

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**KIMAL EVENT CENTER
11184 HUGHEY-KIMAL DRIVE
VENICE, FLORIDA**

9:00 a.m.

Nora Patterson, Chair, District 4
Shannon Staub, Vice Chair, District 3
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
David Bullock, Deputy County Administrator
Susan Scott, Deputy County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Latressa Preston, Deputy Clerk
Claudia Goodson, Deputy Clerk

BOARD WORKSHOP

1. HUMAN SERVICES

The Board discussed the proposed Criminal Justice/Jail sites.

Staff Presenters: Health and Human Services Executive Director William Little, Health and Human Services Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator James Schulz, County Administrator James Ley, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Health and Human Services Social Services General Manager Charles Taylor, and Court Administrator Walt Smith

Public Presenters: Major Darrell Stinger and Captain George Scott, representing the Sheriff's Department, Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert Bennett, and Circuit Court Judge Lee Haworth

Items submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the "Facility Development Process Phases" flowchart

9:32:36 Board Action: Requested to consider separating the inmate's average length of stay by the processing versus sentencing time. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:09:01 Board Action: Requested to consider building a joint public safety facility with the City of Sarasota. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

10:14:50 Board Action: Requested to consider neighborhood representatives on the Advisory Committee. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:20:00 Board Action: Requested to consider a facility with a large campus to host training and agricultural programs. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:22:20 Board Action: Requested to consider community leaders on the Advisory Committee. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

10:22:44 Board Action: Requested to coordinate with the business community regarding workforce opportunities for released inmates. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

10:22:58 Board Action: Requested to collaborate with faith-based programs regarding rehabilitation for released inmates. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

1. HUMAN SERVICES - Continued

10:25:14 Board Action: Requested to consider alternative programs as a priority for the Community Alliance. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:25:39 Board Action: Requested to have financial leaders on the Citizens Committee. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:26:29 Board Action: Requested to discuss ideas/concerns with the County Judges relative to the plans for the criminal justice/jail sites. Requested by Staub, without objection.

10:34:57 Board Action: Requested to consider alternative programs for non-violent criminals. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

10:36:53 Board Action: Requested a study on the current jail population. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

RECESS: 10:43 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

10:58:39 Board Action: Authorized the expansion of the Transitional Housing Program to apply to other eligible inmates outside the Voluntary Interim Placement-Enhanced Recovery (VIP-ER) program. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

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2. HUMAN SERVICES

The Board discussed the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

Staff Presenters: Health and Human Services Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator James Schulz, County Administrator James Ley, and Health and Human Services Social Services General Manager Charles Taylor

Public Presenter: Dr. Jerry Thompson of Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Item submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation

11:08:17 Board Action: Requested a cost estimate relative to providing a JAC in North and South County. Requested by Staub/Patterson, without objection.

11:18:27 Board Action: Requested to send correspondence to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ) regarding a shared cost for the JAC. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:23:40 Board Action: Requested to consider a central location for a JAC in mid-County. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:25:11 Board Action: Requested the County Administrator to proceed with the lease agreement for a temporary location of the JAC at the old CAIC building on Fruitville Road. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:26:50 Board Action: Requested a cost estimate of additional Coastal Behavioral Healthcare Staff in North and South County. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:27:08 Board Action: Requested to bring back a proposed budget for the JAC offered by the City of Sarasota Police Department. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:30:23 Board Action: Recommended items for review/discussion at a future Board meeting with consideration of Board recommendations/comments made this date. Recommended by Patterson, without objection.

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3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Board discussed the Affordable Housing Trust.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Executive Director Rob Lewis, Deputy County Administrator Susan Scott, Planning and Development Services Interim Community Housing Manager MaryBeth Humphreys, Planning and Development Services Housing and Community Development Services General Manager Donald Hadsell, and County Administrator James Ley

Items submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, a copy of the Habitat for Humanity, Sarasota, Inc., and GoodHomes Manasota, Inc., Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Community Housing Fund, a copy of the Subsidy Chart, a copy of the First Step of Sarasota, Inc., Community Housing Fund Proposal, and a copy of a document entitled "Affordable Housing Programs Funded by the Housing Trust Fund of Sarasota County and Administered by the Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County, Inc."

11:45:47 Board Action: Requested a statistics report on affordable housing in North County. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:46:29 Board Action: Requested to define/clarify the "need met" criteria relative to the level of affordability up to 100 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:47:49 Board Action: Requested a tracking system of individuals in the Homebuyer's Education Program. Requested by Staub, without objection.

11:54:55 Board Action: Requested to review/outline a point system for proposals relative to the affordable housing criteria. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

12:03:23 Board Action: Requested to review/outline provisions for a proposed Ordinance regarding repayment of infrastructure costs. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

12:08:59 Board Action: Requested to proceed with the acquisition/rehabilitation of existing housing properties. Requested by Staub, without objection.

RECESS: 12:20 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.

12:43:39 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to bring back an outline for a point system used as tool to score proposals at a meeting in April 2007. Directed by Patterson, without objection.

12:44:41 Board Action: Requested a status report on the escheated lots in the City of North Port. Requested by Staub, without objection.

12:44:56 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator submit a report/listing of the cost of rental and foreclosure properties that may be used as affordable housing. Requested by Staub, without objection.

12:46:42 Board Action: Requested to submit proposals in a business format. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

12:47:33 Board Action: Requested to add the geographical locations of the projects in the proposals. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

12:47:58 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator meet with the affordable housing providers within the next 30 days to review/outline a point system. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

12:53:44 Board Action: Requested to consider setting a deadline date for proposals. Requested by Staub, without objection.

1:02:33 Board Action: Requested a status report on the Laurel Street and Hatton Street properties. Requested by Staub, without objection.

1:03:38 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to bring back recommended items for review/discussion at a future Board meeting. Directed by Patterson, without objection.

RECESS: 1:06 p.m. - 1:14 p.m.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Board discussed the Sarasota 2050 RMA (Resource Management Area) Plan.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Planning and Development Services Principal Planner Matthew Lewis, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, and Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott

1:29:10 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator schedule a meeting with Lakewood Ranch (Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc.) to discuss ideas/concerns regarding the conservation easement area relative to the Sarasota 2050 RMA Plan. Requested by Staub, without objection.

1:49:40 Board Action: Requested to review/outline provisions relative to preserving open space. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:01:19 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to schedule a future Board discussion with Rod Krebs relative to the Hamlets/open space of the Sarasota 2050 RMA Plan. Directed by Patterson, without objection.

2:05:06 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to schedule a meeting/discussion with Manatee County regarding the realignment of University Parkway. Directed by Patterson, without objection.

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5. ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed General Matters.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott, Planning and Development Services Executive Director Rob Lewis, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, and Intergovernmental Relations Manager Marsha Hosack

2:20:49 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator prepare a report on Transportation Planning Road Improvement Projects. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:43:20 Board Action: Requested a future Board discussion on policy decisions relative to the funding of large scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments for affordable housing properties developed by non-profit organizations. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:44:58 Board Action: Requested a report "quantifying" the funding for large scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:51:40 Board Action: Requested to convey the Board's concerns to the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) regarding the exemption of water standards during a drought. Requested by Staub, without objection.

3:01:28 Board Action: Authorized the County Administrator to prepare correspondence for the Chair's signature to be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in support of the West Coast Inland Navigation District's (WCIND) request to allow the North and South Venice Jetty concession facilities to remain until necessary removal. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

6. OTHER BUSINESS - No items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair