



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Edward V. Ciampi, Chairman

Harold E. Jenkins II, Vice Chairman

Doug Smith

Stacey Hetherington

Sarah Heard

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

1. INVOCATION ~ Reverend Patricia McGregor, St. Mary's Episcopal Church

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~ Felix Moros

Martin County Sheriff Office Captain Jennifer Perkins performed the National Anthem.

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the agenda as it is presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 PRESENT A PROCLAMATION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman will present the proclamation declaring Arbor Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 23-0394

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamation to the Board.

Stuart Garden Club Vice President Rosita Aristoff accepted the Arbor Day proclamation.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Tom Pine addressed the Board with concerns regarding the Consent Agenda.

Jackie Thurlow-Lipisch (SFWM) wished the Board a Happy New Year. She also announced the enactment of Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 2306 and the positive impacts it will have on the County. Ms. Thurlow-Lipisch warned about the discharges from Lake Okeechobee.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

None at this time.

PM

Commissioner Jenkins discussed an initiative with Ecosystems regarding the eastern flow way study and the acquisition of a key property to the system; he requested the Board's support with property title issues and the drainage project associated with the property. Commissioner Smith suggested that John Mahel provide an update to each of the commissioners. County Attorney Sarah Woods informed the Board that Legal, Property Management and Ecosystems are sending out communications to assist with the acquisition.

Commissioner Jenkins shared his recent interaction with the Humane Society; he commended them on maintaining a professional operation and encouraged the public to visit.

Commissioner Heard requested a new RFP for the Port Salerno CRA affordable housing project.

Commissioner Ciampi extended condolences to Jeff Sabin (Waste Management) and his family. He advised there's an uptake in fatal traffic accidents, cautioning drivers to slow down especially when proceeding through an intersection. Commissioner Ciampi congratulated the Martin County Fire Rescue Hazmat team on their 1st place achievement in a statewide

hazmat competition. He wished Commissioner Hetherington happy birthday.

Commissioner Hetherington announced a recent vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and appointed Casey Cass as her representative for the remainder of the term.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Vice Chairman Jenkins II, to appoint Casey Cass to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Smith

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

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Agenda Item: 23-0316

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

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 December 27, 2022 and January 9, 2023. 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: 23-0324

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: 23-0331

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

CNST-4 AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER ALLOWING CRIME STOPPERS TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S AGENT TO APPLY FOR TRUST FUND MONIES FROM THE STATE

The Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is requesting a three-year agreement letter to be sent to the Attorney General authorizing the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers to act as the County's agent to apply for Crime Stopper Trust Fund monies from the State of Florida.

Agenda Item: 23-0194

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

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-5 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND MARTIN COUNTY FOR THE C23/C44 INTERCONNECT, NOW KNOWN AS THE C457 INTERCONNECT PROJECT

This is a request that the Board approve the Amendment to Right-of-Way Agreement, modifying the easement area, between Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Martin County (County) in relation to the C-457 Interconnect project.

Agenda Item: 23-0303

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

CNST-6 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FROM JOAN TOBEY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A VACANT PARCEL ON SW CORNELL AVENUE IN OLD PALM CITY FOR STORMWATER AND STABILIZATION PURPOSES

This is a request for approval of a Vacant Land Contract and the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed from Joan Tobey, all related to the acquisition of a .183-acre parcel located on SW Cornell Avenue in Old Palm City for a stormwater and stabilization project.

Agenda Item: 23-0368

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.14

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

CNST-7 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A COUNTY DEED AND RESERVATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG WITH A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF TWO COUNTY OWNED PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE MILES GRANT COUNTRY CLUB

This item is for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a County Deed and Reservation of Utility Easement for surplus disposal of two County-owned parcels that are obsolete or the continued use of which is uneconomical. The subject parcels are located within the Miles Grant Country Club and are only of use to the adjacent property owner, Miles Grant Country Club, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation. The subject conveyance will also include a reservation of a utility easement and a restrictive covenant restricting the parcels as unbuildable.

Agenda Item: 23-0371

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.15

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

CNST-8 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT A UTILITY EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (FPL) FOR EXISTING POWERLINES ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY ALONG SE 47TH AVENUE IN STUART

FPL has requested approval of an easement for existing powerlines along SE 47th Avenue adjacent to the Manatee Stormwater parcel, between SE Cleckley Steet and SE Salvatori Road in Stuart. These powerlines are necessary to serve the areas of SE 47th Avenue, Front Avenue, Murray Cove Circle and the County-owned Manatee Stormwater parcel. The lines also serve the Dixie Water Treatment Facility at the south end of Inez Avenue, which is critical infrastructure.

Agenda Item: 23-0376

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

CNST-9 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION AND CONVEYANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG NE SAVANNAH ROAD FROM HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC., AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF A REVISED FINAL SITE PLAN IN JENSEN BEACH

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed for dedication of a 25' right-of-way along NE Savannah Road from Hibiscus Children's Center, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, as a condition of approval of the Hibiscus Children's Center revised final site plan to construct an expanded parking area and associated infrastructure in Jensen Beach.

Agenda Item: 23-0377

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.16

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

CNST-10 REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING TWO QUIT CLAIM DEEDS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSFER OF THE LATERAL DITCHES NEAR HERITAGE RIDGE IN HOBE SOUND

This is a request for adoption of a resolution accepting and approving two Quit Claim Deeds from the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for the donation of the lateral ditches (East Fork Creek) near Heritage Ridge in Hobe Sound.

Agenda Item: 23-0382

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.17

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

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-11 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING 211 AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring 211 Awareness Month that will be presented at the February 7, 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item: 23-0462

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

CNST-12 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING ENGINEERS WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Engineers Week that will be presented at the February 7, 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item: 23-0464

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

After solicitation for applicants, the Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Industrial Development Authority.

Agenda Item: 23-0375

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.18

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Brian Powers to the Industrial Development Authority.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to appoint Brian Powers to the Industrial Development Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B&C-2 **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT**

The Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee.

Agenda Item: 23-0401

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1.19

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Robin Huebner, Heather Rothe and Lieutenant George McLain to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to appoint Robin Huebner, Heather Rothe and Lieutenant George McLain to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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: 23-0336

OMB Director Jennifer Manning presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) FY 2024 Indian River Lagoon Council (IRL) and IRL National Estuaries Program Grant, (2) FY22 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) O-Bureau of Justice Assistance, (3) Request to covert a contracted position to a full-time position for Human Services, (4) Utilities and Solid Waste Department full-time Senior Heavy Operator position, and (5) CIP Amendment (Constitutional Officer's Restroom Facilities).

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

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

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items that meet the Board approval threshold. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum. If there are no items, a Supplemental Memorandum will not be attached.

Agenda Item: 23-0344

Senior Purchasing Agent Tasha Sapp presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) Coral Gardens Neighborhood Restoration, (2) Indiantown Fairgrounds & High School Water & Force Main Extensions, and (3) Garbage Removal From Parks & County Operated Facilities.

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

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

DEPT-3 ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT DOLLARS TO CLERK AND COMPTROLLER DIGITIZATION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES PROJECT

Staff is seeking approval to reassign American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the closed Community Partner Relief Program to the digitization project of historical records by the County Clerk and Comptroller.

Agenda Item: 23-0405

County Administrator George Stokus presented the item to the Board.

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

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

DEPT-4 REALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT DOLLARS FROM GATEWAY TO THE ARTS PROGRAM TO DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Staff is seeking approval to reassign American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the Gateway to the Arts Program to the digitization of historical records and the E-Book program for the library.

Agenda Item: 23-0416

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus and Library Director Jennifer Salas provided the item to the Board.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Sandra Thurlow and Knight Kiplinger.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to approve this item. The motion carried by the

following vote:

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

DEPT-5 DISCUSS 2023 PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

During the November 22, 2022 meeting, County Administrator Don Donaldson asked all Board members to submit their priorities for 2023 to him by December 6, 2022. Commissioner Hetherington was unable to attend the December 13 meeting when they were to be discussed, therefore, the Board continued this item to the January 24, 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item: 23-0402

County Administrator Don Donaldson introduced the item to the Board. The commissioners each presented and discussed their 2023 priorities.

PARKS AND RECREATION

DEPT-6 WOJCIESZAK PARK UPDATE

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has requested a presentation on the Wojcieszak (Wojo) Park as it relates to future park construction and maintenance.

Agenda Item: 23-0442

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Abbate and Deputy Director Kevin Kirwin provided the update to the Board. County Administrator Don Donaldson and Assistant County Administrator George Stokus assisted with Board questions.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Kenneth Knight, Jake Neves and Leeanna Grier.

Commissioner Hetherington inquired about skate park entry fees. Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Abbate and County Attorney Sarah Woods assisted with Board questions. Commissioner Ciampi requested an agenda item be brought back before the Board for additional discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve this item. The motion failed.

Agenda Item: 23-0442

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Vice Chairman Jenkins II, directing staff to immediately utilize the budgeted \$1.7 million to address fencing, maintenance and safety issues at Wojcieszak Park; and then hold a charrette with park users to discuss how to rehabilitate the park. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Caleta Scott with Indian River Lagoon National Estuary introduced herself to the Board as a new member of the organization; she offered her assistance to the County.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners January 24, 2023 meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
/lp

Edward Ciampi, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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