed the “Adopt a Road” program and recommended staff reach out to the business community, Homeowners Associations (HOA’s) and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) to provide information on how they can get involved.

Mr. Bouyounes noted the Office of Public Information is currently working with the Solid Waste Department in regard to the “Adopt a Road” program.

UPDATE: County Administrator Bouyounes advised that Fire Chief Paul Nevels will provide a brief update relating to bed delays at county hospitals.

Fire Chief Paul Nevels, Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR), advised that the working group has been meeting quarterly in a collective effort to mitigate the extraordinary challenge which bed delays has presented to healthcare facilities, MCFR and the community over the past year. The group’s efforts and their respective agencies have made headway in reducing the amount of time in which ambulances have been delayed at hospitals by almost half.

Chairman Zalak thanked Chief Nevels and members of the working group for their hard work.

Mr. Bouyounes noted the next meeting for the working group will be scheduled for the first week in April, 2017.

Commissioner Bryant stated the working group includes healthcare facility CEOs and senior staff members, MCFR staff, and other community partners who continue to look for ways to decrease the time ambulance staff is spending at hospitals and facilities.
10. COMMITTEE ITEMS:

10A. Pine Run MSTU Advisory Council - Request Approval to Advertise for One (1) Vacancy for an Unexpired Term

Executive Assistant Nadja M. Griffis, Commission Office, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: We have received notification that Delores “Del” Wilson has passed away January 2017. Ms. Wilson served on the Pine Run MSTU in a term that expires in August 2018.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve advertisement for vacancy on the Pine Run MSTU for a term expiring August 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve advertising vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

10B. Marion Oaks MSTU for General Services - Request Approval to Advertise for One (1) Vacancy for an Unexpired Term

Executive Assistant Griffis, Commission Office, presented the following recommendation:

Description/Background: We have received notification that Nicholas Lauer has passed away in November 2016. Mr. Lauer served on the Marion Oaks MSTU for General Services in a term that expires in March 2018.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve advertisement for vacancy on the Marion Oaks MSTU for General Services for a term expiring March 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve advertising vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

11. NOTATION FOR ACTION:

11A. Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing for Belleview Heights Estates Unit No. 9 Improvement Area on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The Board considered the following recommendation from MSTU Director Shawn Hubbuck:

Description/Background: Bids have been accepted for Belleview Heights Estates Unit No. 9 Improvement Area. The following date is being requested for a final Public Hearing in accordance with Florida Statutes:

- Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to schedule and advertise a final public hearing for Belleview Heights Estates Unit No. 9 Improvement Area on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 starting at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Gold, to schedule and advertise a final public hearing for the Belleview Heights Estates Unit No. 9 Improvement Area on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

11B. Request Approval to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing for Lake Weir Heights Second Addition Replat Improvement Area on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., or immediately following previously scheduled Public Hearing

The Board considered the following recommendation from MSTU Director Hubbuck:
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Description/Background: Bids have been accepted for Lake Weir Heights Second Addition Replat Improvement Area. The following date is being requested for a final Public Hearing in accordance with Florida Statutes:

- Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., or immediately following previously scheduled public hearing.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to schedule and advertise a final public hearing for Lake Weir Heights Second Addition Replat Improvement Area on March 15, 2017 starting at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to schedule and advertise a final public hearing for the Lake Weir Heights Second Addition Replat Improvement Area on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., or immediately following the previously scheduled public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

11C. Request Approval of "Thank You Letter" to the Church at the Springs for Partnership in Hosting the County’s 2017 Employee Appreciation Day

The Board considered the following recommendation from County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes:

Description/Background: On Saturday, January 28, 2017, the county held the 2017 Employee Appreciation Day at the Church at the Springs facilities. The board is requested to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter expressing gratitude to the church for their generosity and partnership in hosting this successful event.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the "Thank You Letter" to the Church at the Springs for Partnership in Hosting the County’s 2017 Employee Appreciation Day and to authorize the Chairman to execute the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the "Thank You Letter" to the Church at the Springs for partnership in hosting the county’s 2017 Employee Appreciation Day. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Chairman Zalak thanked everyone for their hard work in setting up the event, especially Human Resources (HR) Director Amanda Tart, noting the event was a tangible way for Marion County to say thank you for all the hard work performed by staff.

WALK-ON: County Administrator Bouyounes presented the following recommendation regarding a request for approval to reschedule the SW 49th Avenue, South Phase Preliminary Engineering Project and Public Meeting Materials Workshop on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Background/Description: At this time there are two workshops scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The request to reschedule the workshop concerning SW 49th Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. is to allow adequate discussion time for both workshops.

Budget/Impact: None.

Recommendation: Motion to reschedule the SW 49th Avenue, South Phase Preliminary Engineering Project and Public Meeting Materials Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017.
Mr. Bouyounes advised of a previous commitment the Board has scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the same day. He opined it will not allow enough time for both workshops to be held, noting his recommendation is to move one of the workshops to later in the afternoon. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to consider the Walk-On Item. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0). Commissioner Bryant stated her preference is to hold both workshops in the afternoon. Chairman Zalak opened the floor for public comment. There being none, Chairman Zalak advised that public comment is now closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to reschedule both the SW 49th Avenue, South Phase Preliminary Engineering Project and Public Meeting Materials Workshop; and the Utility Capital Improvement Program Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

12. COMMISSIONER ITEMS:
12A. Commission Comments
Commissioner Stone expressed her appreciation to the Parrot Head Club of Marion County, noting the club recently performed a roadside cleanup project on SW 60th Avenue. Commissioner Stone expressed her appreciation to all Advisory Boards she has been appointed to as the liaison for the BCC.

Commissioner Moore thanked Commissioner Stone and all those who attended the Four Chaplains Ceremony to honor those who sacrificed their lives by giving their life jackets to others when their transport ship, the United States Army Transport (U.S.A.T) Dorchester was torpedoed 80 miles south of Greenland on February 3, 1943. Commissioner Moore thanked staff for their hard work addressing traffic issues in the Silver Springs Shores area. He expressed his appreciation to first responders and thanked them for their service to Marion County.

Commissioner Gold recognized the FAC and Commissioner Bryant for the important information provided at the recent educational summit relating to the referendum to expand the legal cultivation and dispensing of medical marijuana.

Commissioner Bryant also commented on the FAC educational summit, noting the information provided will help Commissioners educate the community on the issue and the steps being taken. Commissioner Bryant thanked those who attended the county’s 2017 Employee Appreciation Day. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Bouyounes for his efforts to help empower county employees. Commissioner Bryant commented on the need to pray for each other and our country’s leaders.

Chairman Zalak stated he recently attended the Governor’s Job Summit, noting the State of Florida is producing some incredible entrepreneurs, technical engineers, as well as offering healthcare initiatives and job related opportunities. In response to Chairman Zalak, HR Director Amanda Tart advised of the leadership courses the county is offering to employees under a new program entitled, “Lunch and
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She stated staff will be starting a Leadership Library that will be housed at the HR Department and should be up and running the beginning of March, 2017.

12A1. Commissioner Zalak - Margaret Patterson Road Dedication
Chairman Zalak commented on the request for a road dedication in honor of Margaret Patterson
ACA Rickman advised that staff is working with Ms. Patterson’s family members to finalize some of the documentation in order to present the request to the Board should it so choose to move forward with the dedication.
A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Gold, to direct staff to move forward with the road dedication in honor of Margaret Patterson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

UPDATE: Commissioner Bryant commented on the update provided earlier by Ms. Rickman and suggested the Board recess this morning’s meeting and reconvene prior to this afternoon’s scheduled workshop in order to discuss the proposed Bill that will do away with Visit Florida and other tourism initiatives so that the Board can determine which side of the issue it intends to support. She requested staff provide more information on the Bill prior to reconvening later this afternoon. It was the general consensus of the Board to recess today’s meeting until 1:50 p.m. this afternoon.
Ms. Rickman advised that the proposed Bill is 172 pages, noting she will bring back the first 10 pages of the Bill for Board review.

12B. Commission Calendar
The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Commission calendar covering the period of February 7, 2017 through February 28, 2017.

12C. Additional Public Comment: All members of the public wishing to speak during the “Additional Public Comment” portion of the agenda will be limited to two (2) minutes to make their request or presentation. If the request or matter requires investigation by County staff, the Chair will refer to staff for follow-up with the person making the request.
Sharett Gunn, SW 15th Street, questioned when the Board will begin holding its Medical Marijuana workshops. Chairman Zalak advised that a workshop on Medical Marijuana is scheduled for this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in these Commission Chambers.
Roger Knechtel, SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, commented on the effects that hatred has on a nation and its citizens.
Henry Munoz, Marion Oaks Boulevard, commended the Board on the way it conducted itself at today’s meeting.

13. NOTATION FOR RECORD:
13A. County Administrator Informational Items:
13A1. Present DRC Waiver Request LDC 2.16.1.B(10) - Family Division for the Bruce & Martha Perry Property Parcel #41853-000-00, Application #19751
13A2. Present Rebate Received from Sun Trust Procurement Card
13A3. Present Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership’s October - December 2016 Quarterly Report and 2017 Attraction, Creation, and Retention Program of Work
13A5. Present Memorandum Dated December 2, 2016 to Deborah Horvath, Animal Services Director from Mounir Bouyounes, County Administrator Regarding Animal Abuse Registry
13A6. Present Letter to the Marion County Board of County Commissioner from Cheri Pettitt, Chief Executive Director of Arnette House, Inc. Thanking them for their December 16, 2016 Donation of Food for the Shelter at Arnette House
13A7. Present Letter Dated December 29, 2016 to Mounir Bouyounes, P.E. County Administrator from David Homes, County Extension Director Regarding 2017 Calendar, Information from 2016 on the Economic Benefits of UF/IFAS Research and Extension, and Data for Marion County Economic Impacts and Client Satisfaction
13A8. Present Letter Dated January 9, 2017 from the City of Belleview to Marion County Regarding City of Belleview Annexation Ordinance No 2017-01
13A9. Present Letter Dated January 13, 2017 to Marion County Board of County Commissioner from David Layman, Executive Director of Marion County Habitat for Humanity Thanking Them for Supporting the 4th Annual Habitat Strawberry Festival and the 2017 Strawberry House
13A10. Present Letter Dated January 18, 2017 from Carl Zalak, III Chairman of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners to Walter Green, Mayor of the City of Dunnellon Regarding Rainbow River Concerns

13B. Present Walk-On Items From Previous BCC Meeting: NONE

13C. General Informational Items:
13C1. Marion County Health Department – For the Latest health news and information, Visit the Website at http://marion.floridahealth.gov/

13D. Clerk of the Court:
13D1. Present Regular Report of Utilization for Reserve for Contingencies
13D2. Present Lands Available For Taxes Which The County May Purchase (Within 90 Days From 01/11/17) For The Opening Bid Amounts, Pursuant To Chapter 197.502(7), Florida Statutes
13D3. Present the Acquisition or Disposition of Property Forms Authorizing Changes in Status, as Follows: 34096, 34402, 36054, 37771, 39579, 42479, 42482, 42484, 42487, 43172, 44192, 44193, 44199, 44200, 44695, 45137, 45155, 45219, 45223, 45232, 45342, 45673, 45674, 45965

13E. Present for information and record, minutes and notices received from the following committees and agencies:
13E1. Board of Adjustment (BOA) - November 7, 2016
13E4. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at http://www.WaterMatters.org
13E5. St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) - For Minutes and Agendas, Visit the Website at http://www.floridaswater.com
There was a recess at 10:42 a.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1:54 p.m. with all members present.

UPDATE: Chairman Zalak called the recessed meeting to order to discuss Visit Florida and economic development.
Commissioner Bryant questioned whether the Board saw the email that was received. Chairman Zalak advised that he had not seen the email. Commissioner Bryant stated an email was received from FAC whereby the Governor has asked counties to come up and give anecdotal facts to the Legislature on ways that the departments have helped.
Chairman Zalak stated the Board would be more than happy for Commissioner Bryant to travel on behalf of the Board.
Commissioner Bryant opined that the email somewhat answered the question if everyone has had an opportunity to read it and agrees.
Commissioner Stone stated she read the email out loud earlier and advised that she would not want to take sides.
Commissioner Bryant opined that by the Governor asking for anecdotal examples of where this has helped the community is probably the best thing the Board can do. Chairman Zalak concurred, noting giving results and/or facts is enough.
In response to Commissioner Stone, Chairman Zalak stated staff should not be addressing this matter before the Legislature, as it is a County Commission Agenda; however, Tourist Development Council (TDC) Chairman Danny Gaekwad, who also sits on Visit Florida, is going to Tallahassee. He clarified that if the county has a political statement to make a Commissioner will be sent.
Commissioner Stone inquired if a Commissioner will be going to Tallahassee tomorrow. In response to Chairman Zalak, Commissioner Stone advised that her day is already full tomorrow. Chairman Zalak stated his day tomorrow is also full. Commissioner Bryant opined there will be many more opportunities for the Commission to go and see all this. Chairman Zalak noted this is only the first Committee and he is not worried about a Commissioner attending tomorrow. Commissioner Bryant concurred and stated the Commission may want to attend at some point.
ACA Rickman presented a 6 page handout entitled, “CCS1 – Relating to Economic Program – 2017”, relating to the proposed committee bill (PCB CCS 17-01), which will among other things eliminate Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Page 1 is a summary page of the Bill itself with what action is to be taken. The Bill is on the Committee Agenda and is one of two Bills for tomorrow’s agenda at 1:00 p.m. before the Careers & Competition Subcommittee (CCS).
Pages 2 and 3 contains information of members presently serving on the Careers & Competition Subcommittee.
In response to Chairman Zalak, Ms. Rickman advised that the House Bill (HB) has no companion Senate Bill (SB). She noted she spoke with the county’s lobbyist, Mr. John Wayne Smith, Principal, Peebles & Smith, LLC, minutes ago, who said what he is hearing is this is going to be a long, drawn out battle and this is just the beginning.
Chairman Zalak opined that it feels more like a statement than anything else. Page 4 covers two topics in relation to the Bill itself: 1) Visit Florida; and 2) Enterprise Florida, Inc.

In regard to Visit Florida, Governor Scott recommended $76,000,000 in funding in his 2017-18 budget proposal. Last year the collective efforts of the industry’s more than 12,000 engaged businesses throughout all 67 counties resulted in 106,000,000 visitors who spent $108.8 billion and supported 1.4 million jobs. Eliminating Visit Florida will cost the State of Florida tax revenue and jobs. A 5 percent (%) drop in visitors means a loss of $5.5 billion in revenue, $563,000,000 in taxes and 70,000 jobs. It will also increase Florida’s unemployment rate and hurt the 84% of travel businesses that are small businesses. When Colorado lawmakers stopped their states tourism marketing efforts they lost 40% of their leisure traveler market and within 3 years tax revenues declined $134,000,000. In the absence of the state and local taxes generated by tourism, each Florida household would need to pay $1,535 to maintain the current level of government services.

In regard to Enterprise Florida, Inc., Florida uses taxpayer money to encourage businesses to expand their operations or to move to the Sunshine State in a variety of ways. Most of these programs, for example Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program (QTI) gives companies tax refunds or breaks for meeting performance requirements like adding jobs at an average wage and making a minimum capital investment in the state. The state’s economic incentives are administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the partners, such as the public/private partnership with Enterprise Florida, Inc. Enterprise Florida acts as the “primary point of contact for businesses with relocation, expansion or retention opportunities” and works with DEO throughout the application and distribution process. DEO is funded through a combination of Florida state trust funds, General Revenue and federal grants.

Ms. Rickman stated abolishing Enterprise Florida, Inc. will do away with the QTI and several other programs, such as the Brownfields Redevelopment Program. She noted an Economic Development Transportation Fund supports road projects with companies coming in and many other programs that are supported within Enterprise Florida.

Chairman Zalak noted the Bill limits these 2 organizations and questioned whether it eliminates all of the marketing spending. Is the proposal to bring it in house or to eliminate redistribute in the General Fund? Ms. Rickman stated the Bill itself states in part that it is, “transferring all duties, records, pending issues, rules and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other public funds relating to programs in Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Florida Tourism Marketing Corporation to the Department of Economic Opportunity by a type two transfer”.

Chairman Zalak noted the Bill is not necessarily saying that they are going to get rid of some of that spending, but are transferring the authority and dollars back within the full government structure. He stated these are “quasi Committees” so the argument is to transfer it and have control from a legislative perspective. Ms. Rickman opined that is correct, but without reading the full Bill (172 pages) she cannot answer that directly. Chairman Zalak noted his understanding, as there will be more time to digest the whole Bill.

Page 5 contains statistics as to what has impacted other states in years past, which was provided by the Travel Promotion Report, 2016, US Travel Association.

Page 6 addresses a 2% reduction scenario in travel and the impact to Florida. Chairman Zalak noted a 2% reduction is a significant change.
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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Carl Zalak, III, Chairman

Attest:

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David R. Ellsperrman, Clerk