



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES
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Comptroller

**Joint Meeting with the Stuart City Commission, School Board & Village of
Indiantown Council**

CALL TO ORDER

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Stacey Hetherington, Chair
Sarah Heard, Commissioner
Edward V. Ciampi, Commissioner
Harold Jenkins II, Commissioner
Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator
Sarah Woods, County Attorney

CITY OF STUART

Eula Clarke, Mayor
Merritt Matheson, Vice Mayor
Michael Meier, Commissioner
Becky Bruner, Commissioner
Troy McDonald, Commissioner
David Dyess, City Manager
Michael Mortell, City Attorney

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN

Jackie Clarke, Mayor
Anthony Dowling, Vice Mayor
Guyton Stone, Council Member
Janet Hernandez, Council Member
Susan Gibbs Thomas, Council Member
Howard Brown, Village Manager
Wade Voss, Village Attorney

SCHOOL BOARD

Marsha Powers, Chair
Christia Li Roberts, Board Member
Victoria Defenthaler, Board Member
Dr. John Millay, Superintendent

II. Introductions and Opening Comments

In lieu of a roll call, the attendees introduced themselves for the record.

III. Public Comments

Commissioner Hetherington, Mayor Eula Clarke, and Chair Marsha Powers each thanked everyone for their attendance.

Lindsay Benson expressed concerns regarding traffic safety for school children and requested a designated school zone on Cove Road.

Heather Rucks addressed traffic safety and school zones near Treasure Coast Classical Academy.

Jackie Trancynger spoke about the new recycle bins as it relates to the elderly. She also expressed concerns regarding changes to the Comp Plan and decisions made by the School Board and City of Stuart.

Tom Pine shared his discontentment with the beautification of Martin County and the cost to maintain it.

Mayor of Sewall's Point Kaija Mayfield shared updates and upcoming projects occurring in the town.

Stephen Leighton thanked the Board of County Commissioner on the completion of the flood project in Hobe Heights; he congratulated the Village of Indiantown on their rodeo; and thanked the City of Stuart for the beautification of Downtown Stuart. He also addressed school zones and speeds on Cove Road.

WORKSHOP

**WORK-1 JOINT MEETING AGENDA - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STUART
CITY COMMISSIONERS, MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND
VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN COUNCIL**

Agenda Item: 22-0128

IV. Agenda Items

A. County Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Projects Administrator Chris Goetzfried and Traffic Engineering Administrator Luke Lambert presented the update. The presentation included: Neighborhood restoration construction projects, Neighborhood restoration design projects, Resurfacing & roadway construction, Sidewalk projects, Bridge projects, CRA construction projects, Ecosystems projects, and Traffic safety.

B. City Utilities and Engineering Projects

Utilities and Engineering Director Tim Voelker presented the City's update to the Boards. The presentation included: Shepard Park boat trailer parking improvements, Dixie Highway and Se Florida Street sidewalk, Annual paving maintenance program, Stormwater master plan, Tressler Drive water quality improvement project, and Sailfish Ballfield forcemain.

C. County and City Large-Scale Development Projects

Martin County Principal Planner Samantha Lovelady announced approvals from January 1st through September 27th. Comprehensive Planning Administrator Clyde Dulin assisted with questions.

City Development Director Kevin Freeman presented the City's development review.

Vice Mayor Merritt Matheson requested clarification of what in review means and a map showing a 5 year snapshot for future use. City Attorney Michael Mortell clarified what the appeal process entails. Commissioner Heard requested that dates of approval and number units be added to the map for both the City and County.

D. Village of Indiantown Projects

Village of Indiantown Community and Economic Development Director Althea Jefferson announced projects that are currently under review and recently approved.

E. School District Update

Superintendent John D. Millay introduced the presentation and thanked the various Boards for their flexibility navigating through these times. Director of Facilities Mark Sechrist provided facility updates and Capital Projects Planning Specialist Kimberly Everman gave general enrollment and COFTE updates.

Mayor Eula Clarke inquired on the record keeping of students facing homelessness, the effects on the number of students receiving free lunch during the pandemic, and the impacts of technology in the libraries. Dr. Millay informed that the School District invested in social workers to assist with barriers. He also noted that all children in Martin County receive free lunch and breakfast for the past 2 years (this may be subject to change next year); and that technology platforms are available but more predominate at the high school level.

Council Member Janet Hernandez inquired about the District's process to increase and maintain public education. Dr. Millay advised the State of Florida is a state of choice and that current legislature has caused the District to react. Marsha Powers informed that with recent state shifts for free choice, the current model will allow funds to follow the student regardless of school choice.

Vice Mayor Merritt Matheson asked about the effects of public versus charter school permitting, traffic and school zones, and School Resource Officers as it correlates to their budget. Chair Marsha Powers advised there are current labor shortages (15 vacant positions for crossing guards), which has caused the Martin County Sheriff Office to prioritize areas of high need. Dr. Millay encouraged residents to exercise patience and flexibility during the next few months.

Commissioner Ciampi addressed traffic safety on Cove Road near Treasure Coast Classical Academy. He directed staff to look into the possibility of making that section on Cove Road near TCCA a school zone and bring an item back to the county commission meeting. Commissioner Hetherington advised the county is looking into a signal at the crossing on Cove Road. County Administrator Taryn Kryzda confirmed traffic studies were initiated and will be brought back before the Board.

Chair Marsha Powers urged residents to be thoughtful and mindful of the safety of students during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick ups.

ADJOURN

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners October 14, 2021 Joint Meeting with Stuart City Commission, Village of Indiantown, and Martin County School Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Stacey Hetherington, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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