



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES

11/19/2024 9:00 AM

MINUTES

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sarah Heard, Chair

Edward V. Ciampi, Vice Chairman

Eileen Vargas, District 1

Stacey Hetherington, District 2

J. Blake Capps, District 3

Don G. Donaldson, P.E., County Administrator

Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and

Comptroller

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

5 - Commissioner Stacey Hetherington
Chair Sarah Heard
Vice Chair Edward V. Ciampi
Commissioner Eileen Vargas
Commissioner J. Blake Capps

1. INVOCATION ~ Pastor Blane Albright, Christ Fellowship Stuart
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve the agenda, with the additional item CNST-8, and consent pull CNST-4. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas,
Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item: 25-0001

Vice Chair Stacey Hetherington provided the introduction and welcomed local dignitaries to the meeting.

Commissioner Eileen Vargas was sworn in by Judge Steven Levin and addressed the audience.

Commissioner J. Blake Capps was sworn in by Judge Steven Levin and addressed the audience.

Commissioner Edward Ciampi was sworn in by Judge Steven Levin and addressed the audience.

ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NOs. 24-11.22 through 24-11.24

County Administrator Don Donaldson introduced the item to the Board.

ELECT A NEW CHAIR

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to elect Vice Chair Hetherington as Chair. The motion failed.

Agenda Item: 25-0001

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to elect Commissioner Heard as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

ELECT A NEW VICE CHAIR

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to elect Commissioner Ciampi as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

CHAIR SIGNATURE PLATE

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Vice Chair Ciampi, to approve the use of the prior Vice Chair's signature plate for check signing purposes until the new Chair's signature plate is available. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

DESIGNATE SIGNATORIES

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to adopt the resolution designating who may sign [on behalf of the Board]. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

BOARDS AND COUNCILS REQUIRING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Commissioners made appointments to Boards and Councils.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to appoint Vice Chair Hetherington to the TDC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve the appointment Howard Brown and Rick Hartman to be the Commission District 3 and 5 representatives on the Local Planning Agency; and Michael Dooley to be the Commission District 3 representative on the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Chair Heard, Vice Chair Ciampi, Commissioner Vargas, and Commissioner Capps

Agenda Item: 25-0001

2025 MEETING CALENDAR

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the 2025 meeting calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

2025 HOLIDAYS

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Vargas, to approve the 2025 holidays. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0001

RULES AND PROCEDURES

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Vargas, to approve the amended rules and procedures. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Tom Pine spoke about routine expenditures and items outlined in the consent agenda.

Gail Goldy urged Commissioners to "keep an eye" on the Comprehensive Plan.

Pauline Becker congratulated the newly elected Commissioners. She spoke about the previous Commission and their decisions regarding the Urban Service Boundaries.

KC Ingrim congratulated the newly elected Commissioners. She recapped events leading to the new Brightline agreement.

Jim Snyder thanked the Board on behalf of Martin County Forever, for placing the half cent referendum on the ballot.

John Dial welcomed the new Commissioners. He also addressed the Brightline agreement.

Jolene Jensen President of the Rio Civic Club provided a brief history of the club and invited everyone to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration. She congratulated newly elected Commissioners and thanked the previous Commission for their service.

Walter Loyd expressed his concerns with increased traffic, funding, and lack of transparency

regarding Brightline.

Terry Kogl welcomed the newly elected Commissioners. She requested the Board to change meeting times to accommodate working residents.

Jeff Whittman congratulated newly elected Commissioners and requested a re-vote on Stuart Commerce Park.

2. COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Vargas addressed issues surrounding Brightline as expressed by her constituents.

Commissioner Heard informed the new Commissioners they can propose for new items to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Capps recognized staff, various organizations, and boards that assisted with his transition into office.

Commissioner Hetherington welcomed the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Heard discussed a tentative conservation lands sales tax and the committee. She requested an agenda item to further discuss who will serve on the committee.

Commissioner Heard also proposed that the Rural Lifestyle Amendments be advertised and brought back before the Board at the next meeting.

County Administrator Don Donaldson advised there will be an agenda at the December meeting to further discuss this initiative.

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3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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None at this time.

PM

None at this time.

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Agenda Item: 25-0006

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

Agenda Item: 25-0013

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

CNST-3 NOTED ITEMS

Agenda Item: 25-0017

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-4 REQUEST FOR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING PRESERVE AREA AND AMENDMENT OF AN APPROVED PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Agenda Item: 25-0251

At the request of Commissioner Vargas, Growth Management Environmental Administrator Darryl Deleeuw and Senior Planner Maddie Gierczak presented the item to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

The property owner Kevin Bellucy addressed the Board regarding this item.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-5 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT AN UNDERGROUND EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (FPL) FOR UTILITY SERVICES ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY IN PALM CITY

Agenda Item: 25-0252

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

CNST-6 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN

Agenda Item: 25-0257

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

CNST-7 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR PROPERTY WITH A UTILITY LIFT STATION, LOCATED ON SALERNO ROAD, AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF THE PLAT FOR HUNTER LAKE IN STUART

Agenda Item: 25-0265

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11.25

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-8 MARTIN COUNTY LOCAL BILL REQUEST- INMATE MEDICAL COSTS

Agenda Item: 25-0275

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Agenda Item: 25-0044

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Mary Gavin and Michael Banas to the Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee; and Gerald (Casey) S. Cass to the Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to appoint Mary Gavin (term ending February 22, 2027) and Michael Banas (term ending February 20, 2025) to the Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-0044

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to appoint Gerald (Casey) S. Cass to the Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DPQJ-1 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FINAL SITE PLAN FOR WEST JENSEN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), PHASE 1B, PARCEL 12.7 (W038-110)

Agenda Item: 25-0259

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11.26

Ex parte communication disclosure were provided by the Commissioners. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Principal Planner John Sinnott provided staff's presentation to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) agenda item/staff report and (2) John Sinnott's resume.

APPLICANT: Christian Morales with Bowman Consulting addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant; no presentation was given.

Chair Heard solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

DEPARTMENTAL
ADMINISTRATION

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

Agenda Item: 25-0023

There were no items.

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

Agenda Item: 25-0029

Chief Procurement Officer Krysti Brotherton presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved:(1) Grinder Electrical Control Panel Installation and (2) Building 17 Renovation for the REACH Center.

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

There were none at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners November 19, 2024 meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
/lp

Sarah Heard, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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