



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**7/9/2024 9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

*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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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

1. INVOCATION - Moment of Silence
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Harry Yates, 3rd Class Petty Officer, US Navy
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 additional item CNST-12 and no consent pulls. 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 PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda Item: 24-0999

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamations to the Board.

Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup Founder Gail Byrd accepted the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup Week proclamation. Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast, Inc. President Dan Romence, Indian River Keeper Executive Director Jim Moir, and Marine Industries of the Treasure Coast, Inc. Director Butch Olsen also accepted the proclamation.

Children's Services Council of Martin County, Martin Reads Coordinator Kiana Kelly accepted the Martin Reads proclamation.

### **PROC-2 ADOPT AND PRESENT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING GLIOBLASTOMA AWARENESS DAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item: 24-1106

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamation to the Board.

Hope in Gray, Inc. President Briana Apostolopoulos accepted the proclamation recognizing Glioblastoma Awareness Day in Martin County.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to adopt the proclamation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **PROC-3 ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE CITIZENS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CLASS 65 OF THE MARTIN CARES PROGRAM**

Agenda Item: 24-0866

Martha Ann Kneiss presented Class 65 of the Martin CARES Program.

## **COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Rob Raineri (House of Hope) spoke in support of the completion of Camino Trail in Golden Gate [DEPT-3].

Sam Mahoney spoke in support of lifeguards; he highlighted the importance of maintaining EMT requirements and high risk designations for that position. Mr. Mahoney also addressed the level of training required to effectively respond to high risk situations.

Michael Syrkus expressed concerns with the Western Land Study [DEPT-2].

Tom Pine addressed the Board regarding the consent agenda.

Thomas Glass spoke on his current Code Enforcement case [CNST-7].

Commissioner Ciampi requested an explanation of the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate process. County Attorney Sarah Woods and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder provided clarification and an explanation of the process.

## 2. COMMISSIONERS

### **AM**

Commissioner Heard requested a letter of support from the Board for the expansion of the M.I.S.S. Inc.'s Butterfly Garden Facility for single mothers and homeless grandmothers.

Commissioner Heard requested staff to review and determine if it would be in the County's best interest to complete a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, on seven buildable lots in Port Salerno, to assist with Habitat for Humanity's need to build affordable housing.

### **PM**

None at this time.

## 3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

### **AM**

None at this time.

### **PM**

County Administrator Don Donaldson announced Brightline is requesting the Board's support with a grant request in Washington, DC on July 30th. The Board authorized staff to represent them in Washington.

## **CONSENT**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

Agenda Item: 24-0755

There were no items.

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

Agenda Item: 24-0760

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

**CNST-3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

Agenda Item: 24-1052

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

**CNST-4 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECAPITULATION OF THE 2023 TAX ROLL FOR MARTIN COUNTY**

Agenda Item: 24-1108

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

**CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING PURPLE HEART DAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item: 24-1092

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

**CNST-6 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Agenda Item: 24-1107

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

**BUILDING**

**CNST-7 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF THOMAS F GLASS CASE NUMBER 10-0042691**

Agenda Item: 24-1104

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

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

**CNST-8 REQUEST TO RELEASE THE UNITIES OF TITLE FOR PORTIONS OF TRACT 3 AND TRACT 4, BLOCK 74, OF THE ST. LUCIE INLET FARMS PLAT**

Agenda Item: 24-1071

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-1**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**CNST-9 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FOR DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM MAM US LLC ALONG SW NEWFIELD PARKWAY, FKA SW CITRUS BOULEVARD, IN PALM CITY**

Agenda Item: 24-1035

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.2**

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

## UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE

### **CNST-10 ADOPT AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 71, GENERAL ORDINANCES, MARTIN COUNTY CODE TO APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

Agenda Item: 24-1018

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.3**

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

### **CNST-11 SOLID WASTE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

Agenda Item: 24-1022

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.4**

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **CNST-12 REQUEST APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MARTIN COUNTY, INC. (HSMC), FOR THE PROPOSED ELLIOTT MUSEUM EXPANSION**

Agenda Item: 24-1109

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

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

### **B&C-1 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Agenda Item: 24-0777

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.5**

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Diane Castellucci to the Value Adjustment Board. The Board appointed Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Heard to the Value Adjustment Board; and appointed Vice Chair Hetherington, Chair Jenkins, and Commissioner Ciampi as alternate members and elected Commissioner Smith as the Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to appoint Diane Castellucci, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Heard to the Value Adjustment Board; with Commissioners Hetherington, Jenkins and Ciampi as alternate members; and elect Commissioner Smith as the Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PH-1 LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (CPA) 24-22, HOBE SOUND TRAIN STATION**

Agenda Item: 24-0997

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1226**

Growth Management Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin presented the item to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Vice Chair Hetherington solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Jenkins, 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 DIVISION 5, HOBE SOUND, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, LDR 24-04, HOBE SOUND TRAIN STATION**

Agenda Item: 24-1005

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1227**

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the Commissioners. The intervener withdrew their request. Notices were filed for the record. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin presented 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) Clyde Dulin's resume.

Vice Chair Hetherington solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chair Jenkins, 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

## **DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL**

## **GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

### **DPQJ-1 REQUEST PLAT APPROVAL FOR TWIN OAKS PROJECT (K050-002)**

Agenda Item: 24-1080

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 Principal Planner Brian Elam presented staff's presentation to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder and Growth Management Director Paul Schilling assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) agenda item/staff report and (2) Brian Elam's resume.

APPLICANT: McCarthy, Summers Attorney Christen Spake addressed the Board in support of staff's recommendation.

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

### **DPQJ-2 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR WEST JENSEN PUD, PHASE 1B, PARCEL 6.6 (W038-108)**

Agenda Item: 24-1079

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.6**

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 Principal Planner Brian Elam presented staff's presentation to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder and Growth Management Director Paul Schilling assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) agenda item/staff report and (2) Brian Elam's resume.

APPLICANT: Chris Campbell with Mister Carwash addressed the Board.

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

## **REQUEST AND PRESENTATION**

### **R&P-1 MARTIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION UPDATE**

Agenda Item: 24-1095

Human Resource and Risk Management Director Heather Dayan presented the item to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder and Assistant County Administrator Matthew Graham assisted with Board questions.

Tim Buckley with Resource Government Services presented workforce trends.

## **DEPARTMENTAL**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

Agenda Item: 24-0772

Vice Chair Hetherington announced she will abstain from voting on item A1; she filed Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflicts for the record.

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

The following items were approved: (A1) Marine Services and (B1) Grinder Station Installation and Septic Conversion (Re-bid).

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve item A1. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Vice Chair Hetherington

Agenda Item: 24-0772

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve item B1. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**DEPT-2 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL**

Agenda Item: 24-0767

**RESOLUTION NOs. 24-7.7 through 24-7.17**

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) IRL Water Quality Improvement Grant, (2) FY23 Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, (3) Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, (4) FY23 State Funded Appropriation for the Fire Rescue Training Facility, (5) Florida Statewide Response for Opioid Abatement, (6) Substance Abuse Prevention Funding, (7) FDEP IRL Water Quality Grant (MacArthur Stormwater Treatment Area), (8) Community Services Block Grant, (9) Interlocal Agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the Western Land Study, (10) (A) Accept Insurance Proceeds (for mosquito fogger), (B) Accept Proceeds for Surplus Property Purchased with Grant Funds, (11) Renewal Funding for HUD Grant, (12) Renewal Funding for HUD Grant, (13) Florida Opioid Settlement Funds, (14) Budget Transfer and CIP Modification for Utilities (Tropical Farms Clearwell), (15) Budget Transfer and CIP Modification for Utilities (Lift Stations Rehab), and (16) Increase FY24 Operating Budget for the Airport Customs Facility.

Commissioner Heard questioned the purpose and need to have consultants perform the Western Land Study.

Growth Management Director Paul Schilling provided an explanation. County Administrator Don Donaldson added, the study also includes a public outreach component.

Commissioner Heard and Commissioner Ciampi advised they do not support this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve item 9 [Interlocal Agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for the Western Land Study].

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Agenda Item: 24-0767

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve the remaining items. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**DEPT-3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) RECONCILIATION**

Agenda Item: 24-0984

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the item to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the reallocation of funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**DEPT-4 REQUEST FOR PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION CONCERNING THE CASE OF BE A MAN BUY LAND, LLC V. SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, ET AL.; CASE NO. 2023-CA-000052**

Agenda Item: 24-1105

County Attorney Sarah Woods introduced the item and requested a motion to approve the session.

Ms. Woods announced the beginning of session at 11:49 a.m.

Ms. Woods announced the end of session at 12:49 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve staff's recommendation for Attorney-Client Session. 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.**

None at this time.

**ADJOURN**

The Board of County Commissioners July 9, 2024 meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.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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