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**Board of County Commissioners**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **What Happened at the Board Meeting!**

**(January 11, 2017) – LaBelle, Fla.** – The following is a highlight of the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting held on Tuesday, January 10 at Clewiston City Hall.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Item E1 – Sherriff's Department Law Enforcement Trust Fund Request was pulled from the consent agenda and tabled until next month's meeting to allow for a presentation by the requesting non-profit entity.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Land Development Amendments – This was the first of two hearings on a proposed definition of a Mobile Home Subdivision in the Hendry County Land Development Code (LDC). Currently there is not a definition in the LDC for Mobile Home Subdivision. The new definition designates a Mobile Home Subdivision as an area with individually owned lots that is developed with mobile homes. See agenda item for the full definition. Adoption is expected at the January 24<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting.
2. Proposed Future Land Use (FLU) Map Amendment – The County initiated the reclassification of approximately 38+ acres located in North LaBelle from Residential, Low-Density to Residential, Medium Density. Staff recommended this change due to the area being zoned for mobile homes. The change to the FLU would make these properties consistent with the intended use. Allowing property owners the opportunity to further advance their properties in line with their intended use. The BOCC approved this to be transmitted to the State of Florida for review. Adoption is expected at the first BOCC meeting in March.

3. Proposed Comprehensive Plan (CP) Amendments – For more than a year the Hendry County Planning and Community Development Department has been working on changes to the CP. These changes include creating a user friendly document for the public by moving the data and analysis portions to a separate document. The document also takes all of the CP amendments over the past few years and adds them in the correct order and place, which required renumbering the entire document. The BOCC approved this to be transmitted to the State of Florida for review. Adoption is anticipated in the next sixty days.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Board of Directors Vacancy – The FAC Board of Directors for District 28 was formerly represented by Hendry County Commissioner Don Davis. The FAC Board of Directors is composed of one commissioner from each Florida Senate District, elected to office by commissioners of the counties within the respective Senate District. Board members serve staggered two-year terms. The BOCC nominated Chairman Michael Swindle to fill the vacancy with term ending in June 2018.

## STAFF REPORTS

Approval of Workshop Schedule – The BOCC approved a workshop schedule to coincide with regularly scheduled BOCC meetings. Topics for workshops to include: East Recreation, Affordable Housing, Mental Health Service, Budget Priorities and more. The BOCC directed staff to include a legislative priorities planning workshop and to invite both city councils to participate. The public is encouraged to attend these workshops. A listing of the proposed workshop topics and dates are attached. All dates, times, locations and topics are subject to change. The legislative priorities workshop has yet to be scheduled and an update will be provided shortly.

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public requested clarification on why chickens were not allowed on his property which is zoned at A3 (agriculture3). The question spurred conversation on further discussion of animals allowed on specific land designation types in the County. Further discussion on this topic will be heard at the workshop for Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code Update and Review scheduled for February 28, 2017 in LaBelle from 3:00-5:00pm. All dates, times, locations and topics are subject to change.

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