



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CALL TO ORDER

I/e Gertrude Walden Childcare Center performance.

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

1. INVOCATION - Reverend Anil K. Singh, Trinity United Methodist Church of Jensen Beach
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Bernie Lawson, US Navy Veteran
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the agenda with the additional item CNST-13. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 PRESENT A PROCLAMATION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman will present the proclamation declaring a Year of Celebration on the 125th anniversary of All Saints' Episcopal Church and All Saints' Cemetery in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 24-0372

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamation to the Board.

Father Tony Holder with All Saints' Episcopal Church accepted the proclamation declaring a Year of Celebration on the 125th Anniversary of All Saints' Episcopal Church and All Saints' Cemetery.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Mark Perry addressed the Board regarding the Florida Coral Reef Protection Act.

Tom Pine addressed consent agenda spending.

Robin Cartwright expressed her disappointment with recent County decisions impacting the environment.

Butch Olsen spoke about the new Commercial Fishing Docks project; and thanked the Board for their partnership.

Amber D'Angelo encouraged the Board to bridge the gap between County government and its constituents by fostering trust and community engagement.

Jody Foster (Council for the Port Salerno Fishing Dock Authority) echoed the previous speakers comments regarding the Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Docks.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

Commissioner Smith addressed public comments relating to the Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Docks. He directed staff to work with the Dock Authority, to polish the current agreement and assist with planning for the next 30 years.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to direct the Legal Department and any other associated staff, to work with the Dock Authority

to look at the current agreement and return with an item as soon as practical. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith highlighted the All Saints' as an iconic landmark in the County. He congratulated Commissioner Jenkins on the ribbon cutting; and thanked all who attended the Taste of Jensen and Tree Lighting.

Commissioner Hetherington addressed suggestions made by Amber D'Angelo to foster community engagement in County government. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Ciampi also highlighted suggestions made by Amber D'Angelo. He wished a happy holidays and best wishes to all.

Commissioner Heard addressed public comment made by Amber D'Angelo, she informed her that she can participate in Martin CARES for a more insightful understanding of how the County operates. Commissioner Heard expressed her interest in serving on the Canvassing Board. She wished residents a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested offering a YouTube CARES Program to residents. He announced Project LIFT will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location in Hobe Sound.

Commissioner Smith congratulated Commissioner Jenkins on his efforts in Hobe Sound.

Commissioner Jenkins also shared with the Board that the Martin County Community Land Trust is now setup as a 501C.

PM

The Board wished all a safe and Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Ciampi announced the passing of Pat Sprawling after a long battle with cancer. Commissioner Smith echoed Commissioner Ciampi's sentiments.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AM

County Administrator Don Donaldson presented Commissioner Ciampi with a plaque for his tenure as Chairman. Commissioner Ciampi thanked the Board.

PM

County Administrator Don Donaldson provided updates and recognized various staff on their efforts over the last few months. He thanked the Board for recognizing Pat Sprawling. Mr. Donaldson commended the I.T. and Human Resource departments on the new timekeeping system. He informed the Board of an issue with un-interrupted power supply at the Public Safety Center and shared that the County was awarded the appropriation request. He thanked Congressman Brian Mast and staff for the grant to update the equipment.

County Administrator Don Donaldson thanked the Board for help with funding Mental Health

Court.

County Attorney Sarah Woods wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 24-0007

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 November 20, 2023 and November 26, 2023. 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: 24-0013

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

CNST-3 NOTED ITEMS

Noted items are documents for the Board's information that must be a part of the record but do not require any action.

Agenda Item: 24-0016

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

CNST-4 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES STATUS REPORT

This quarterly Status Report is provided to keep the Commission apprised of all the current vacancies, expired terms, etc. on their various boards and committees.

Agenda Item: 24-0017

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

CNST-5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

After solicitation of applicants, the Board is asked to make the necessary appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item: 24-0236

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.6

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

CNST-6 TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Treasure Coast Community Action Agency Advisory Board.

Agenda Item: 24-0247

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

CNST-7 DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Board is asked to confirm the necessary appointments to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee.

Agenda Item: 24-0246

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.7

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

BUILDING

CNST-8 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF MARJORIE DORN ESTATE CASE NUMBER ENF2018030399

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.98B, General Ordinances, Martin County Code, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to consider approval of a Fine Reduction Stipulation and Agreed Recommended Order regarding the Code Enforcement case of Marjorie Dorn.

Agenda Item: 24-0365

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-9 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING WARRANTY DEEDS FOR DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY, DRAINAGE, ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENTS ALONG SW SAVAGE STREET AND SW QUAIL HOLLOW STREET IN PALM CITY

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting eleven (11) Warranty Deeds for dedicated right-of-way ("ROW") and fourteen (14) Utility, Drainage, Access and Maintenance Easements from Medalist Building Group LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and Jeremy LeMaster, which are requirements of the condition for approval for the Road Opening Permit at SW Savage Street and SW Quail Hollow Street in Palm City.

Agenda Item: 24-0339

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.8

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

CNST-10 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM ALAN J. HAAG AND ANGELA A. HAAG ON SE MONROE STREET IN STUART FOR THE CORAL GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION PROJECT

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting a five-foot (5') Drainage Easement from Alan J. Haag and Angela A. Haag, on SE Monroe Street in Stuart, as part of the Coral Gardens Neighborhood Restoration Project for restoration of the drainage infrastructure within the Coral Gardens subdivision.

Agenda Item: 24-0354

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.9

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

CNST-11 REQUEST APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) PETROLEUM RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR CLOSEOUT WITH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ON OLD ROAD DEPARTMENT REMEDIATION SITE IN STUART

This request is for approval and authorization to execute documents associated with the Petroleum Restoration Program closeout with restrictive covenants from FDEP, located on the old Road Department site at the corner of SE Indian Street and SE Dixie Highway in Stuart.

Agenda Item: 24-0357

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

CNST-12 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM STRATFORD ON THE WATERS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION ON SW CINNAMON COURT IN STUART

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting a Utility Easement from Stratford on the Waters Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, to allow for utility assets as part of a water main extension project along SW Cinnamon Court in Stuart.

Agenda Item: 24-0363

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.10

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-13 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 19, 2024 ARBOR DAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring January 19, 2024 Arbor Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 24-0429

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD TEXT AMENDMENT

The Board of County Commissioners requested the Historic Preservation Board (HPB), currently made up of 7 members, be expanded to 9 members. This procedure requires an ordinance amendment of Article 4 Division 13 entitled "Historic Preservation" in the Martin County Land Development Regulations regarding the make-up of the HPB adding two more members at-large. With the increase of members from 7 to 9, the proposed change to Section 4.582.D would state, "No business shall be conducted by the HPB without a quorum consisting of five members, and all businesses shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order".

Agenda Item: 24-0117

ORDINANCE NO. 1212

Community Development Assistant Manager Jordan Pastoris presented the item to the Board.

Commissioner Ciampi requested an update on the Patio at Palm City Place.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 10, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES AND ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE

This is a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance that amends several provisions of Article 10, Development Review Procedures and Article 12, Division 1, Uniform Development Standards, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code. These revisions are intended to improve clarity and purpose of the development review process.

Agenda Item: 24-0341

ORDINANCE NO. 1213

Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden provided the item to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

PH-3 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT CPA 22-09, CHAPTER 18 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ELEMENT, CHAPTER 4 AND CHAPTER 2 TEXT

The Board initiated changes to Chapter 18, Community Redevelopment Element, to improve clarity and internal consistency regarding density language, open space and preserve area requirements. In addition, there are amendments to Chapter 4, Future Land Use Element and Chapter 2, Overall Goals and Definitions for consistency.

Agenda Item: 24-0345

ORDINANCE NO. 1214

Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden provided them item to the Board. Development Review Administrator Elizabeth Nagel and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PH-4 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE

This is a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance that amends several provisions of Article 12, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code. These revisions are intended to improve the clarity and internal consistency regarding density language, open space and preserve area requirements to be consistent with proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA 22-09 to Chapter 18, Chapter 4 and Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan (CGMP).

Agenda Item: 24-0347

ORDINANCE NO. 1215

Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden and Development Review Administrator Elizabeth Nagel presented the item to the Board. Office of Community Development Manager Susan Kores, County Administrator Don Donaldson and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Commissioner Ciampi suggested keeping 'cash in lieu' within the originating CRA.
Commissioner Smith suggested leaving that decision to staff's discretion.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PUBLIC HEARINGS QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARTIN COUNTY ZONING ATLAS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR MONTE P. MCLENDON (M234-001)

This is a request by Deanna Freeman, LLC for a zoning district change from R-2, Single family District to RM-8, Medium Density Residential District for an approximately .25-acre undeveloped site. The subject property is located at 1367 NW Charlie Green Drive, just south of Baker Road in Jensen Beach. Included is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Agenda Item: 24-0349

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.11

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

COUNTY: Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden 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) Peter Walden's resume.

APPLICANT: Deanna Freeman provided the applicant's presentation to the Board. The affidavit of mailing was provided at the LPA.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PHQJ-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARTIN COUNTY ZONING ATLAS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR WESTON DISTRIBUTION CENTER, LLC (G085-003)

This is a request by Antrosky LLC, on behalf of Weston Distribution Center LLC, for a zoning district change from R-2, Single Family District to LI, Limited Industrial District for an approximately 0.94-acre undeveloped site located on the northeast corner of the SW Kanner Highway overpass of the Florida Turnpike in Stuart. Included is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Agenda Item: 24-0350

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.12

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. There were no interveners. Proof of mailing was filed at the LPA. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Development Review Administrator Elizabeth Nagel 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) Elizabeth Nagel's resume.

APPLICANT: German Walas, property owner, address the Board; no presentation was given.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DPQJ-1 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PORT COVE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING AGREEMENT INCLUDING A REVISED MASTER/FINAL SITE PLAN (B006-009)

This is a request by Insite Studio on Behalf of Oksjn Jensen, LLC, for the First Amendment to the Port Cove Planned Unit Development (PUD) for changes related to the removal of a proposed cross access between Port Cove and the adjacent Beacon 21 PUD. The Port Cove PUD includes 29 townhome units on the approximate 4.84-acre parcel resulting in a density of 5.99 units per acre. The site is located

approximately .5 miles west of the roundabout of NE Dixie Highway and NE Palmer Street. Included with this application is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation.

Agenda Item: 24-0348

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. There were no interveners. Return receipts were not required. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden 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) Peter Walden's resume.

APPLICANT: Attorney Bob Raynes with Gunster Law Firm addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant. Beacon 21 Homeowner's Association President Michael Douglas answered Board questions.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner 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: 24-0023

RESOLUTION NOs. 23-12.13 through 23-12.15

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board. Martin County Fire Rescue Administrator Matt Resch assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) Urban and Community Forestry Grant, (2) Florida Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Workshop and Citizen's Science Program Grant, (3) Bureau of Justice Assistance Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant, (4) Department of Health FY24 EMS Trust Fund Grant, (5) Resilient Florida Grant (MacArthur Blvd), (6) Interlocal Agreement for State Attorney's Victim

Services Fiscal Agent Services, (7) 2024 Fiscal Policy Update, (8) Request for funds for Economic Toolkit and (9) Request for funds for Engineering Services.

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

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

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

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Agenda Item: 24-0029

Commissioner Hetherington announced she will abstain from voting on item B.1; she filed Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for the record.

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

The following items were approved: (A.1) Building Envelope Consulting, (A.2) Building Architect Contract and (B.1) Marine Contracting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve staff's recommendation, with exception to item B. 1. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Agenda Item: 24-0029

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve item B. 1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Hetherington

DEPT-3 BRIGHTLINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Staff is seeking further direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding a station submission to Brightline Trains Florida LLC.

Agenda Item: 24-0382

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus presented the Brightline proposal to the Board. County Attorney Sarah Woods provided insights on the interlocal agreement. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Tom Lanahan and

County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The Board thanked the City of Stuart Commission for their collaborative efforts.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve staff's recommendation and notation relevant to the Fairground site; and direct staff to submit a proposal for a train station to be located at the Courthouse site, approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Stuart, and authorize staff to work with the City of Stuart to initiate the conditional use process for rezoning. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

BUILDING

DEPT-4 BUILDING DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR UPDATED SOFTWARE

Update on the Building Department operations to comply with Ch. 553, Florida Statutes, adopt a resolution setting plan review and permit fee structure, and authorization to allocate funding for updated software.

Agenda Item: 24-0364

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.16

Building Official Jeff Dougherty presented the item to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve staff's recommendation and request. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-5 PRESENTATION BY ECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. ON SEA TURTLE MONITORING AND OUTREACH IN MARTIN COUNTY

As requested by Administration, staff from Ecological Associates, Inc. (EAI) will present information on achievements, successes, and challenges to sea turtle nesting in Martin County.

Agenda Item: 24-0121

Coastal Program Manager Jessica Garland introduced the item to the Board.

Ecological Associates Inc. Project Manager Grace Botson and Senior Scientist Joseph Scarola presented the sea turtle monitoring updates to the Board.

DEPT-6 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRESENTATION ABOUT FLORIDA'S CORAL REEF

Joanna Walczak, the Administrator of the Coral Protection and Restoration Program for

Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, will update the Board on the status of efforts across Florida's Coral Reef including local efforts within the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (Coral ECA). She will provide information on the ongoing coral disease epidemic and recent severe bleaching event as well as actions being taken by the Department and others to respond to and restore from these disturbances.

Agenda Item: 24-0122

Coastal Program Manager Jessica Garland introduced the item to the Board. County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

FDEP Coral Protection and Restoration Program Administrator Joanna Walczak provided the Coral Reef presentation to the Board.

DEPT-7

MARTIN COUNTY SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Some grants, like the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant, require an adopted Action Plan to be eligible for funding. This plan is the Board's Action Plan for unincorporated Martin County and the intent is to apply for US Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity when it is announced.

Agenda Item: 24-0269

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12.17

Traffic Manager Luke Lambert presented the item to the Board. Public Works Director Jim Gorton assisted with Board questions.

Stewart Robinson with Kimley Horn Associates provided the Safe Streets Action Plan to the Board.

Commissioner Jenkins requested an update regarding the lights on Bridge Road. Public Works Director Jim Gorton provided a brief update.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve the SS4A plan and authorize staff to apply for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law SS4A Discretionary Grant. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Agenda Item: 24-0269

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to direct staff to prioritize lighting the corridor on Bridge Road, between Flora to I-95 and to seek funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

James Crowley read a letter regarding the Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Docks.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners December 12, 2023 meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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

Harold Jenkins II, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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