



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**2/17/2026 9:00 AM**

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### **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*

*Elysse A. Elder, County Attorney*

*Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and*

*Comptroller*

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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Sarah Heard, Chair

Eileen Vargas, Commissioner

J. Blake Capps, Commissioner

Don Donaldson, County Administrator

Elysse Elder, Interim County Attorney

#### **VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN**

Carmine Diapolo, Mayor

Taryn Kryzda, Village Manager

Wade Voss, Village Attorney

#### **CITY OF STUART**

Christopher Collins, Mayor

Sean Reed, Vice Mayor

Laura Giobbi, Commissioner

Eula Clarke, Commissioner

Campbell Rich, Commissioner

Roz Johnson Strong, Interim City Manager

Lee Baggett, City Attorney

#### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Marsha Powers, Chair

Brian Moriarty, Vice Chair

Amy Pritchett, Board Member

Christia Li Roberts, Board Member

Jennifer Russell, Board Member

Anthony George Jr., Board Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

## **INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS**

The Boards provided introductions.

Martin County Commissioner Eileen Vargas thanked the Boards for their collaborative efforts.

City of Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke advocated for continued collaborative efforts as a community.

City of Stuart Vice Mayor Sean Reed thanked his constituents.

School District Vice Chair Brian Moriarty echoed sentiments from the public speaker regarding the school zone at Citrus Grove Elementary.

School District Chair Marsha Powers announced that the superintendent will not attend today's meeting.

School Board Member Amy Pritchett also spoke about school zone safety.

Martin County Commissioner Blake Capps suggested an agenda item be brought before the BOCC to discuss school zones. County Administrator Don Donaldson stated a presentation will be provided before the BOCC.

City of Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke inquired about traffic standards at new schools to ensure safe pathways.

School Board Member Christa Li Roberts suggested the County coordinate with Frank Frangella and Mark Sechrist for a comprehensive approach on school zones.

School District Chair Marsha Powers also addressed concerns regarding the school zones and new development on CR-609.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kelly Ribauda advocated for student safety in the County impacted by rapid growth and increased traffic on the roadways. Ms. Ribauda urged the Boards to implement traffic safety devices and work collaboratively with the School District and Law Enforcement.

Frank McChrystal spoke regarding noise abatement at the airport caused by the expansion of Runway 1230.

## **WORKSHOP**

**WORK-1 JOINT MEETING AGENDA - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF STUART COMMISSIONERS, MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN COUNCIL**

This is a joint meeting with the County Commissioners, City of Stuart Commissioners, Martin County School Board, and Village of Indiantown Council. The meeting is held at the John F. Armstrong Wing at the Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0464

**IV. Agenda Items**

**A. County Public Works Projects**

Martin County Public Works Senior Project Engineer Jamie Polidora presented updates on Charlie Leighton Park, Halpatiokee Park resurfacing, County Line Bridge replacement, SE Avalon Drive sidewalk, and SW Fox Brown Road resurfacing improvement projects. She highlighted upcoming projects in Rocky Point and the multi-modal pathway at SE Dixie Highway.

Public Works Environmental Resource Administrator John Maehl provided updates on Indian Riverside Park Living Shoreline, East Fork Creek, Martin County Forever initiatives, and the Boo McCulley Artificial Reef projects.

School Board Member Amy Pritchett advocated for the revitalization of Maggy's Hammock Park.

City of Stuart Vice Mayor Sean Reed inquired about boat ramp parking. Martin County Senior Project Engineer Jaime Polidora stated that she will provide an update.

**B. City Utilities and Engineering Projects**

City of Stuart Utilities & Engineering Director Peter Kunen presented updates on the City of Stuart's transportation, utility, and facilities projects.

City of Stuart Vice Mayor Sean Reed asked about replacement fire hydrants on St. Lucie Boulevard.

School District Chair Marsha Powers requested an update regarding Palm City Road traffic issues.

**C. Village Capital Projects Update**

Village of Indiantown Utilities & Public Works Director Patrick Nolan presented the Village of Indiantown's public works, water, and wastewater project updates.

**D. County/City/Village Development Update**

Martin County Growth Management Principal Planner Samantha Lovelady presented the County's growth and population updates.

City of Stuart Development Director Jodi Kugler presented the City of Stuart's growth updates.

Village of Indiantown Community Development Director Deanna Freeman presented the Village of Indiantown's development review updates. Village Manager Taryn Kryzda and Mayor Carmine Diapolo assisted with Board questions.

School Board Member Amy Pritchett asked about water and electric capabilities to support the proposed data center in Indiantown.

School Board Member Christia Li Roberts asked about the Village of Indiantown B.E.B.R population projections.

City of Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke spoke regarding the commercial corridor and support for residential growth and transportation in the Village of Indiantown. She also inquired about the accident rate on SR-710.

City of Stuart Vice Mayor Sean Reed inquired about the maximum allowable density with Board approval in Indiantown.

City of Stuart Mayor Christopher Collins expressed concerns regarding the negative impacts of AI data centers.

#### **E. School District Update**

School District Coordinator of Executive Initiatives Mark Cowles introduced the item to the Boards.

School District Coordinator of Public Information Kirstie Germaine presented the School District 2025 successes, student and academic achievements, systemic improvement, fiscal stewardship, and 2026 priorities.

School District Director of Facilities Mark Sechrist presented facility updates.

City of Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke inquired about free and reduced lunch and programs to support the homeless student population. She also addressed the need for sidewalks near Murray Middle School. School District Chair Marsha Powers provided clarification.

City of Stuart Vice Mayor Sean Reed asked about the school rating and appeals process. School District Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tracey Miller assisted with Board questions.

Martin County School District Coordinator of Executive Initiatives Mark Cowles shared the District will host their 2026 Black History Celebration at Stuart Middle on Saturday.

## **ADJOURN**

The Board of County Commissioners February 17, 2026 Joint Meeting with Stuart City Commission, Village of Indiantown, and Martin County School Board adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court and Comptroller  
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Sarah Heard, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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