



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES

10/10/2023 9:00 AM

MINUTES

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

County Commissioners

Commissioner Stacey Hetherington
Commissioner Doug Smith
Vice Chair Harold E. Jenkins II
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Chairman Edward V. Ciampi

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
Commissioner Doug Smith
Vice Chair Harold E. Jenkins II
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Chairman Edward V. Ciampi

1. INVOCATION ~ Pastor Aaron Meehan, Higher Purpose Pentecostal Church
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~ William "Robbie" Monroe, Combat Army Veteran
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the agenda, consent agenda and the additional item CNST-7. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 PRESENT A PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO JENNIFER MANNING UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE WITH THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item: 24-0086

Assistant County Administrator Matthew Graham and Budget Financial Manager Stephanie Merle presented a plaque of recognition and appreciation to OMB Director Jennifer Manning upon the occasion of her retirement.

Ms. Manning accepted the proclamation and thanked the commissioners and all those who impacted her career.

Stephanie Merle, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Heard, Commissioner Ciampi and County Administrator Don Donaldson congratulated Jennifer on her retirement.

PROC-2 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: 24-0048

Senior Communications Coordinator Martha Ann Kneiss presented the proclamations to the Board. She spoke about how October 2023 is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Helping People Succeed President and CEO Suzanne Hutcheson accepted the proclamation.

SafeSpace CEO Jennifer Fox accepted the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

PROC-3 VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE PRESENTATION

Agenda Item: 24-0087

Commissioner Ciampi presented information regarding Volunteers in Medicine, who they are and the services they provide. Clinic Medical Director Jordan Bromberg provided the Volunteers in Medicine proclamation presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Smith gave praise to Volunteers in Medicine and thanked them for their services.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Belinda Gilels thanked Dr. Bromberg. She also congratulated Jennifer Manning. She requested follow-up on the Palm City parcel and the abandoned parcel next to Tractor Supply. Ms. Gilels expressed her discontent with the lack of green space in the County.

Tom Pine provided his opinion regarding recent budget hearings and County spending. He addressed the purchase of land on 714, empty Marty buses and the County's business

dealings.

Mark Perry spoke about the FY24 water quality project updates.

Candace Cooney, pickleball player, spoke about the passing of Sam Hawkins on a pickleball court in Martin County. She expressed her concern regarding the lack of an AED at the pickleball courts. Ms. Cooney spoke about how they raised funds to purchase three AEDs for Halpatokee, Justin Wilson and Langford Park. She requested the Board's help and partnership to find a way to store AEDs that are already purchased, at the parks. Commissioner Ciampi informed Ms. Cooney that they are having a meeting with the legal department, Parks and Recreation and Fire Rescue to coordinate a solution.

Amy Pritchett spoke in support of the docks in Port Salerno. She also requested an additional solution to funding the purchase of the Palm City parcels.

Kevin Eddy addressed concerns regarding a relationship between a commissioner and developer in Port Salerno.

Casey Cass spoke in support of the Port Salerno docks. He also spoke about the impact of prayer and the pledge as it relates to one community, regardless of political and economic divides.

John Snyder spoke in support of the commercial fishing docks in Port Salerno. He expressed concerns regarding community parking issues in the area for the boat docks. He also mentioned the flooding on Commerce Ave.

William Embrey spoke in support of the commercial fishing docks in Port Salerno.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

Commissioner Hetherington mentioned that Stuart Beach hosted a partnership with TDC and the Sports Commission. They hosted the World Firefighter Championship; she commended the ladies of Martin County Fire Rescue.

Commissioner Smith congratulated the competitors in the World Firefighter Championship and thanked the TDC for their support.

PM

None at this time.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AM

County Administrator Don Donaldson inquired if Commissioner Ciampi wanted to speak regarding the fair. Commissioner Ciampi introduced Casey Mullins with the FAIR Association. She requested the Board's support for a lease agreement with South Florida Water Management District, regarding the additional 44 acres for Fair parking.

PM

None at this time.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins II, to ask staff to come back with an agenda item that reflects the discussion of additional land from the Water Management District to the County; as well as the impacts of that discussion and agreement to the lease option and any updates of the timeline and information involved with the lease option. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Agenda Item: 24-0002

This motion 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: 24-0008

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

CNST-3 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0033

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

CNST-4 PURCHASING MANUAL UPDATE

Agenda Item: 24-0098

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10.1

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

CNST-5 AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Agenda Item: 23-1096

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10.2

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

AIRPORT

CNST-6 PROPRIETARY EXCLUSIVE RIGHT FOR SELF-FUELING AND SHADE HANGARS AT THE MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT, WITHAM FIELD

Agenda Item: 24-0131

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10.3

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-7 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MOBILITY WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0177

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 FINAL APPROVAL OF AN AS IS PURCHASE CONTRACT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 6+/- ACRE PARCEL FROM JAMSZ PROPERTIES, INC. IN PALM CITY

Agenda Item: 23-1134

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10.4

Real Property Manager Carla Segura presented the item to the Board. Public Works Director Jim Gorton and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

County Administrator Don Donaldson clarified funding options and sources. The commissioners had discussion regarding the funding and sources of this parcel.

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins II, to use Inter-fund Loan Program as a bridge to a bank loan that is repaid by the District MSTU and CRA funds that have been discussed for the period of time that is required to pay off the bank loan; and that the district commissioner work with the community as a whole, whether Palm City or others, to craft a vision for the property that is appropriate as deemed with the commissioner and the community.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Jenkins II, and Chairman Ciampi

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Hetherington, and Commissioner Heard

DEPARTMENTAL

ADMINISTRATION

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

Agenda Item: 24-0018

County Administrator Don Donaldson mentioned that, typically, the board reviews all items individually and approves them as a group; he recommended discussing the item in question separately [Port Salerno dock] and voting on that before moving on to the rest of the items.

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus presented the item to the Board.

The following item was approved: (2) Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coastal Partnership Initiative for Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Dock.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Butch Olsen, Christina Ardigo, and Sean Ebersold.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve and give the direction to staff to move forward. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Agenda Item: 24-0018

RESOLUTION NOs. 23-10.5 through 23-10.12

OMB Director Jennifer Manning presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) FDCF Court Diversion, (3) US DOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Grants, (4) FY24 Innovative Technologies for Pharmaceuticals, (5) SCOP State Funded Grant, (6) FDOT Public Transportation Grant (airfield signage replacement), (7) FDOT Public Transportation Grant (building 29 and 30), (8) FY23 FDEP Stormwater Treatment, (9) State Housing Initiative 22/23 Funds, (10) JAG Program, (11) E911 State Grant for GIS Repository, and (12) Budget resolution Manatee Pocket Mooring Field

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard seconded by Vice Chairman Jenkins II, to approve all remaining items. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Agenda Item: 24-0024

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

The following items were approved: (1) Plumbing Services and Repairs.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-3 FY24 WATER QUALITY PROJECT UPDATE

Agenda Item: 24-0120

Ecosystems and Restoration Management Manager John Maehl provided the presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Heard commended Mr. Maehl on the presentation.

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None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners October 10, 2023 meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Harold Jenkins II, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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