

December 13, 2007

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD  
A/B CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

2:00 p.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

**BOARD RETREAT**

(02:33 p.m.)

**1. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)**

**A. 2008 Election of Officers**

2:34 p.m. Board Action: Approved the appointment of Commr. Staub as the 2008 Chair of the BCC. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:35 p.m. Board Action: Approved the appointment of Commr. Thaxton as the 2008 Vice Chair of the BCC. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:36 p.m. Board Action: Approved the appointment of Commr. Barbetta as the 2008 Pro Tem of the BCC. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(02:36 p.m.)

**B. 2008 Travel and Associated Expenses**

2:39 p.m. Board Action: Approved the Board's 2008 Travel Associated Expenses for Commission Representation Business as follows: Annual Trails Symposium; Askew Institute; Florida Association of Counties; Florida League of Cities; Floridians for Better Transportation; Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Annual Conference; International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Best Practices Conference; Lobby efforts in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., as required; National Association of Counties; Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA); State Working Groups, including Fertilizer, and Building Commission Green Issues; Southwest Florida Regional and Planning Council (SWFRPC); Southwest Florida Regional Stewardship Alliance; Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority; Tampa Bay Partnership meetings; Water Management District, including Water Institute, Water Alliance, and Water Conservation Summit; Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA); and any State/Federal Legislative generated appointments. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(02:39 p.m.)

**C. 2008 Board Meeting Schedule**

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Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Intergovernmental Relations Manager Marsha Hosack, and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

2:45 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator provide a report on the status of the County's Redevelopment Plan and to bring it back for Board discussion. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:47 p.m. Board Action: Requested to release the time for "Commissioners in Tallahassee" on Fridays in March, April, and May 2008. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:47 p.m. Board Action: Requested to add the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority meeting on February 6, 2008. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:52 p.m. Board Action: Requested removal of the National Home Builders Green Buildings Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in May 2008. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:52 p.m. Board Action: Approved the tentative 2008 Board Meeting Schedule, as amended. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(02:52 p.m.)

**D. 2008 Committee Appointments**

2:54 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to appoint Commr. Barbetta to the Economic Development Council (EDC) for 2008, without objection.

3:08 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to appoint Commr. Mercier as the Official Liaison to the Veteran's Organizations, without objection.

3:09 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to approve the 2008 State/Regional Committee Appointments, as follows:

**COUNTY APPOINTMENTS**

Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness: Mercier; Alternate: Barbetta

Community Action Agency Board: Mercier; Alternate: Barbetta

Council of Governments (COG): Staub; Alternate: Thaxton

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC): Staub; Alternate: Mercier

Early Learning Coalition (School Readiness): None

Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA): Mercier

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Mercier; Alternate: Staub

Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC): Mercier; Alternate: Thaxton

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Board:  
Patterson; Alternate: Thaxton

Sarasota County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc.: Thaxton; Alternate: Barbetta

Sarasota County Community Alliance (SCCA): Staub and Barbetta (attend when possible)

Suncoast Workforce Development Board (SWDB): Barbetta; Alternate: Mercier

Tourist Development Council (TDC): Patterson; Alternate: Barbetta

Tourism and Economic Development Board (TEDB): Barbetta; Alternate: Thaxton

Value Adjustment Board (VAB): Barbetta, Mercier, Staub; Alternate: Thaxton

Veteran's Organizations: Mercier

**STATE/REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Airport Advisory Board: Patterson; Alternate: Staub

Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Policy Committee: Thaxton; Alternate: Barbetta

Manasota League of Cities: Mercier; Alternate: Patterson

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): Barbetta, Patterson, Thaxton; Alternates: Mercier, Staub

MPO Public Transportation Task Force: Barbetta; Alternate: Patterson

Sarasota Bay National Estuaries Program Policy Committee: Thaxton; Alternate: Staub

Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA): Staub; Alternate: Thaxton

Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority: Patterson; Alternate: Barbetta

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC): Staub, Mercier; Alternate: Thaxton

West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND): Patterson; Alternate: Staub

Water Planning Alliance Board: Thaxton; Alternate: Staub

(03:09 p.m.)

**2. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board discussed the Board Priorities.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator James Ley

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3:19 p.m. Board Action: Requested to have a Community meeting after the completion of the Climate Change Plan. Requested by Staub, without objection.

3:43 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to defer discussion relative to the Paired Choice and Board Priorities Worksheets until the completion of Commr. Thaxton's priority rankings, without objection.

(03:44 p.m.)

**3. FINANCIAL PLANNING**

The Board considered the Sheriff MSTU (Municipal Service Taxing Unit) Options.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator James Ley

3:58 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to design a framework for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Budget Process including a Small Citizens' Task Force to review the Budget and to bring back a report for Board discussion. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton.

3:59 p.m. Board Action: Moved to amend the motion to include non-governmental entities rather than a Small Citizens' Task Force. Moved by Thaxton, failed due to lack of a second.

4:03 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to direct the County Administrator to review/outline provisions to enhance the FY 2009 Budget decision-making process relative to the Board recommendations made this date, without objection.

(04:04 p.m.)

**4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

The Board considered the Englewood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) property.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Planning and Development Services Englewood CRA Coordinator Debbie Marks, Planning and Development Services Neighborhood Services Manager Jane Grogg, and Public Works Facilities Construction Project Administrator Kevin Smith

Item submitted: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation

4:09 p.m. Board Action: Noted a majority consensus by Patterson to approve the demolition of structures located at 61 Cherokee Street and 67 Cherokee Street, Englewood, without objection.

(04:18 p.m.)

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. CHAIR PATTERSON**

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

4:26 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to draft an Emergency Ordinance relative to temporary signage including a sunset date and to bring it back for

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discussion at the next Board meeting. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**B. COMMISSIONER MERCIER**

Commr. Mercier commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues: Neighborhood/Corridor Plans to improve private easements and right-of-ways, National display of a symbol/art at the Veterans' Cemetery, and the visit to Tallahassee for the Florida Forever Grant Program.

4:29 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to provide a copy of the Charlotte County Ordinance relative to the Transfer/Density Program and to bring back a report for discussion at the next Board Workshop. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**C. COMMISSIONER THAXTON**

Commr. Thaxton commented on and discussions were held on concerns regarding the affordable housing plans/process.

4:55 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to schedule a joint meeting with the Community Housing Trust within the first quarter of 2008. Moved by Mercier, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**D. COMMISSIONER BARBETTA**

Commr. Barbetta commented on and discussions were held on the status of the Fair Board.

4:59 p.m. Board Action: Requested a report regarding the cost of "peer reviews." Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:59 p.m.