

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
1001 SARASOTA CENTER BOULEVARD
CONFERENCE ROOM
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

10:00 a.m.

**REGIONAL COMMONALITIES MEETING
WITH THE MANATEE, CHARLOTTE, AND DESOTO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Chair Nora Patterson, Vice Chair Shannon Staub, Commissioners Joseph A. Barbetta, Paul H. Mercier, and Jon Thaxton; James Ley, County Administrator; Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney; and Paula Clintsman, Deputy Clerk

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

Chair Richard Loftus, Vice Chair Tricia Duffy, Commissioners Tom D'Aprile, Adam Cummings, and Thomas Moore; Bruce Loucks, County Administrator; and Janette Knowlton, County Attorney

COUNTY OF DESOTO

Craig Coffey, County Administrator; and Howard Holtzendorf, County Attorney

COUNTY OF MANATEE

Chair Amy Stein, Vice Chair Jane von Hahmann, Commissioners Gwendolyn Brown and Carol Whitmore; Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator; and Ted Williams, County Attorney

(10:15:30)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(10:19:35)

2. "MY REGION" PRESENTATION

The County Commissioners considered/discussed the "My Region" presentation.

Public Presenters: Facilitator Don Upton and Project Director of myregion.org Shelley Lauten

Manatee County Commrs. von Hahmann and Whitmore requested that Manatee County Staff and the various Planning Staff provide a regional system focused on live, work, and play (to and from areas) without loss of time and on boundary issues relative to regional concurrency and compatibility.

Charlotte County Commr. D'Aprile requested to address regional similarities relative to evacuation routes.

11:34:40 Board Action: Requested that the various Planning Staff connect the regional impacts for each County's Comprehensive Plan. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

11:35:53 Board Action: Requested to address regional connectivity issues beyond rezone petitions. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

Ms. Lauten suggested to include/address inconsistent/consistent vocabulary.

2. "MY REGION" PRESENTATION - Continued

11:37:01 Board Action: Requested regional coordination relative to wildlife corridors, air quality, and water bodies. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

Manatee County Commr. Stein requested information on financial integrity/measurement and impacts.

11:40:15 Board Action: Requested to include/review the area Cities/Municipalities relative to a regional approach regarding the importance of redevelopment. Requested by Staub, without objection.

Charlotte County Commr. Cummings requested to address/develop sustainable economic assets to protect quality of life, including a review of value-added type industries, long-term research, and protection of the long-term viability of regional assets.

11:47:57 Board Action: Requested to address the level of sustainability in conjunction with growth patterns. Requested by Staub, without objection.

Manatee County Commr. von Hahmann requested that the Counties' Planning Staff address present growth in conjunction with current Board policies/common practices that occur on a regular basis.

RECESS: 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(12:30:31)

3. GROWTH MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHIES - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OBJECTIVES

- A. Charlotte County
- B. DeSoto County
- C. Manatee County
- D. Sarasota County

Public Presenters: Facilitator Don Upton, Project Director of myregion.org Shelley Lauten, Charlotte County Community Development Director Mike Konefal, DeSoto County Planning Manager Jason Green, and Manatee County Planning Director Carol Clarke

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Planning Director Anne McClung and County Administrator James Ley

Items submitted: Copies of Charlotte and Sarasota Counties' PowerPoint presentations

(1:29:20)

4. GROUP DISCUSSION

1:45:40 Board Action: Requested future population projections in accordance with the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) for the four-County area. Requested by Staub, without objection.

Manatee County Commr. Whitmore requested to add an agenda item for the next Regional Commonalities Meeting pertaining to other Counties ideas/current practices relative to joint partnerships and infrastructure as it pertains to growth.

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4. GROUP DISCUSSION - Continued

1:55:37 Board Action: Requested to add an agenda item pertaining to the natural environment. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

1:57:34 Board Action: Requested to add an agenda item pertaining to cooperative transportation issues. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

Charlotte County Chair Loftus, and Commrs. D'Aprile, Duffy, and Cummings requested to add agenda items for the next Regional Commonalities Meeting relating to agricultural areas, water and sewer, roads, economic development, the financial burden, the "players" associated with public/private partnerships, including the boundaries, more coordinated efforts preserving environmental assets, and a resource for knowledge-based economic development (research type facility).

2:00:40 Board Action: Requested to add an agenda item pertaining to redevelopment where infrastructure currently exists. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

2:01:01 Board Action: Requested a review of aerial photographs as it relates to environmentally sensitive lands. Requested by Mercier, without objection.

Manatee County Commrs. Brown and von Hahmann requested to invite other entities (School Boards) to the next Regional Commonalities Meeting, to include interests associated with economic development, the purpose and accomplishments, and a discussion on the BEBR numbers/data to drive the growth rate as agenda items.

2:08:02 Board Action: Requested to invite the area Cities/Municipalities to attend the next Regional Commonalities Meeting. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:08 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair