



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FINAL MINUTES  
10/29/2018 9:00 AM**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Doug Smith, District 1  
Ed Fielding, District 2  
Harold E. Jenkins II, District 3  
Sarah Heard, District 4  
Edward V. Ciampi, District 5*

*Taryn Kryzda, 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 & School Board**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

**Board of County Commissioners**

Chairman Edward V. Ciampi  
Vice Chairman Harold Jenkins  
Commissioner Ed Fielding  
Commissioner Sarah Heard  
Commissioner Doug Smith  
County Administrator Taryn Kryzda  
County Attorney Sarah Woods

**School Board**

Chair Christia Li Roberts  
Member Marsha Powers  
Member Tina McSoley  
Superintendent Laurie Gaylord  
Attorney Anthony George

**City of Stuart**

Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton  
Vice Mayor Becky Bruner  
Commissioner Eula Clarke  
Commissioner Merritt Matheson  
Commissioner Mike Meier  
City Manager David Dyess  
City Attorney Michael Mortell

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### WORKSHOP

#### WORK-1 **JOINT MEETING WITH MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND STUART CITY COMMISSION**

This is a joint meeting with the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, Martin County School Board, and the Stuart City Commission.

Agenda Item: 18-0791

#### II. Introductions/Roll Call

The elected officials introduced themselves for the record. School Board Chair Christia Li Roberts distributed an informational booklet on their proposed half-cent sales tax.

#### III. Public Comments

Heather Rogers asked questions about the Treasure Coast Classical Academy proposal and voiced concerns about joint uses for school facilities.

#### IV.(a). JOINT USE AGREEMENT

County Administrator Taryn Kryzda and County Attorney Sarah Woods introduced the item.

The discussion included current and potential uses, safety and security, after-hours events on school property, the need and cost for custodial staff, and whether that staff would be unionized.

Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton and School Board Member Tina McSoley suggested that the City and the County make a list [for the School Board] of their possible needs/uses for joint use facilities.

BCC Chairman Ed Ciampi suggested that each entity assign two representatives [County: Parks & Rec and Sheriff. City: Parks & Rec and Stuart P.D. School Board: Facilities and Safety], and for those six people to get together to identify historic needs, future needs, citizen and student safety, and the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars; and provide a report to the three entities prior to the Legislative Session.

MOTION: So moved [form the committee].

Moved by BCC Commissioner Fielding, seconded by School Board Member Powers, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV.(b). WILLOUGHBY BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

The Boards discussed the plan to extend the north end of Willoughby Boulevard to US1. City Commissioners requested that the BCC confirm their intent to complete the extension. BCC Commissioner Heard suggested that the BCC needed to reassess the costs of the project.

MOTION: That the County Commission support the extension of Willoughby to US1 and that we also agree, as the County Commission, to send our representatives to the MPO in support of elevating the prioritization of Willoughby, at least in the top three; and that staff also compute the current costs.

Moved by BCC Commissioner Smith, seconded by BCC Vice Chairman Jenkins, the motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Heard dissenting) [BCC only].

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That we adopt Commissioner Heard's approach that we find out what the current costs are and what are the current steps that need to be taken in order to accomplish the right-of-way before we make these other changes.

Moved by BCC Commissioner Fielding, seconded by BCC Commissioner Heard, the motion failed 2-3 (Commissioners Ciampi, Jenkins, and Smith dissenting) [BCC only]. After this motion failed, the Board returned to, voted on, and passed Commissioner Smith's motion.

#### **IV.(c). LOBBYING EFFORTS AND COORDINATION/LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

School Board Chair Christia Li Roberts introduced Schoolhouse Consulting Group President Vern Pickup-Crawford, who provided a brief presentation to the Boards regarding the historic use of the two mills [item IV.(f)].

MOTION: That all three bodies support the reinstatement back to two mills with flexibility.

Moved by BCC Commissioner Smith, seconded by School Board Member McSoley, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV.(d). SINGLE USE HURRICANE SHELTER AT FAIRGROUNDS**

The Boards discussed the feasibility of having a single site hurricane shelter, the needs of the various districts, and the need for a pet-friendly shelter. There was no widespread support for a single use shelter.

#### **IV.(e). FIRE RESCUE CONSOLIDATION**

BCC Chairman Ed Ciampi asked if the City Commissioners had any interest in consolidation. Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton and City Commissioner Becky Bruner stated they were not interested in consolidation at this time. City Commissioner Mike Meier shared his preference to prioritize efficiency of use of infrastructure and taxpayer

dollars, and a strengthened interlocal agreement. Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke voiced interest in a joint City/County training facility. City Commissioner Merritt Matheson stated his preference for settling the outstanding issues in the interlocal agreements without further complicating the issue with consolidation. Mayor Glass Leighton suggested that the City and County discuss their joint agreements and issues in a similar, open dialogue session/joint meeting.

**IV.(f). REINSTATEMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD'S ABILITY TO SELF-LEVY AD VALOREM BACK TO TWO MILLS WITH SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE**

This issue was discussed during item IV.(c).

**IV.(g). TWO-MILE BUS ROUTE RESTRICTION**

School Board Chair Christia Li Roberts explained the complexities of the two-mile restriction and the grandfathering rule.

**IV.(h). SCHOOL SAFETY**

This item was withdrawn by the School Board.

**IV.(i). MOBILIZING THE STUDENT POPULATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

This item was withdrawn by the School Board.

**IV.(j). FAMILIES IN TRANSITION**

Title I/Migrant/ELL Director Shela Khanal and Program Coordinator Deb Stull provided the Homeless Education presentation.

**V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

BCC Chairman Ciampi asked if any of his colleagues had any issues or items they would recommend for the next joint meeting. He requested a discussion on our homeless issue, and the need for affordable/essential housing. He also thanked outgoing City Commissioners McDonald and Blount, School Board Members McSoley and Negron, and BCC Commissioner Ed Fielding for their service.


BCC Commissioner Heard thanked the City for prioritizing environmental issues.

Stuart Commissioner Meyers spoke about work being done to address the climate change and informed his colleagues that he would be bringing forward an item on the issue at the next joint meeting.

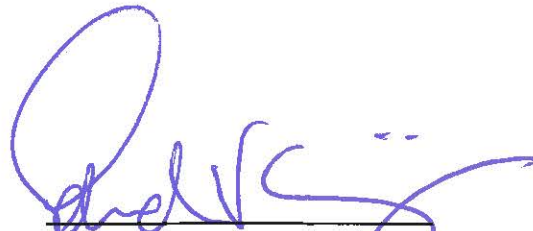
Stuart Commissioner Matheson announced the upcoming screening of the documentary "The Toxic Puzzle."

## ADJOURN

The Joint BCC/City of Stuart/School Board Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.



Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court and Comptroller  
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Edward V. Ciampi, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

11-13-18