



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES
4/30/2024 9:00 AM

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION ~ Moment of Silence
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~ Jeff Norwood, Veterans Services Officer
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to move CIP to May 14th. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the agenda, with additional items CNST-18, CNST-19, request to pull CNST-15 and request to withdraw item DPQJ-3. 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 SERVICES AND STATISTICS REGARDING OUR VETERANS

SERVICES OFFICE

Agenda Item: 24-0730

Health and Human Services Manager Michelle Miller presented a brief report of Veterans Services statistics.

Commissioner Smith suggested conducting outreach to Veterans twice a year, to increase the amount of Veterans being serviced.

PROC-2 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: 24-0703

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamations to the Board.

House of Hope CEO Rob Raineri accepted the proclamation declaring Stamp Out Hunger Day.

Emergency Management Director Sally Waite accepted the Hurricane Preparedness Week proclamation.

Helping People Succeed CEO Suzanne Hutcheson accepted the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation.

Treasure Coast Astronomical Society President Dave Brown accepted the proclamation declaring Everglades Dark Sky Month.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Casey Cass (Save Our Salerno) addressed the Board concerning deceptive practices and contradictions regarding Commerce Avenue improvements for marine businesses. He also spoke of vague language in the CIP regarding Port Salerno.

Jim Moir spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Growth Management Comprehensive Plan, stating they will have harmful impacts on the Urban Service Boundaries.

Gil Smart (Friends of the Everglades) addressed the Board in opposition to the Calusa Creek Ranch proposal. He spoke about the impacts this project will have on water quality, wildlife corridor, Indian River Lagoon South project, and others.

Ronald Rose (Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce) commended the Board for maintaining a positive economic environment in the County by supporting projects such as The Ranch.

Barb Eurich addressed the Board regarding the Voyage Recovery Center's application for reasonable accommodation. She noted the center's application violates the law due to its location to other recovery homes.

Meghan Shirey (Boys and Girls Club of Martin County) spoke about projects such as The Ranch that encourage vitality and sustainability amongst its youth through on-the-job training.

Joe Flanagan thanked the Board for the pictures displayed in the rear of the Chambers. He spoke in support of The Ranch project, as it will preserve open space in the County and assist with growth.

Jennifer Pelham (University of Florida Extension Director) spoke in support of The Ranch project; it will allow for expansion of their current program.

David Hafner (University of Florida 4H Agent) spoke in support of The Ranch project, he also highlighted the impact it will have on expanding their programs.

Mary Starzinski spoke in regards to maintaining the Urban Service Boundaries due to its impact on the health of the County. She opposed the intentional destruction of the Urban Service Boundaries by the Calusa Creek project.

Carol Ann Leonard spoke in opposition to "over development" through projects like The Ranch [PH-4].

Robin Cartwright addressed the Board in opposition to Calusa Creek and The Ranch projects. She urged the Board to follow the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Cartwright also encouraged residents to vote in August.

Todd Orleft spoke in support of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments submitted by Calusa Creek and The Ranch.

Sam Hay reminded commissioners to protect the interest of residents in Martin County versus the interest of developers. He spoke in opposition to Calusa Creek and any amendments that will weaken the Comprehensive Plan.

Darlene VanRiper addressed the Board in support of Calusa Creek, she stated this project will preserve land. Ms. VanRiper urged residents to watch the presentation on modern day golf courses.

Tom Pine spoke about the consent agenda. He explained how raising the sales tax has a direct impact on food insecurities as many residents are living pay check to pay check.

Tammy Simoneau spoke in support of The Ranch project and advocated for the benefits the project will provide to the County. She read a piece of literature written by Maggie Hurchalla.

Binney Caffrey (The Pine School) shared efforts to preserve the Banner Lake wetlands on The Pine School property. She thanked Ken and Suzanne Bakst for the "in kind" service to restore Banner Lake.

Linda Richards expressed her concerns regarding Kanner CPUD [City of Stuart] and water runoffs from the project into the river. She requested that developers be held accountable for their actions.

Tami Formanack spoke in support of Save Our Salerno. She addressed vague CIP language, citing it can be detrimental to the Salerno CRA.

Kim Dinkins (1000 Friends of Florida Policy and Planning Director) addressed the Board in opposition to The Ranch project.

(All About Achieving Learning Center) Ellie Wolowitz, Ava Olievera, Scarlett Waranitz and Isa Lopez spoke about the need for affordable housing for essential workers.

(All About Achieving Learning Center) Luka Rosario, Jackson Glasby, Eli Oleson, and Luke Longo addressed the restriction of non-service animals in public places.

(All About Achieving Learning Center) Kaden Hollinger and Colby Gallinis addressed the Board regarding water quality, discharges made to the Lake Okeechobee and the negative impacts on the waterways.

John Hipps proposed a ten year moratorium on development in the County. He asked the Board to look into strengthening efforts for wildlife, quality of life, housing market/economic stability, and public input/planning. He also suggested infrastructure improvements to catch up with development.

Chad Miner addressed concerns regarding development in the County. He urged the Board to think of residents as they consider western sprawl. Mr. Miner advised he supports rural lands and clean water.

Carole Pelton (Foxwood) shared her concerns with commute times in the County. She spoke in opposition to Comprehensive Plan Amendments and development of western lands.

Dr. Tracey Miller (School District Deputy Superintendent) shared a community collaborative partnership between the School Board and The Ranch. She informed the Board of programs offered at South Fork High School that help students to be college-career ready (Landscape and Turf Grass Management and Agri-science).

Wendy Schepman spoke in support of The Ranch project and highlighted the positive impacts it will have on the students via on-the-job partnerships.

Renee Moreshead thanked the Board for removing Mango Lane extension as an agenda item. She spoke in opposition to The Ranch project.

Brandon Tucker (Florida Landowners Association Executive Director) clarified environmental issues surrounding The Ranch proposal; he spoke in support of the project.

Carol Fitzpatrick (Florida Club) urged the Board to widen Bridge Road before additional development is approved.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

Commissioner Heard spoke about water management at the Sailfish Sands Golf Course due to the drought.

Commissioner Hetherington requested a presentation by Parks and Recreation on the reversible 9-hole golf course at the May 14th meeting.

PM

None at this time.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to postpone the changing of the black course to the reversible 9 and have a discussion on May 14th. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AM

None at this time.

PM

None at this time.

CONSENT

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Agenda Item: 24-0495

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

Agenda Item: 24-0501

CNST-3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Agenda Item: 24-0785

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

CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0748

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

CNST-6 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NURSES WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0800

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

CNST-7 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0815

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

CNST-8 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRAXIA AWARENESS MONTH AND APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Agenda Item: 24-0851

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

CNST-9 APPROVAL OF REVISED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FY 2020-2023

Agenda Item: 24-0853

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.7

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

CNST-10 APPROVAL OF REVISED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FY 2023-2026

Agenda Item: 24-0854

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.8

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

BUILDING

CNST-11 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF FOX GROVE FARMS LLC CASE NUMBER 07-0016287

Agenda Item: 24-0817

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

CNST-12 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF JOHN B MARMON CASE NUMBER ENF2020020082

Agenda Item: 24-0829

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

CNST-13 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINE REDUCTION STIPULATION AND AGREED RECOMMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE OF MELTON MANAGEMENT INC CASE NUMBER ENF2023020483

Agenda Item: 24-0830

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

CNST-14 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY

Agenda Item: 24-0828

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-15 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING SW EARL AVENUE INTO COUNTY ROAD INVENTORY FOR OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE

Agenda Item: 24-0819

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.18

At the request of Commissioner Heard, Public Works Deputy Director George Dzama presented the item to the Board. Public Works Director Jim Gorton and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, 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

CNST-16 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SAWUBONA LLC AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF A MINOR FINAL SITE PLAN FOR PORT SALERNO ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN STUART

Agenda Item: 24-0823

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.9

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

CNST-17 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM NNA KANSAS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ALONG SW OLD KANSAS AVENUE IN STUART

Agenda Item: 24-0826

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.10

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-18 LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

Agenda Item: 24-0871

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.11

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

CNST-19 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY BUILDING OFFICIAL, INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Agenda Item: 24-0888

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Agenda Item: 24-0237

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.12

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Robert Weir and Christina Waldron Ardigo to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Robert Wire and Christina Waldron Ardigo to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. 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 PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE HARBOR ESTATES/GAINES AVENUE WATER MAIN EXTENSION MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

Agenda Item: 24-0681

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.13

Utilities and Solid Waste Technical Services Administrator Leo Repetti and Project Manager David Duncan provided the presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Hetherington requested an explanation on billing for those who are not "year round" residents. Mr. Repetti explained residents are charged a base amount, the cost of maintaining non-consumption of the utility.

The following members of the public addressed the Board in support of this item: Bill Venezia, Ingrid Venezia, and Joseph Pisano.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve this item. 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 FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FY21 SECTION 5307 URBANIZED FORMULA FUNDING

Agenda Item: 24-0808

Transit Administrator Ashman Beecher presented the item to the Board. Public Works Director Jim Gorton assisted with Board questions.

Chairman Ciampi solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, 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-3 LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (CPA) 22-06, CALUSA CREEK RANCH TEXT

Agenda Item: 24-0188

ORDINANCE NO. 1222

Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin and Senior Principal Planner Daphne Schaub presented the item to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Fox McCluskey Attorney Tyson Waters provided the applicant's presentation to the Board. Tom McNicholas addressed the Board on behalf of the Barney family (previous owners) to provide history on the property.

Commissioner Heard stated she does not support this project, it establishes an unrecoverable precedence and is a direct conflict to Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Hetherington spoke about urban sprawl; stating this project is the opposite of sprawl.

Commissioner Jenkins explained this project is one of the more environmentally protected projects to come before the Board; he announced his support for this project.

The commissioners discussed their perspectives regarding this item and environmental impacts.

Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder clarified for the record that votes on this item amend the future land use designation and are not project specific.

The following members of the public addressed the Board in support of this item: Terry Gibson, Brian Schwan, Larry Mueller, and Harry MacArthur.

The following members of the public addressed the Board in opposition to this item: Greg Braun (Executive Director Guardians of Martin County), Geraldine Dube, and Michael Syrkus.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

Agenda Item: 24-0188

Commissioner Heard informed the Board of her intent to reconsider her vote pertaining to the sales tax referendum from the April 9, 2024 meeting.

County Attorney Sarah Woods provided context and the potential consequence rescinding the motion may have. She stated a motion to reconsider stops the approval and suspends the ordinance; the referendum will not meet the deadline.

Commissioner Heard advised the Board she will require time to reflect upon the vote for reconsideration and subsequently withdrew her motion. [Commissioner Ciampi withdrew his second to Commissioner Heard's vote for reconsideration after further discussion.]

County Attorney Sarah Woods re-addressed the matter to rescind the sales tax referendum vote. Ms. Woods advised the Board in order for the referendum to remain valid, a motion to reconsider the previous motion to reconsider must be made by someone on the prevailing side; and upon passing, it will have the effect of suspending the consideration, while allowing the referendum to move forward as previously approved.

County Administrator Don Donaldson explained the hearing will need to be re-advertised and resubmitted to the state.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to reconsider vote to reconsider the sales tax reconsideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PH-4 LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (CPA) 23-12, THE RANCH PUD FLUM

Agenda Item: 24-0189

ORDINANCE NO. 1223

Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin and Senior Planner Daphne Schaub presented the item to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

Fox McCluskey Attorney Tyson Waters addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant. The Affidavit of Mailing was filed for the record.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Geraldine Dube, Greg Braun, Brandon Tucker and Carol Ann Leonard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion

carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PUBLIC HEARINGS QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR REZONING APPROVAL TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) THROUGH A PUD ZONING AGREEMENT FOR THE RANCH PROJECT INCLUDING A MASTER AND PHASING PLAN (S239-004)

Agenda Item: 24-0783

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.14

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. Notices were filed at the LPA. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden provided staff's presentation to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

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

APPLICANT: Fox McCluskey Attorney Tyson Waters provided the applicant's presentation to the Board. Engineering and Design Vice President Toby Overdorf provided the environmental overview of the property. Tom McNichols provided an overview of the project's public benefits to the County. Property owner Ken Bakst addressed the Board.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Geraldine Dube, Carol Ann Leonard, Terry Gibson, and Tammy Simoneau.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PHQJ-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY, LYING WITHIN OLYMPIA PLAT NO. 1

Agenda Item: 24-0820

RESOLUTION NOs. 24-4.16 and 24-4.17

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. Affidavit of publication was filed for the record. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: County Surveyor Tom Walker provided staff's presentation to the Board. Public Works Director Jim Gorton and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

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

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Jenkins II, 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 THE PENTALAGO PHASE II PROJECT (P147-014)

Agenda Item: 24-0687

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. Notices were not required. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Senior Planner John Sinnott provided staff's presentation to the Board. Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

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

APPLICANT: The applicant was present; no presentation was given.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

DPQJ-2 REQUEST PLAT APPROVAL FOR THE DISCOVERY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) PROJECT (H123-027)

Agenda Item: 24-0816

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4.15

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the commissioners. Notices were not required. There were no interveners. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Principal Planner Brian Elam provided staff's presentation to the Board. Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden, Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) staff report/agenda item, (2) applicant's resume, and (3) Brian Elam's resume.

APPLICANT: Attorney Bob Raynes with Gunster Law Firm addressed the Board in support of staff's recommendation. Frank Guettler with Velcon Engineering addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant.

Chairman Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Heard

PUBLIC WORKS

DPQJ-3 RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NE MANGO TERRACE

Agenda Item: 24-0782

At the applicant's request, the Board withdrew this item from the agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL

ADMINISTRATION

DEPT-1 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL

Agenda Item: 24-0510

RESOLUTION NOs. 24-4.19 through 24-4.25

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board. Assistant County Administrator George Stokus, Utilities and Solid Waste Director Sam Amerson, and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) E911 State Grant for Smart Transcription, (2) FY 2024 Call-taker Console Refresh, (3) FY 2024 E911 State Grant for Geographic Information System, (4) Children's Services Council Grant After School/Out of School Program Grant, (5) FWC Artificial Reef Construction Grant, (6) Indian River Lagoon License Plate Program Grant, (7) FIND Derelict Vessel Removal Fund, (8) BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant, (9) FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for equipment, (10) FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for fire prevention, (11) FDOT CR-714 Supplemental Agreement No. 1, (12) FY 2023 State Funded Emergency Preparedness Assistance Grant, (13) FDEP Amendment No.1, (14) FDEP Amendment No. 1 septic to sewer, (15) SHIP 23/24 Funds, (16) Martin County Deployment Grant for ARPA, and (17) Budget Resolution for Sailfish Sands Golf Course and Restaurant.

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

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

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

Agenda Item: 24-0516

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

The following items were approved: (1) Harbor Estates/Gaines Avenue, (2) Tree Pruning, Removal and Installation, and (3) Bathtub/Sailfish Beach Re-nourishment project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, 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

**DEPT-3 REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN
MARTIN COUNTY**

Agenda Item: 24-0676

County Administrator Don Donaldson announced the appointment of Nicholas Clifton as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health.

Nicholas Clifton introduced himself to the Board.

The commissioners thanked Carol Vitani for her service and congratulated her on the event of retirement.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the appointment of Nicholas Clifton as Administrator of the Florida Department of Health. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DEPT-4 DISCUSSION ON MARTIN COUNTY WELLNESS CLINIC LOCATION

Agenda Item: 24-0818

Assistant County Administrator Matthew Graham presented the item to the Board. Public Works Deputy Director George Dzama, County Administrator Don Donaldson, and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

The Board discussed the site options presented.

WGI Civil Engineer Consultant Adam Schildmeier addressed the Board to provide further information on the site options.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve staff's recommendation for site option 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

Nay: 2 - Vice Chair Hetherington, and Commissioner Smith

COUNTY ATTORNEY

DEPT-5 APPROVE THE REQUEST BY THE MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO PLACE A REFERENDUM CONCERNING A ONE-HALF MILL AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT

Agenda Item: 24-0850

County Attorney Sarah Woods presented the item to the Board.

School Board Member Christia Li Roberts addressed the Board on behalf of the Martin County School District to provide additional context on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, 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

WORKSHOP

WORK-1 REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 TENTATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Agenda Item: 24-0750

The Board moved this item to the May 14, 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

John Hipps spoke before the Board with concerns for the quality of life and preserving the ecosystem.

Commissioner Smith asked if the County allows damages to wetlands. County Administrator Don Donaldson clarified for the record.

Gary Ehrler spoke regarding the Port Salerno Community NAC meeting.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners April 30, 2024 meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.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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