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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACTION SUMMARY

DECEMBER 10, 2024 ~ 9:00 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Eileen Vargas

Stacey Hetherington

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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

Students from the Gertrude Walden Child Care Center will sign holiday songs!

PRESETS

9:05 AM - Public Comment

10:00 AM – Local Bill Request – Inmate Medical Costs (DEPT-3)

10:30 AM – Future Fire Station Analysis (DEPT-5)

After DEPT-5 – Wawa – Kanner & Locks (PHQJ-2)

5:05 PM - Public Comment

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM

Moment of Silence for **Deputy Sheriff Ignacio Diaz, Deputy Sheriff Ralph Waller & Corporal Luis Paez** – Palm Beach County Officers

Invocation ~ **Reverend Anil K. Singh**, Trinity United Methodist Church of Jensen Beach

Pledge of Allegiance ~ **Heather Walden**, US Navy Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additional Items – [The Additional Item of DEPT-8 was added to the Agenda.](#)

Approval of Agenda – [The Agenda was approved.](#)

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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

Sylvie Szafranski has dedicated 30 years of service to Martin County, all within the Library Department, serving in various roles in technology and, most recently, as the Library's Public Services Manager. A devoted employee, Sylvie's exemplary customer service and extensive institutional knowledge of our library services will be profoundly missed.

Agenda Item: 25-0303

ACTION TAKEN: Sylvie Szafranski was recognized.

PROC-2 ADOPT AND PRESENT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOAH'S DAY OF PLAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt and present a proclamation recognizing Noah's Day of Play in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0408

ACTION TAKEN: The proclamation was adopted and presented.

COMMENTS

Public (9:05 AM) - Please limit comments to three minutes.

Commissioners

County Administrator – The Administrator will work with the Village of Indiantown to use the Timer Powers Park for an event in January, and staff will return to the Board on January 14 with an agenda item regarding waiving fees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion and will have no action noted, but the "Recommendation" as it appears on the Board item is the approved action.

Discussion of Pulled Consent Items - None

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 25-0008 No items

CNST-2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST FOR DISBURSEMENT VIA CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Chapter 136.06 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners is required to include checks and electronic payments in the meeting minutes. To meet these legal obligations, the Warrant List for disbursements between November 4, 2024 and November 24, 2024 is being presented on the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board. Further information on these disbursements can be accessed at the Martin County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office or online on the Clerk's website.

Agenda Item: 25-0015

CNST-3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The Board is asked to approve minutes from the October 22, November 12, and November 19, 2024 regular meetings.

Agenda Item: 25-0068

CNST-4 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: 25-0018

CNST-5 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: 25-0019

CNST-6 LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

The Board is asked to confirm the appointment of Juan CD Lameda to be the School District's non-voting representative on the Local Planning Agency.

Agenda Item: 25-0045

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.1](#)

CNST-7 TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

The Board is asked to confirm the appointment of Commissioner Vinny Barile as the Town of Sewall's Point primary municipal appointment. The Village of Indiantown's alternate municipal appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) will not be decided until their December 12th meeting, therefore, Administration will prepare a Consent Agenda Item for a January meeting naming the Village of Indiantown's alternate municipal appointment to the TCRPC.

Agenda Item: 25-0247

CNST-8 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0289

CNST-9 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING WEEK OF GIVING IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Week of Giving in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0343

CNST-10 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 27-31, 2025 CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring January 27-31, 2025 Celebrate Literacy Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0344

CNST-11 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation recognizing Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0402

CNST-12 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0409

CNST-13 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING JOHN PATRICK DYE UPON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

The Board extends greetings and congratulations to scouts achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Agenda Item: 25-0410

CNST-14 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING BRENDAN TAYLOR DYE UPON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

The Board extends greetings and congratulations to scouts achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Agenda Item: 25-0411

BUILDING

CNST-15 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF ALISHIA C. PARISH CASE NUMBER ENF2022110663

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 Alishia C. Parish.

Agenda Item: 25-0311

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-16 REQUEST TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SE WILLOUGHBY BOULEVARD AND SE CORAL LAKES WAY TO ALLOW FOR UTILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The subject site is a County-owned property that would serve a public purpose with a Utility Vacuum Pump Building in support of the Martin County Septic to Sewer Program. The Utilities Department has provided engineering plans for the area on which the structure will be placed. It is now necessary to assign the appropriate Future Land Use designation, which requires an amendment to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, specifically the Future Land Use Map. The Future Land Use designation of Institutional-General, along with the appropriate zoning district will allow for the development of utilities on the subject site.

Agenda Item: 25-0268

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.2](#)

CNST-17 REQUEST TO RELEASE A UNITY OF TITLE FOR LOT 6 AND LOT 7, BLOCK 2, CORONA DEL RIO PLAT

Stephanie Shideler and Troy Pulley have requested the release of Unity of Title affecting the subject property described as Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 2, Corona Del Rio, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 43 of the public records of Martin County, Florida. The subject property is located at 1567 NE Sottong Avenue, Jensen Beach.

Agenda Item: 25-0278

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.3](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-18 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING 27 PERPETUAL EASEMENTS ALONG NE OCEAN BOULEVARD AND NE MACARTHUR BOULEVARD IN JENSEN BEACH TO REPLACE THE CURRENT 50-YEAR EASEMENTS

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting 27 Perpetual Easements from property owners along NE Ocean Boulevard and NE MacArthur Boulevard for the 4-mile beach renourishment project.

Agenda Item: 25-0266

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.4](#)

CNST-19 FINAL APPROVAL OF A VACANT LAND CONTRACT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO PARCELS TOTALING TWO ACRES IN PALM BEACH HEIGHTS FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

This is a request for final approval of a Vacant Land Contract and adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed from Mary A. Shulse, for the acquisition of two noncontiguous parcels of vacant land totaling two acres, located in Palm Beach Heights (Pal-Mar) for conservation purposes, totaling \$15,000.00.

Agenda Item: 25-0277

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.5](#)

CNST-20 APPROVAL OF A SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE (SLL) RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND (TIITF) FOR THE INCREASED SQUARE FOOTAGE OF DOCKS AT CHARLIE LEIGHTON PARK IN PALM CITY

Request approval of a SLL Renewal and Modification to Increase Square Footage to operate three courtesy docking facilities, boat ramp, and observation piers at Charlie Leighton Park, a County owned and maintained park in Palm City.

Agenda Item: 25-0283

CNST-21 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ON SE HYDRANGEA STREET FROM RARE CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC, AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL PLAT FOR THE PRESERVE AT SALERNO

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed for 30 feet of dedicated right-of-way (ROW) on SE Hydrangea Street in Stuart from Rare Capital Partners LLC, Florida limited liability company (RARE), as a condition of approval of the plat for the Preserve at Salerno.

Agenda Item: 25-0290

[RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.6](#)

CNST-22 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN SENIOR RESOURCE ASSOCIATION AND THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOCAL OVERMATCH TO THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRIP & EQUIPMENT (T&E) GRANT FY 2025

At the December 10, 2024, BOCC meeting, the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Staff will request that the BOCC approve the First Amendment to the contract between Senior Resource Association and the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to provide additional local overmatch to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment Grant FY25.

Agenda Item: 25-0322

UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE

CNST-23 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS REGARDING EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS AND WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT SYSTEMS BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF STUART

Martin County Utilities currently has multiple interconnects with the City of Stuart, one wastewater and three water interconnects. The Interlocal Agreement for wastewater expired on January 24, 2020, and the water expired on February 22, 2019. Two new Interlocal Agreements have been drafted - one for wastewater and one for water. Both Interlocal Agreements were approved by the City of Stuart on November 12, 2024.

Agenda Item: 25-0292

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR DESIGNATIONS

This is a request for the Board of County Commissioners to make the necessary appointments to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the at-large, Rio, Old Palm City, Jensen Beach, and Golden Gate positions and to designate a Chair and Vice Chair of the CRA.

Agenda Item: 25-0160 **Supplemental Memorandum**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item to the January 14, 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE EVERGREEN/WINDSTONE WATER MAIN MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

Board action is requested to adopt the final assessment resolution for the Evergreen/Windstone Water Main Municipal Service Benefit Unit to allow installation of water lines.

Agenda Item: 25-0213 **Supplemental Memorandum** **RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.9**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Final Assessment Resolution to create the Evergreen/Windstone Water Main Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Public hearing to adopt a non-binding resolution declaring the Board's intent to use the uniform method of collection for certain proposed non-ad valorem assessments that may be imposed within certain municipal service benefit units to be established for road paving and ancillary drainage, dredging services, storm water services and facilities, and water and/or wastewater.

Agenda Item: 25-0306 **RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.10**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board accepted public comment and adopted the Resolution of intent to use the uniform method of collection for non-ad valorem assessments for a proposed series of special assessments within certain municipal services benefit units to be established for roads and ancillary drainage, storm water services and facilities, water and/or wastewater, and dredging.

PUBLIC HEARINGS QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH VARIANCE FOR NE MANGO TERRACE

This is a request by Frank and Michele Cacella to adopt a resolution granting a variance for the right-of-way width for NE Mango Terrace. In addition, the Board is requested to accept NE Mango Terrace into the County's Road Inventory as publicly owned and maintained upon the issuance of the Road Opening Permit and the County Engineer's acceptance of the construction of the roadway.

Agenda Item: 25-0333 **Supplemental Memorandum** **RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.11**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit and adopted a Resolution granting a variance for the right-of-way width for NE Mango Terrace and accepted NE Mango Terrace into the County's Road Inventory as publicly owned and publicly maintained upon the issuance of the Road Opening Permit and the County Engineer's acceptance of the construction of the roadway.

PHQJ-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MAJOR FINAL SITE PLAN FOR WAWA - KANNER & LOCKS (F113-005)

This is a request by Engineering Design & Construction, Inc., on behalf of Kanner Investment Partners, LLC, for approval of a major final site plan to construct an approximately 5,537-square-foot convenience store including 12 fueling stations and associated infrastructure. The subject site consists of an approximately 2.29-acre undeveloped parcel located at the southwest corner of SW Locks Road and SW Kanner Highway, in Stuart. Included is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation.

Agenda Item: 25-0312 **RESOLUTION NOS. 24-12.7 and 24-12.8**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit; adopted the Resolution approving the Major Final Site Plan for Wawa - Kanner & Locks; adopted a Resolution approving and accepting the 10' Drainage Easement and the Warranty Deed for dedicated right-of-way along SW Locks Road to SW Kanner Highway from Richard Rastrelli and Kathy L. Rastrelli, husband and wife, as a condition of approval of the Wawa - Kanner & Locks Major Final Site Plan; and authorized the Chair to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

The Board directed staff to initiate a project to add additional lanes for stacking at the Locks Road intersection and bring back an agenda item for funding of the project.

**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: 25-0025 Supplemental Memorandum (7 items)

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Permission to Apply for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) Grant Application Cycle for FY2029 Through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Fisherman's Cove Sidewalk Project - The Board authorized Martin County to apply for the FY25 FDOT – TA Set-Aside program grant for the Fisherman's Cove sidewalk project and adopted the Board Resolution. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.12
2. Permission to Apply for the FY2025 Florida Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the NE South Street Sidewalk Project - The Board authorized Martin County to apply for the Florida Department of Transportation Florida Safe Routes to School Infrastructure grant for the NE South Street Sidewalk Project and adopted the Board Resolution. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.13
3. Permission to Accept the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant for the Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project Agreement No. NS109 - The Board authorized the Chair to execute the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection NS109 agreement as well as any non-monetary grant related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office; adopted the Budget Resolution; and approved the amended CIP Sheet for the Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration project. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.14
4. Permission to Accept the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for FY25 for the Public Transit Block Grant Program - The Board authorized the County Administrator to execute the Public Transportation Grant Agreement as well as any non-monetary grant related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office; adopted the Board Resolution; and adopted the Budget Resolution. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.15
5. Permission to Accept the Florida Department of State/Help American Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Enhancement Grant - The Board accepted grant award Memorandum of Agreement 24.e.an.000.042 from the Florida Division of Elections and adopted the Budget Resolution. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.16
6. Permission to Accept the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Agreement - The Board authorized the Chair to execute the REP agreement as well as any non-monetary grant related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office and adopted the Budget Resolution. RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.17
7. Request for a Full-Time Employee (FTE) Position for the Human Services Department - The Board approved a new FTE position for Veterans Services in the Human Services department and approved the budget transfer from general fund reserves.

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

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Agenda Item: 25-0031 **Supplemental Memorandum (5 items)**

ACTION TAKEN:

A. CONTRACTS OVER \$1,000,000

1. **EVERGREEN COUNTRY CLUB/WINDSTONE SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS (RFB2024-3610)** – The Board awarded the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Jamie Underground, Inc., in the amount of \$4,421,570.00 and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.

B. CONSULTANT'S COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT (CCNA) CONTRACT AWARD

1. **TROPICAL FARMS WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION – ENGINEERING SERVICES (RE-BID) (RFQ2024-3611)** - The Board awarded the Contract to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$2,462,179.49 and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.
2. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BEACH & DUNE PROJECT (2025-2026) (RE-BID) (RFQ2024-3612)** - The Board awarded the Contract to Taylor Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,563,612.90 and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.
3. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT (2025-2026) (RE-BID) (RFQ2024-3613)** - The Board awarded the Contract to Taylor Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$3,407,437.40 and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.

DEPT-3 MARTIN COUNTY LOCAL BILL REQUEST - INMATE MEDICAL COSTS

This presentation will highlight a proposed local bill addressing the cost of inmate medical care in the Martin County Jail. Members from the Martin County Sheriff's Office will discuss the process at the jail for obtaining medical care. Martin County staff will discuss the current costs and potential savings, and the bill itself.

Agenda Item: 25-0414

ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized staff to take the necessary steps to present the local bill at the Martin County Legislative Delegation Meeting.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DEPT-4 REQUEST TO DISCUSS A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISING THE RURAL LIFESTYLE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION

Staff seeks direction regarding revisions to the text of the Rural Lifestyle future land use designation.

Agenda Item: 25-0397

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12.18

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Resolution to initiate a text amendment to Policy 4.13A.18 of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-5 FUTURE FIRE STATION ANALYSIS

The Board is asked to accept the Future Fire Station Analysis, which looks at the existing Levels of Service and future growth in the western areas of Martin County.

Agenda Item: 25-0261

ACTION TAKEN: The Board accepted the Draft Fire Station Analysis and provided input regarding the relocation of the existing fire station from the Tropical Farms neighborhood.

DEPT-6 UPDATE ON SMALL-CELL WIRELESS (5G) PERMITTING IN MARTIN COUNTY

Over the past five years, telecommunications companies have been developing a network of small wireless communication facilities to deliver 5G cellular service nationwide. This item will provide an update on the permitting of small-cell wireless infrastructure within Martin County.

Agenda Item: 25-0309 **Supplemental Memorandum**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board heard the presentation and directed staff to send a Chair letter to AT&T, appropriate departments, and local delegation regarding the location of the cell tower in the Parkwood neighborhood.

DEPT-7 ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ELOC) GUIDANCE

The purpose of this item is to seek guidance from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the structure and function of the Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC). The establishment of an ELOC was mandated by Ordinance #1221, which authorized the 2024 Conservation Lands Sales Tax Referendum. This ordinance proposed a 0.5 cent sales tax on specific purchases for a ten-year period. A key requirement of the ordinance is the formation of a nine-member citizen oversight committee tasked with reviewing, evaluating, and recommending potential conservation land acquisitions funded by the sales tax revenue.

Agenda Item: 25-0417

ACTION TAKEN: The Board provided guidance on what organizations to be represented on the ELOC. Organization suggestions: Conservation Alliance, Native Plant Society, Loxalucie Headwaters Initiatives, Indian River Keeper, Rivers Coalition, Friends of the Everglades, Guardians, Taxpayers Association, Business Development Board, Economic Council, 4-H, Florida Farm Bureau, FFA.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPT-8 REQUEST APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY BETWEEN R ERIK, LLC A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND MARTIN COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CASE 23-14109-CIV-CANNON APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT REGARDING R. ERIK LLC V. MARTIN COUNTY

Staff recommends approval of a settlement agreement and release of liability between Plaintiff, R Erik, LLC and Defendant, Martin County in connection with a Federal lawsuit challenging an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cats and dogs from pet stores and a transfer of funds from General Fund Reserves.

Agenda Item: 25-0425 Additional Item

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the settlement agreement and release of liability, authorized the Chair or her appointee to execute all documents to complete this transaction, and authorized the transfer of funds from the General Fund Reserves.

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

ADJOURNED AT 5:28 PM

The next meeting is January 14, 2025.

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