

# BOARDS/COUNCILS OVERVIEW

## **4 County Task Team (affordable housing)**

The 4 County Task Team is an informal group. The list of members was generated by those who have attended one or more meetings and/or requested to be added to the mailing list. The Commissioners are appointed by their respective Commission - Edward Ciampi, Martin County; Cathy Townsend, St. Lucie County; David Hazellief, Okeechobee County; and Susan Adams, Indian River County.

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## **ACCESS 67 Initiative (Florida Association of Counties [FAC])**

The Initiative will address the Digital Divide that exists across the State of Florida and implement a comprehensive approach to empower members to develop solutions to address the impacts of the lack of access to critical telecommunication and information technology resources in Florida Communities. The Initiative will assist the Select Committee and FAC in advocating, collaborating, and educating on Broadband policy for solution and best practices.

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## **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)**

Function as the review committee set forth in the local housing assistance plan to advise and monitor the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP), evaluate requests for exceptions from the regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth in the local housing assistance plan, and to hear appeals from decisions made by the SHIP program administrator. Meetings are held every other month at 3:30 PM at the Administrative Building.

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## **Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC)**

The Committee was created pursuant to the recommendation of the Part 150 Noise Study Planning Advisory Team. The Committee shall have the duty and responsibility to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the implementation of the operational and land use mitigation measures adopted in the Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Study.

Meetings are held four times a year.

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## **The Arts Council, Inc.**

The Arts Council, Inc., doing business as MartinArts, has served as the local arts agency for Martin County since 1986. MartinArts mission is to inspire participation and passion for the arts in our community. MartinArts envisions a vibrant and thriving community where arts and culture are woven into every aspect of life. As a regional leader, MartinArts stimulates and advances the economy of the cultural community. With roots in our community, we strive to support the arts sector through advocacy, promotion, research, community planning and programming. Our focus on arts education is core to who we are as we know that through those efforts, we are working to secure an audience for generations in the future. We are housed in a county-owned historic building (formerly the county's first courthouse) the Court House Cultural Center (CHCC). Located in historic downtown Stuart, this venue allows us to serve as a hub of cultural experiences for residents and visitors.

Board meetings are held quarterly, October, January, April, and July.

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### **Business Development Board (BDB)**

The Business Development Board of Martin County is a 501(c)6 not-for-profit economic development corporation who provides confidential, complimentary services to owners, executives, entrepreneurs, and their representatives as they seek to start-up, grow, remain and come to Martin County, Florida.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM.

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### **Canvassing Board (chair or substitute & alternate)**

The County Canvassing Board shall be composed of the Supervisor of Elections, a County Court Judge, who shall act as Chair, and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In the event the Chair of the BCC is unable to serve due to candidacy with opposition, the BCC shall appoint as a substitute member one of its members who is not a candidate or a candidate with opposition. Per Florida Statutes 102.141 (1) & (1) (c)

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### **Children's Services Council of Martin County**

Enhance the lives of the children of Martin County and to enable them to attain their full potential by providing a unified context within which children's needs can be identified and targeted by all children's services agencies throughout the community.

Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 10:00 AM.

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### **Circuit 19 Juvenile Justice Board (fka Juvenile Justice Council)**

Work collaboratively with the Department of Juvenile Justice in seeking program improvements and policy changes to address the emerging and changing needs of Florida's youth that are at risk of delinquency. Develop a comprehensive juvenile justice plan for the circuit in collaboration with the county juvenile justice councils within the circuit. Assist the department in the evaluation and award of prevention and early intervention grant programs, including the Community Juvenile Justice Partnership Grant Program authorized in FS 985.415 and Invest in Children license plate proceeds. Provide advice to the department in the development and implementation of juvenile justice programs. Required by FL Statutes 985.664 (4) g The juvenile justice circuit advisory boards established under subsection (1) must include as members: (g) A county commissioner or his or her designee from each county in the circuit.

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### **Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process Steering Committee Treasure Coast (Region 8)**

Looks at Region's aviation needs and anything to do with aviation to discuss and make recommendations to the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT).

Meetings are held three times a year.

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### **County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie & Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and Lake Worth Lagoon**

Seek an improved lake management plan, which establishes a balance between the environment, flood protection, potable water, and agricultural uses of Lake Okeechobee, which does not threaten the potable water supply of the citizenry of South Florida; obtain implementation of a revised Lake Okeechobee regulation schedule which is sensitive to the Lake's ecology and the Estuaries' ecology; support the long-range environmental restoration of the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and Estuaries by supporting Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) to the extent that its implementation does not compromise Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Caloosahatchee Estuaries as an environmentally viable and sustainable ecosystem; and supports management of the Lake and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries primarily as an environmentally viable and sustainable ecosystem, as well as a water supply resource and flood protection structure.

Meetings are held quarterly.

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### **County Health Care Review Board (CHCRB) (2 members)**

Makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners of those indigent individuals whose hospitalization costs shall be paid from the hospitalization fund.

Meetings are held quarterly at 8:45 AM.

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### **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee (DAAAC)**

The Committee shall serve as an advisory Committee to the Board of County Commissioners on issues relating to chemical abuse in Martin County.

Meetings are held quarterly at 3:30 PM.

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### **Indian River Lagoon Council**

The goals of the parties are those goals set forth in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), as may be amended from time to time pursuant to revisions of the CCMP. The goals contained in the CCMP as of the date of the Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A. All goals are intended to be achieved through reasonable and cost-effective restoration and pollution reduction projects. The Board of Directors shall consider whether projects are financially and technologically feasible and cost effective in returning the Indian River Lagoon to health.

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### **Internal Audit Planning and Priority Committee**

The Internal Audit Planning and Priority Committee (IAPPC) is an oversight committee which reviews and determines the priority of audit requests submitted by private citizens, managers, administration, Board of County Commissioners, and the Clerk. Audits directed by the IAPPC and performed by the Internal Auditor consist of financial, compliance, investigative, efficiency and economy, performance elements, and/or management advisory consulting reviews. Meetings are held as needed.

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### **Law Library Committee** (appointed every 2 years)

Provides a broad spectrum of law information resources to both law professionals and the people of Martin County.

Meetings are held as needed (typically twice a year in February and August).

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### **Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC) INACTIVE**

Evaluate and recommend county land acquisition policies, procedures, standards, criteria, strategies, schedules, and priorities, and to review individual proposals nominated for purchase. Meetings are held as needed.

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### **Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council**

The Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council was established by Chapter 83-358, F.S. The Council is comprised of federal, state, and regional agencies and local representatives. It advises the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District on matters that affect administration of the Loxahatchee River, to identify and resolve inter-governmental coordination problems and to enhance communications. Furthermore, the Council is a partner in authorizing updates to the Loxahatchee River National Wild and Scenic Management Plan, written and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District.

Meetings are held the last Monday in January, March, June, and September at 2:00 PM at the River Center in Jupiter.

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### **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (5 members)**

To collaboratively plan, prioritize and fund the development of a multimodal transportation system that moves people and goods safely and efficiently while engaging the public and fostering effective partnerships within the policy framework of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, in accordance with federal and state requirements.

Six to seven MPO Board Meetings are held during the year.

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### **Pal Mar Water Control District Board of Supervisors**

The Pal Mar Water Control District covers approximately 22,000 acres in southern Martin County and northern Palm Beach County. There are no residents on the land and the majority of the property is owned by governments, including the South Florida Water Management District, Martin and Palm Beach Counties.

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 10:00 AM and typically in Stuart. For more information visit [www.palmarwcd.org](http://www.palmarwcd.org).

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### **Public Safety Coordinating Council (chair or designee)**

Assess the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium, and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. Such recommendations shall include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium.

Meetings are held twice a year.

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### **Small County Coalition (chair & vice chair or designee)**

The Small County Coalition was formed in 1990 as a statewide alliance of county commissions from small and rural counties to give increased visibility and support to the issues of primary concern to small counties and rural communities.

The Small County Coalition's primary mission is to help Florida's small and rural counties address legislative issues from a small county/rural perspective and work effectively with state agencies leadership.

The Small County Coalition submits Legislative Priorities and Policy Proposals for consideration by the Governor, Cabinet Members, Members of the Florida Legislature, the Leadership within State Agencies, and other local, state, and federal interests that might be supportive of Florida's small and rural communities.

Meetings are held in the fall to set Legislative priorities; in the spring during Legislative Session; and during the summer to conduct Annual Business.

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### **Tourist Development Council (TDC)**

The Tourist Development Council is a nine-member Council appointed as an advisory committee to the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. TDC members oversee the tourist development tax fund, provide direction on programs and budget, and review the expenditures of the Martin County Office of Tourism.

The TDC appointed seats are comprised of three elected officials, three representatives from accommodations collecting the tourist tax, and three representatives from tourism-related industries, as directed by Florida Statute 125.0104. The Council shall meet at least once each quarter and, from time to time, shall make recommendations to the county governing board for

the effective operation of the special projects or for uses of the tourist development tax revenue and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by county ordinance or resolution. Meetings are typically held bimonthly on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM.

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### **Treasure Coast Community Action Agency Advisory Board (TCCAAAB)**

The Agency's mission is to partner with other human services organizations to aid residents in need of assistance with targeted services, resources and guidance to foster self-sufficiency and independence.

Meetings are held quarterly on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 2:00 PM in St. Lucie County.

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### **Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments**

The purposes of the Council shall be to study such area governmental problems as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions, and area development; promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members; and make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform local functions and services within the area.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at 10:00 AM at the Roger Poitras Administration Annex, 2300 Virginia Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fort Pierce.

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### **Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) (2 members & 2 alternates)**

To encourage and enable local units of government and the citizenry to assemble and cooperate with one another and with representatives of major economic interests, to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizenry, and to plan for the future development of the Region in a way that will afford a high quality of life.

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:30 AM.

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### **Treasure Coast Workforce Consortium (chair or designee)**

Mission: Provide Opportunities. Improve Lives.

Responsibilities include the appointing of WDBTC Board members; enter in agreement(s) with the Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast (WDBTC), the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant recipient and administrative entity, for the development of the local WIOA plan; review and approve all WIOA plans prepared and jointly submit, along with WDBTC, said plans to the Governor and to perform any other appropriate duties necessary for the accomplishment of and consistent with the purposes of the Inter-local agreement for the Treasure Coast Workforce Consortium, WDBTC and the WIOA.

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**TRICO Board (1 member & 2 alternates)**

Property and Casualty Group (the “Group”) is a public entity risk pool created by an interlocal agreement as authorized by Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes. The Group develops, implements, and administers a multi-county cooperative property and casualty risk management program for member Municipalities and Counties with the purpose of pooling the resources of its members to provide a comprehensive risk management program including insurance coverage.

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM.

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**Value Adjustment Board (VAB) (2 members & 2 alternates)**

The Value Adjustment Board is an independent board created by Florida Statute Chapter 194. The Board consists of two County Commissioners, one School Board member and two citizen members. Their duties are to approve and hire Special Magistrates to hear and settle disputes relating to ad valorem assessments, exemptions, deferrals, and classifications, during scheduled quasi-judicial hearings. The VAB makes the final decisions regarding the appeals and recommendations of the Special Magistrates.

**NOTE:** The BCC elects a Chair of the 2 members.

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