

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD  
THINK TANK, THIRD 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:

David Bullock, Deputy County Administrator  
Kathleen Schneider, Deputy County Attorney  
Latressa Preston, Deputy Clerk

(2:09:18)

**1. FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Surtax Workshop to consider infrastructure project priorities to address community needs and program areas.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Public Works Transportation Mobility General Manager Clarke Davis, Public Works Mobility Transit General Manager Anthony Beckford, Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Steve Botelho, Deputy County Attorney Kathleen Schneider, Public Works Facilities Planning Policy and Project Manager Mary Berkebile, Emergency Services Fire Chief Brian Gorski, Environmental Services Water Resources General Manager Theresa Connor, and Environmental Services Operations General Manager George MacFarlane

Items submitted: A copy of a map entitled "Unincorporated Sarasota County Surtax Phase III" and a copy of a spreadsheet entitled "Surtax Board III Workshop"

2:34:27 Board Action: Transferred funding from the Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Vehicle Purchases to the Transportation "Maybe" Projects, Item 1, South County SCAT Maintenance Facility, in the amount of \$4,400,000.00 and prioritized as a "Yes." Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:42:21 Board Action: Added Bus Stop/Shelter Projects to the prioritization list for the Transportation Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:45:08 Board Action: Prioritized the Bus Stop/Shelter Projects as Item 1 on the prioritization list. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:50:15 Board Action: Requested a chart showing the allocation of impact fee funding over the past five years relative to the transportation infrastructure. Requested by Patterson and Mercier, without objection.

3:00:58 Board Action: Prioritized the Honore Avenue Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program as Items 2, 3, and 4 on the prioritization list. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:02:45 Board Action: Prioritized the Transit Greenways Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program as Item 5 on the prioritization list. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued**

3:10:07 Board Action: Prioritized the Lockwood Ridge Road Project (Fruitville Road to 17th Street) as Item 6, the McIntosh Road Project (Bahia Vista Street to Fruitville Road) as Item 7, and the Myrtle Street Project as Item 8 on the prioritization list. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:11:28 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to allocate surtax funds to the Honore Avenue Projects (Items 2 and 3) on the prioritization list. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:26:11 Board Action: Deleted the Non-Transportation Project, Item 1, Second Detention Facility from the Infrastructure Surtax Program List and approved funding allocations to other non-transportation projects throughout the County. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 4-1 vote; Mercier voted "No."

3:27:22 Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to draft correspondence for the Chair's signature for submittal to the City of North Port and the Town of Longboat Key explaining the alternatives for ad valorem versus surtax funding, expressing concerns for the burden to the homeowners, and requesting a written response. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:30:01 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 41, North Port II Library Surtax, as a "Maybe," in the amount of \$9,000,000.00. Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:32:32 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 42, Drainage Improvements for three baffle boxes, in the amount of \$150,000.00, as a "Maybe." Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:37:24 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 43, Neighborhood Improvements II, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, as a "Maybe." Noted by Patterson, without objection.

3:40:26 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 44, Siesta Key Beach Enhancement II (Siesta Key Beach South to Turtle Beach) for park facilities improvements, in the amount of \$4,500,000.00, as a "Maybe." Moved by Staub, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

3:45:07 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 45, Performing Arts Center (Lemon Bay Playhouse) II, in the amount of \$300,000.00, as a "Maybe." Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 4-1 vote; Mercier voted "No."

**RECESS:** 3:48 p.m. - 4:02 p.m.

4:14:19 Board Action: Prioritized the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 46, Parking Garage for the North County Administration Building, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, as a "Maybe." Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:24:21 Board Action: Moved to prioritize the Non-Transportation Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, Item 47, Fire Training Facility exclusively for the Sheriff and Fire Departments constructed on County property, in the amount of \$14,000,000.00, as a "Maybe." Moved by Thaxton and seconded by Mercier.

4:26:51 Board Action: Approved a substitute motion allocating \$5,000,000.00 of surtax funds towards the construction of a training facility and to make the facility available to other districts/municipalities upon remittance of fees. Moved by Staub, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 3-2 vote; Mercier and Thaxton voted "No."

**1. FINANCIAL PLANNING - Continued**

4:27:21 Board Action: The main motion to prioritize the Non-Transportation Project, Item 47, Fire Training Facility, for surtax funding towards the construction of a training facility for the County Fire and Sheriff Departments, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, as a "Maybe," carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:32:12 Board Action: Increased surtax funding for Non-Transportation Project, Item 11, Spoil Island Restoration, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:36:23 Board Action: Moved to increase surtax funding for Non-Transportation Projects, Items 16, 17, 18, and 19, Sediment Abatement/Stormwater Reuse Projects, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. Moved by Staub.

4:40:50 Board Action: Withdrew the motion by Staub, without objection.

4:41:14 Board Action: Added funding for water quality improvements for the Dona Bay Project relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program, in the amount of \$10,000,000.00. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:42:45 Board Action: Allocated funding for the Non-Transportation Project, Item 47, Assorted Sediment Abatement Projects (Items 16, 17, and 18), in the amount of \$4,780,000.00, and prioritized as a "Maybe." Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

4:42:50 Board Action: Noted that the following Non-Transportation Projects relative to the Infrastructure Surtax Program is contingent upon the ad valorem funding for the Non-Transportation Project, Item 1, Second Detention Facility. Noted majority consensus by Patterson.

- Item 1 Second Detention Facility - No
- Item 2 South County Courts - Yes
- Item 3 Medical Examiner Facility - Yes
- Item 4 Judicial Center II and School Avenue Garage Expansion - Yes
- Item 5 Criminal Justice Center Remodel - Yes
- Item 6 Upgrade and update 800MHz Emergency Communication - Yes
- Item 7 Traffic Control Signal Priority System Opticom - Yes
- Item 8 Sheriff's Trunked Radio Replacement - Yes
- Item 9 Hurricane Shelter Retrofit Program - Yes
- Item 10 Sheriff's Modem Replacement - Yes
- Item 11 Spoil Island Restoration - Yes
- Item 12 Environmental Learning Center/BCC Challenge Grant - Yes
- Item 13 Restoration (Red Bug Slough) - Yes
- Item 14 Central Wastewater Collection System Extension - Yes
- Item 15 Water Service Program to Support Septic Systems - Yes
- Item 16 Sediment Abatement - Yes
- Item 17 Alligator Creek Stormwater Reuse - Yes
- Item 18 Phillippi Creek Stormwater Reuse - Yes
- Item 19 Drainage Improvements (Nokomis) - Yes
- Item 20 Brother Greenen Way Project - Yes
- Item 21 Gulf Gate Library Replacement - Yes
- Item 22 Selby Library Remodel - Yes
- Item 23 Library Technology - Yes
- Item 24 Elsie Quirk Library/Remodel - Yes
- Item 25 Sarasota County Historical Museum/BCC Challenge Grant - Yes
- Item 26 Siesta Key Beach Enhancements - Yes
- Item 27 Community Parks/Sports Complexes - Yes
- Item 28 Countywide Beach Enhancements - Yes
- Item 29 School Partnerships - Yes

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- Item 30 Neighborhood Parks - Yes
- Item 31 Natural Areas - Yes
- Item 32 Selected County Parks - Yes
- Item 33 Beach Shoreline Preservation and Access - Yes
- Item 34 Neighborhood Improvements - Yes
- Item 35 Construct Drug Rehabilitation Transitional Housing Facility - Yes
- Item 36 Robert L. Anderson Remodel - Yes
- Item 37 Health Department South - Yes
- Item 38 Economic Development - Yes
- Item 39 Fairgrounds Arena- Yes
- Item 40 Performing Arts Center - Yes
- Item 41 Drainage Improvements - Maybe
- Item 42 North Port II Library Surtax - Maybe
- Item 43 Neighborhood Improvements II - Maybe
- Item 44 Siesta Key Beach Enhancements - Maybe
- Item 45 Lemon Bay Playhouse II - Maybe
- Item 46 Parking Garage - Maybe
- Item 47 Fire Training Program - Maybe
- Item 48 Assorted Sediment Abatement Projects - Maybe

(2:07:57)

**2. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS**

2:09:11 Board Action: Referred the Red Rock Park issue relative to additional stop signs to the Traffic Advisory Council. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:48 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair