



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**5/3/2022 9:00 AM**

**MINUTES  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Doug Smith, Chairman*

*Edward V. Ciampi, Vice Chairman*

*Stacey Hetherington*

*Harold E. Jenkins II*

*Sarah Heard*

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*Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator*

*Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney*

*Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and*

*Comptroller*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Stacey Hetherington  
Chairman Doug Smith  
Commissioner Harold E. Jenkins II  
Commissioner Sarah Heard  
Vice Chairman Edward V. Ciampi

1. INVOCATION ~ Moment of Silence

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to approve the Consent Agenda with the additional items and the one withdrawal. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **PROC-1 PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF WILLIAM D. SNYDER**

The Sheriff has prepared a presentation for the Board's input regarding the possible procurement and implementation of body-worn cameras by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Agenda Item: 22-0745

Sheriff William Snyder provided the presentation to the Board. Captain Peter Croft, Budget and Finance Director Kevin Youngblood, County Administrator Taryn Kryzda and Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

Commissioner Smith suggested giving the County Administrator direction to authorize upfront access to reserves up to \$1 million, to be drawn as needed and work to build into this coming budget cycle.

Commissioner Ciampi requested staff provide the Board with updates for public benefit once a decision is reached.

The following member of the public addressed the Board on this item: Michael Syrkus.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to direct staff to work with the Sheriff's team and authorize access to reserves up to \$1M, seek and apply for grants, and draw the funds as needed to begin the acquisition of the body cameras (equipment and personnel) this year and budget for next year. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

### **PROC-2 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chairman will present proclamations declaring Hurricane Preparedness Week, Foster Care Awareness Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, and Stamp Out Hunger Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 22-0684

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamations to the Board.

Deputy Emergency Management Director Sonji Hawkins accepted the Hurricane Preparedness Week proclamation.

4KIDS South Florida Executive Director Michael Keen accepted the proclamation for Foster Care Awareness Month.

New Horizon Board Director Emeritus Pat Austin accepted the Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation.

## **COMMENTS**

### **1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.**

Jim Snedeker spoke regarding the one-half cent sales tax.

Michael Syrkus addressed the Board suggesting a public Q&A regarding one-half cent sales tax increase.

Mary Dawson spoke in support of the National Scenic Byways grant [DEPT-1 for Martin Grade].

Tom Pine addressed concerns with local government spending.

Diane Meier commented on the one-half cent sales tax referendum and expressed concern with the inclusion of Pal Mar.

### **2. COMMISSIONERS**

#### **AM**

Commissioner Hetherington noted that Tykes and Teens lit the Sailfish Fountain green in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month; she encouraged the public to visit.

Commissioner Heard spoke about the reality of electric vehicles and suggested installing charging stations in the parking lot.

#### **PM**

None at this time.

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

None at this time

## **CONSENT**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

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Agenda Item: 22-0519

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF WARRANT  
LIST FOR DISBURSEMENT VIA CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC  
PAYMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Chapter 136.06, Florida Statutes, checks and electronic payments issued by the Board of County Commissioners are to be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. In compliance with statutory requirements, the Warrant List is added to the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. This Warrant List is for disbursements made between April 5, 2022 and April 18, 2022. Additional details related to these disbursements may be viewed in the office of the Martin County Clerk of Court and Comptroller or on the Clerk's website.

Agenda Item: 22-0023

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-3 CONSIDERATION OF A POLICY CHANGE TO PROCLAMATIONS  
THAT RECOGNIZE FOR PROFIT BUSINESSES**

On April 5, 2022 the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requested that staff return with an Agenda Item that addressed the manner in which For Profit Businesses are recognized via proclamation in the Agenda Policy and Procedures Manual of the BCC.

Agenda Item: 22-0757

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-4 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MEMORIAL DAY IN MARTIN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Memorial Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 22-0749

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY  
IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Apraxia Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 22-0803

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**CNST-6 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH REVISION TO THE LIST OF  
SPECIAL EVENTS REQUIRING ROAD CLOSURE(S) JULY 1, 2021  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to approve the fourth revision to the list of Special Events Requiring Road Closure(s) July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Agenda Item: 22-0801

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **CNST-7 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring National Safe Boating Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 22-0810

This item was approved by the first motion of the meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON A ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS**

Pursuant to Board of County Commissioner direction at the Board's April 5, 2022 meeting, a Public Hearing was advertised to consider adoption of an ordinance calling for a referendum on a one-half cent sales tax for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands for conservation and protection of resources within the Indian River Lagoon South, Pal-Mar, Loxa-Lucie and Blueways.

Agenda Item: 22-0839

County Attorney Sarah Woods provided the item to the Board. Ecosystem Restoration and Management Manager John Maehl and Public Works Director Jim Gorton assisted with Board questions.

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda clarified the intent for PalMar is to begin with acquisition of lands allowing the County to control what occurs in the area. She stated the sales tax initiative contains specific ballot language in which the sales tax can be applied.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Greg Braun and Tom Bausch.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, to approve this item. The motion failed for the lack of a second. County Attorney Sarah Woods confirmed no further action is needed due to the lack of a second for the motion.

## **DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL**

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

### **DPQJ-1 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDIAN GOLF CLUB SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE PUD ZONING AGREEMENT, REVISED MASTER SITE PLAN, REVISED PHASING PLAN, AND REVISED PHASE 3 AND PHASE 4 FINAL SITE PLANS (F099-037)**

This is a request for approval of a Sixth Amendment to the Floridian Golf Club PUD Zoning Agreement, including a revised master site plan, revised phasing plan, and revised Phase 3 and Phase 4 final site plans. The Floridian Golf Club is located on SW Murphy Road in Palm City and straddles the Martin and St. Lucie county line. The approximately 122 acres in Martin County includes an 18-hole golf course, club facilities, along with 36 residential units and associated infrastructure. Included is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation.

Agenda Item: 22-0752

#### **RESOLUTION NOs. 22-5.1 and 22-5.2**

Ex parte communication disclosures were made by all five commissioners. There were no return receipts [the application was not required to be heard at the LPA per the LDR's]. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Principal Planner Matt Stahley provided the staff's presentation to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney Krista Storey and Growth Management Director Paul Schilling assisted with Board questions.

The following County Exhibits were entered into the record: (1) agenda item/staff report, (2) Matt Stahley's resume.

APPLICANT: Lucido & Associates Senior Vice President Morris Crady addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant in support of staff's recommendation; no presentation was given.

Chairman Smith solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

### **DPQJ-2 REQUEST PLAT APPROVAL FOR HIGHPOINTE PUD PHASE 1 (C148-010)**

This is a request for Phase 1 plat approval for the Highpointe PUD (fka Pulte at Christ Fellowship). The final site plan for Phase 1 includes 94 single family lots and the associated infrastructure on approximately 175 acres of the 321-acre project. The Highpointe project is located on the east side of SW Pratt Whitney Road approximately one mile east of SW Kanner Highway in Stuart. Included with the application is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Agenda Item: 22-0791

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-5.3**

Ex parte communication disclosures were made by all five commissioners. Notices were not required. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Deputy Director Peter Walden provided the staff's presentation to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney Krista Storey assisted with Board questions.

The following County Exhibits were entered into the record: (1) agenda item/staff report, (2) Peter Walden's resume.

APPLICANT: The applicant was present; no presentation given.

The following member of the public addressed the Board: Doug Mustapick.

The Commissioners discussed the correlation of Operation 300 on the PUD.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

## **DEPARTMENTAL**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **DEPT-1 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL**

This is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for grant applications, awards, budget resolutions, budget transfers from reserves, and CIP amendments. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum.

Agenda Item: 22-0524

#### **RESOLUTION NOs. 22-5.4 through 22-5.7**

OMB Director Jennifer Manning presented the items to the Board. County Engineer Lisa Wichser and County Administrator Taryn Kryzda assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) National Scenic Byway grant, (2) Budget resolution for Mining Ordinance Consulting services, (3) CIP amendments for developer funded turn-lanes: (A) SW High Meadow Avenue at SW Martin Highway and (B) SE Salerno Road at S Kanner Highway, (4) Budget resolution to accept donations from Hedwig R. Varall Estate, (5) Budget transfer for potential disaster-related expenses, and (6) FY21-22 SHIP funding.

Commissioner Jenkins informed the Board of his intent to redirect \$100,000 of his district funds to apply for this project's grant match [Item 1].

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Vice Chairman Ciampi, to approve items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

Agenda Item: 22-0524

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to accept staff's recommendation for item 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Heard

**DEPT-2 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL  
\$1 MILLION OR GREATER**

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Agenda Item: 22-0521

There were no items.

**DEPT-3 APPROVAL OF AWARD AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND EAST TO WEST DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION FOR EIGHT VACANT LOTS IN THE PORT SALERNO  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)**

Through the RFP process, East to West Development Corporation (Developer) was recommended for award of eight vacant lots in the Port Salerno CRA (Property), upon which Developer will construct four single-family homes. The homes will be marketed and sold as affordable housing to income-eligible buyers. The Developer has executed a Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement (Agreement), which is presented to the Board for consideration.

Agenda Item: 22-0453

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**DEPT-4 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN  
THE PORT SALERNO CRA TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
MANATEE POCKET SW PRONG STA**

This summary of the Manatee Pocket SW Prong STA Project (Project), located in the Port Salerno CRA, describes the transactions necessary to allow for successful completion of the Project. The Project will occur in phases, and prior to the County's commencement of construction activities, the following must occur: (i) the Grien family

(Landowner) will convey certain lots to the County to be used for the Project, (ii) County will initiate amendments to the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Atlas for certain properties owned by Landowner, and (iii) the County will abandon certain unopened rights-of-way for the benefit of Landowner.

Agenda Item: 22-0165

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-5.8**

Office of Community Development Manager Susan Kores presented the item to the Board. Ecosystem Restoration and Management Manager John Maehl, Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox and Senior Assistant County Attorney Krista Storey assisted with Board questions.

Attorney Robert Raynes with Gunster Law Firm addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Vice Chairman Ciampi, to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

**AIRPORT**

**DEPT-5 UPDATE ON MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT/WITHAM FIELD'S DIVERSIFICATION AND AERONAUTICAL USE**

This agenda item concerns an update on the diversification and aeronautical use of Martin County Airport/Witham Field.

Agenda Item: 22-0754

Airport Manager Sam Carver presented the item to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney David Author, County Administrator Taryn Kryzda and Assistant County Administrator George Stokus assisted with Board questions.

Commissioner Ciampi requested staff to bring back an agenda item back to discuss economic development.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Scott MacDonald, Eric Ingraham, Alexander Beringer, and Frank McChrystal.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to approve Option 1 of the EMAS, expedite Public Works and start to design what that might look like, continue to buffer Monterey and to bring back an additional agenda item on what to do with the Dixie Highway section. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Jenkins II, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

**Nay:** 2 - Chairman Smith, and Commissioner Heard

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **DEPT-6 APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF A VACANT PARCEL IN POINCIANA GARDENS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FROM KAREN M. ELROD**

This is a request for the approval of the acquisition of a vacant parcel in Poinciana Gardens for conservation and adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed from Karen M. Elrod.

Agenda Item: 22-0739

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-5.9**

Real Property Manager Carla Segura presented the item to the Board. Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox assisted with Board questions.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

## **UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE**

### **DEPT-7 UPDATE ON THE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROGRAM SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND CONNECTIONS**

The Martin County Septic to Sewer Program has been in progress for approximately three years. Staff is prepared to provide an update on progress to-date, including service availability, number of homes connected and a summary of grant funding.

Agenda Item: 22-0799

Utilities and Solid Waste Director Sam Amerson provided the update to the Board. County Administrator Taryn Kryzda assisted with Board questions.

### **DEPT-8 UPDATE ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL WATER TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR WESTERN PALM CITY AREA**

Martin County Comprehensive Plan, Policy 11.1B.8. states: To ensure capacity of the regional water system, Martin County shall begin to design essential improvements when the system reaches 80 percent of total rated capacity. Construction will begin when the system reaches 90 percent of total rated capacity. No additional reservations shall be made at 100 percent of rated capacity unless construction of improvements is underway. Demand is at 82.3% of current capacity and 79.4% of uprated capacity, therefor design for additional capacity is scheduled to begin on FY2023.

Agenda Item: 22-0800

Utilities and Solid Waste Director Sam Amerson and Kimley-Horn and Associates Utilities Consultant Mark Miller provided the update to the Board.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **DEPT-9 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S NEED FOR A NEW FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE'S TREASURE COAST PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING COMPLEX PROPERTY IN FORT PIERCE**

The 19th District Medical Examiner has asked the four counties of the 19th District to consider funding a new facility. Senator Gayle Harrell has requested that each of the counties in the 19th District adopt a resolution to support the request for a new facility and to support requesting funding from State and Federal partners.

Agenda Item: 22-0793

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-5.10**

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda presented the item to the Board. County Attorney Sarah Woods assisted with Board questions.

Chairman Smith solicited public comment; none was heard.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Jenkins II, to approve this resolution as amended (remove the "Conceptually Whereas" clause and add the words "state and federal funding" to the last "Whereas" clause); and to support requests for State and Federal financial assistance if the facility be named in Dr. Roger Middleman's honor. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **DEPT-10 CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DON G. DONALDSON FOR EMPLOYMENT AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

On January 11, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted the notice of resignation and retirement of Taryn Kryzda from the position of County Administrator effective June 30, 2022. The Board unanimously directed the County Attorney to negotiate an Employment Agreement with Deputy County Administrator Don G. Donaldson for employment as County Administrator effective July 1, 2022.

Agenda Item: 22-0832

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-5.11**

County Attorney Sarah Woods presented the item to the Board. County Administrator Taryn Kryzda assisted with Board questions.

Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson provided a brief introduction of his qualifications.

Chairman Smith solicited public comment; none was heard.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ciampi, seconded by Chairman Smith, to approve Don Donaldson's employment agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chairman Smith, Commissioner Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Vice Chairman Ciampi

**PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.**

Amber D'Angelo congratulated Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson and County Administrator Taryn Kryzda. She shared updates on the efforts for backyard chickens in Martin County.

Frank McChrystal congratulated Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson, he also expressed concerns regarding the airport item.

**ADJOURN**

The Board of County Commissioners May 3, 2022 meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court and Comptroller  
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Doug Smith, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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