



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**10/19/2023 9:00 AM**

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**County Commissioners**

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*Don G. Donaldson, P.E., County Administrator*  
*Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney*  
*Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and*  
*Comptroller*

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**Joint Meeting with the City of Stuart Commissioners, School Board & Village  
of Indiantown**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Edward Ciampi, Chair  
Doug Smith, Commissioner  
Harold Jenkins, Commissioner  
Stacey Hetherington, Commissioner  
Sarah Woods, County Attorney  
Don Donaldson, County Administrator

**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN**

Susan Gibbs Thomas, Mayor  
Janet Hernandez, Council Member  
Carmine Diapolo, Council Member  
LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk  
Wade Voss, Village Attorney

**CITY OF STUART**

Troy McDonald, Mayor  
Becky Burner, Vice Mayor  
Eula R. Clarke, Commissioner  
Christopher Collins, Commissioner  
Michael Mortell, City Attorney  
Lee Baggett, City Attorney

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Marsha Powers, Chair  
Jennifer Russel, Vice Chair  
Michael DiTerlizzi, Board Member  
Amy Pritchett, Board Member  
Christia Li Roberts, Board Member  
Anthony George, Jr., Board Attorney  
Michael Maine, Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS**

### **II. Introductions and Opening Comments**

All board members introduced themselves.

Eula Clarke welcomed the new Indiantown Village Clerk.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - Please limit comments to three minutes.**

### **III. Public Comment**

No public comment was heard.

## **WORKSHOP**

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

Agenda Item: 24-0226

#### **IV. Agenda Items**

##### **A. County Capital Improvement Projects**

Keith Baker, Senior Project Engineer with Martin County Capital Improvement Projects presented updates on neighborhood restoration projects, roadway and sidewalk construction and bridge projects.

Eula Clark had questions regarding the Port Salerno Peninsula project.

Mike Diterlizzi requested status of the Old Palm City water and sewer project. Mr. Baker stated this was a Utility project and they did not have an update.

Martin County Traffic Engineer Administrator Luke Lambert provided an ecosystems and traffic project updates.

##### **B. City Utilities and Engineering Projects**

City of Stuart Director of Utilities and Engineering Peter Kunen presented the City of Stuart's transportation, stormwater, utility and facility projects.

Marsha Powers requested an update on the Palm City Road improvements.

##### **C. Village Capital Improvement Projects**

Village of Indiantown Utilities & Public Works Director Patrick Nolan presented the Village's public works and water projects.

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

Martin County Principal Planner Samantha Lovelady provided updates on growth and development in the County.

Eula Clark asked for confirmation on the City of Stuart's numbers.

Susan Gibbs Thomas commented on the Village's numbers.

Samantha Lovelady explained that [Beiber] does not project out on approved projects.

Village of Indiantown Community Development Director Deanna Freeman presented the Village of Indiantown's development activities.

Michael Diterlizzi asked what type of population they are anticipating as far as children per unit.

Marsha Powers spoke about options to assist with potential capacity issues. There are also additional Capital Improvement projects for expansion.

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

Martin County School District Superintendent Michael Maine provided the School Board updates.

Michael Maine introduced Director of Maintenance Mark Seacrest, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tracey Miller and Dr. Paige McMahon

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tracey Miller provided updates on the School Board's accreditation.

Dr. Paige McMahon provided an overview of the accreditation process.

Commissioner Doug Smith asked how Martin County fits in compared to the rest of the state.

Marsha Power clarified Commissioner Smith's question regarding comparison. She stated it's difficult to compare Martin County nationally. She explained that other districts may have different standards.

Christa Li Roberts asked Dr. Miller to speak on the survey for strategic planning.

Commissioner Eula Clarke requested an update on trades and academies in the school and how successful those are. She also asked if there was an update in regards

to an agriculture academy. She questioned if there was a way to see how ready students are to get into the work force.

Superintendent Maine provided the updates; comparing private, homeschool and charter schools.

Dr. Miller spoke about Students Supporting Schools - A Grow Your Own Employee Initiative.

Superintendent Maine discussed the student career exploration labs.

He clarified the academies are required to have an advisory council or board and the board is made up of industry experts.

Commissioner Smith explained one thing that may be missing is the ability for kids to see what a career path looks like.

Director of Facilities at Martin County School District Mark Seacrest spoke about controlled open enrollment.

Commissioner Eula Clarke spoke about a collaboration with Girls and Boys Club.

Commissioner Ciampi responded to Michael Diterlizzi's question on the septic to sewer project in Old Palm City.

Commissioner Ciampi spoke on the Parks and Recreation collaboration with Hidden Oaks Middle School to revamp the sports fields.

Marsha Powers addressed the Palm City Elementary car line issues.

## **ADJOURN**

The Board of County Commissioners October 19, 2023 Joint Meeting with Stuart City Commission, Village of Indiantown, and Martin County School Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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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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