

COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPT-3 REQUEST TO APPROVE SCORING CRITERIA AND BEGIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT/ WITHAM FIELD

In May 2025, BD Bard Liberator formally communicated its intention to exercise the renewal option for office space the company leases at the Martin County Airport/ Witham Field, located at 1823 SE Airport Road, Stuart, Florida. Additionally, BD Bard Liberator has expressed a desire to remove the office building at 1921 SE Airport Road from their existing lease. In response, Airport staff recommends initiating a formal Request for Proposal for the 1921 SE Airport Road office space to identify a new tenant who can effectively utilize the area while adhering to all Federal and State obligations pertaining to its use.

Agenda Item: 25-1257

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the scoring criteria and directed staff to move forward with a Request for Proposal for the property located at 1921 SE Airport Road at Martin County Airport/Witham Field.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-4 MARTIN COUNTY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

The Vulnerability Assessment evaluates Martin County's critical assets exposure to climate threats such as tidal flooding, storm surge, and rainfall in association with sea level rise per the requirements set forth with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Agenda Item: 25-1201

ACTION TAKEN: The Board heard the presentation.

DEPT-5 ACQUISITION OF BAR-B-RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS ACQUISITION PROGRAM

In November 2024, the voters of Martin County approved a referendum authorizing the collection of a 0.5% sales tax to fund the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands. On June 25, 2025, the Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC), a nine member BOCC appointed citizen advisory board, met and recommended acquisition of a conservation easement over a portion of the Bar-B-Ranch property. This item seeks initial BOCC authorization to use sales tax funds for the conservation easement. Before final acquisition, separate Board action will be required to approve a funding agreement with the State of Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-1175

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the ELOC's recommendation to use funds generated from the 2024 Sales Tax Referendum to acquire a conservation easement on a portion of the Bar-B-Ranch property and instructed staff to proceed with due diligence, negotiations, and collaboration with the relevant stakeholders.

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ADJOURNED AT 12:08 PM

The next meeting is September 9, 2025.

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