



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

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

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 ~ Pastor Blaine Albright, Christ Fellowship Stuart
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~ Stanley O'Hoppe Jr., Retired 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 the additional items CNST-9, CNST-10, CNST-11, and consent pull CNST-9. 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

The Chairman will present proclamations declaring National Garden Week, Safe Boating Week, Memorial Day, Public Works Week, honoring Ruth Gran on her 102nd birthday, and declaring Travel and Tourism Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 24-0836

Senior Communications Coordinator Martha Ann Kneiss presented the proclamations to the Board.

Retired Navy, Senior Chief Sub Service Nuclear Management, Stanley O'Hoppe Jr. accepted the Memorial Day proclamation.

Ruth Gran accepted the proclamation in honor of her 102nd Birthday.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 59 Commander Sheryl O'Neil accepted the Safe Boating Week proclamation.

The Garden Club of Stuart, Inc. President Rosita Aristoff accepted the proclamation declaring National Garden Week.

Public Works Director Jim Gorton accepted the proclamation declaring Public Works Week.

Tourism Director Nerissa Okiye accepted the proclamation for Travel and Tourism Week.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Tom Pine addressed concerns regarding the consent agenda. He recapped items discussed at the previous meeting such as the micro-transit plan and placement of AEDs at the pickleball courts.

William Ball addressed the Board regarding the cleanliness of Martin County Beaches. He shared a resource/solution called Beach Bucket Foundation that provides beach cleaning stations at public parks and beaches.

John Hipps requested the withdrawal of CNST-6 to allow for further discussion with residents. Chairman Jenkins informed Mr. Hipps that the consent agenda was previously accepted.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

Commissioner Smith requested to break early to attend the funeral services of Evelyn Deggler. Commissioner Jenkins confirmed the Board will break at 10:45 a.m. and return at 1

p.m.

Commissioner Hetherington wished the kids a happy and safe summer; she congratulated the recent graduates.

Commissioner Hetherington informed the Board that she will not return after the break at 1 p.m.

Commissioner Ciampi announced the opening of The Patio at Palm City Place; the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on June 1st at 11 a.m. He thanked Susan Kores and Jordan Pastorius for their assistance with the green open space, and Parks and Recreation for taking over the maintenance.

Commissioner Smith requested staff to bring back an agenda item to discuss the Code Enforcement process and ordinance.

PM

None at this time.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AM

None at this time.

PM

County Administrator Don Donaldson shared a few words regarding the fire at the FPL plant on Thursday. He commended Fire Rescue staff for their expeditious response. Mr. Donaldson sent his thoughts and prayers to those injured in the fire.

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 24-0497

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 April 29, 2024 and May 5, 2024. 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: 24-0503

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: 24-0507

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

CNST-4 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Code Enforcement Officers' Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 24-0747

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

CNST-5 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

The Board is asked to confirm an appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Agenda Item: 24-0696

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5.9

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-6 THE COVE AT HOBE SOUND REQUESTS ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING PRESERVE AREA WHICH IS SUBJECT TO AN APPROVED PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Request an amendment to the existing preserve area boundary under an approved Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP) that was issued in 2008. Pursuant to Section 4.36.C, Land Development Regulations (LDR), Martin County Code, any alteration to the size, shape, or design of a previously approved preserve area shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Agenda Item: 24-0862

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-7 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING FIVE UTILITY EASEMENTS ON SEVEN PARCELS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE ALONG NE ORANGE AVENUE IN JENSEN BEACH

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving five Utility Easements along seven parcels, for the installation of water and sewer services, to serve the properties on the east side of NE Orange Avenue, south of NE Dixie Highway in Jensen Beach.

Agenda Item: 24-0897

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5.10

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

CNST-8 TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION PROGRAM PLAN

Martin County as a recipient of Federal financial assistance and pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq. is required to have an auditable Title VI Program Plan. In addition, Martin County as a designated recipient of Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and pursuant to Title 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53 must submit their Title VI Program to FTA every three years. The Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient's appropriate governing entity prior to submission to FTA.

Agenda Item: 24-0943

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-9 CONFIRMATION OF ERIKA SINCLAIR AS THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF MARTIN COUNTY

Per Florida Statutes Section 125.74(k) "the employment of all department heads shall require confirmation by the Board of County Commissioners (Board)." Erika Sinclair is being recommended for the position of Chief Information Officer of the Information Technology Systems department.

Agenda Item: 24-0961

Commissioner Heard pulled this item to introduce the new Chief Information Officer.

Erika Sinclair thanked the Board for the opportunity.

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

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

CNST-10 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING WORLD OCEANS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring World Oceans Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 24-0963

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-11 ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND FLORIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC., LOCATED AT THE MARTIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON WILLOUGHBY BOULEVARD IN STUART

Request that the Board accept and approve a First Amendment to Lease with Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. (FCHC) to provide for changes in the shared leased space with Florida Department of Health (FDOH) at the Health Department located on Willoughby Boulevard in Stuart.

Agenda Item: 24-0824

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO ARTICLE 10, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, REGARDING THE THRESHOLD FOR REVIEW OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

This is a request from Florida Power and Light (FPL) for a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance that amends Article 10, Development Review Procedures, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code regarding the development threshold of Solar Energy Facilities.

Agenda Item: 24-0886

ORDINANCE NO. 1224

Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden presented the item to the Board. Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

Commissioner Hetherington commended FPL for doing an exceptional job, but will prefer to streamline and maintain the public hearing process.

Commissioner Heard shared she doesn't like the expansion of administrative approval and doesn't support this item.

The following member of the public addressed the Board in favor of increasing transparency: Gary Ehrler.

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: 3 - Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 2 - Vice Chair Hetherington, and Commissioner Heard
Agenda Item: 24-0886

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, to deny. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARTIN COUNTY ZONING ATLAS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR MR. AND MRS. BRIAN AND OXANA REEVES (R116-002)

This is a request by Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Oxana Reeves for a proposed amendment to the county zoning atlas to change the zoning district classification for an approximately 2.41-acre undeveloped site from A-1A (Agricultural) to RE-1/2A (Residential Estate). The site is located approximately 950 feet northwest of SE Salerno Road and approximately 300 feet southwest of SE Highland Avenue South, in Stuart. Included is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Agenda Item: 24-0887

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5.11

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

COUNTY: Growth Management Principal Planner John Sinnott presented staff's presentation to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

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

APPLICANT: Brian Reeves addressed the Board; no presentation was given.

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

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

R&P-1 FLORIDA TURNPIKE (SR 91) AND I-95 (SR 9) DIRECT CONNECTION INTERCHANGE PD&E STUDY IN MARTIN COUNTY

Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for a new direct connection interchange along Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) in Martin County, Florida. The study will evaluate the addition of a new system-to-system interchange between Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95 in the vicinity of the I-95/SE Bridge Road interchange. The purpose of this potential interchange is to improve system linkage and enhance safety, emergency response, and evacuation.

Agenda Item: 24-0891

Public Works Director Jim Gorton introduced the item to the Board.

FDOT Project Manager Jazlyn Heywood provided the Florida Department of Transportation's presentation to the Board. Turnpike Developmental Management Engineer Henry Pinzon assisted with questions.

The commissioners discussed the interchange connections presented and shared input to move forward.

R&P-2 LIVE LOCAL ACT PRESENTATION

At the April 9, 2024 meeting, the Board requested a review of the Live Local Act, which is a comprehensive, statewide attainable housing strategy, designed to increase the availability of affordable housing opportunities for Florida's residents, who desire to live within the communities they serve.

Agenda Item: 24-0880

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Tom Lanahan provided the Live Local Act updates to the Board.

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: 24-0512

RESOLUTION NOs. 24-5.12 and 24-5.13

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment Program, (2) FDOT Supplemental Agreement for the NE Jensen Blvd Resurfacing Project, and (3) Request for funds for Development Review Engineering Services.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Smith

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

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Agenda Item: 24-0518

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

The following items were approved: (1) Fertilizers and Pesticides and (2) Environmentally Sensitive Lands Vegetation Management.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve all items. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Smith

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners May 21, 2024 meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.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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