

December 2, 2008

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

1:00 p.m.

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

Shannon Staub, Chair, District 3
Jon Thaxton, Vice Chair, District 5
Carolyn J. Mason, District 1
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Nora Patterson, District 4

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Paula Clintsman, Deputy Clerk

BOARD RETREAT

(1:05 p.m.)

1. CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES EXERCISE

The Board discussed the results of the "Platinum Rule" exercise.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Talent and Performance Management Executive Director Sue Marcinko, and Talent and Performance Management Organizational Development Consultant Claudette Edison

(1:50 p.m.)

2. DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

The Board considered the Projects and Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley and Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

(2:04 p.m.)

3. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010 BUDGET PREVIEW

The Board considered the FY 2010 Budget preview.

Staff Presenters: County Administrator James Ley, Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, and Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Steven Botelho

Item submitted: A copy of Staff's PowerPoint presentation

(2:26 p.m.)

4. DISCUSSION

- A.** The Board considered the 2009 Election of Officers for the Board of County Commissioners (BCC);
- B.** The Board considered the 2009 Travel and Associated Expenses;
- C.** The Board considered the 2009 Board Meeting Schedule;
- D.** The Board considered the 2009 Committee Appointments.

2:26 p.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Thaxton as the 2009 Chair of the BCC. Moved by Patterson, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:27 p.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Barbetta as the 2009 Vice Chair of the BCC. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:28 p.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Patterson as the 2009 Pro Tem of the BCC. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mason, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:32 p.m. Board Action: Approved the Board's 2009 Travel and Associated Expenses for Commission Representation and Business, as amended, as follows: Annual Trails Symposium; Askew Institute; Florida Association of Counties; Florida League of Cities; Floridians for Better Transportation; International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Best Practices Conference; Innovative Government Annual Conference; Lobby efforts in Tallahassee and Washington, DC, as required; National Association of Counties; Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA); Southwest Florida Regional and Planning Council (SWFRPC); Southwest Florida Regional Stewardship Alliance; Tampa Bay Partnership meetings; Water Management District, including Water Institute, Water Alliance, and Water Conservation Summit, and SWUCA (Southern Water Use Caution Area) meetings; and any State/Federal Legislative generated appointments, and including the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) meetings, Peace River Basin Management Committee, and the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

2:32 p.m. Board Action: Revised by Staub the February 17, 2009, Board Meeting from the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center to February 18, 2009, without objection.

2:33 p.m. Board Action: Requested to add the TBARTA meetings to the 2009 Board Meeting Schedule. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

2:34 p.m. Board Action: Noted consensus by Staub to approve the tentative 2009 Board Meeting Schedule, as amended, without objection.

2:34 p.m. Board Action: Requested to appoint another Board Member for the following year (2010) to serve on the City of North Port Business and Economic Development Advisory Board. Requested by Staub, without objection.

2:34 p.m. Board Action: Noted consensus by Staub to approve the 2009 State/Regional/County Appointments, as follows:

STATE/REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Airport Advisory Board: Patterson; Alternate: Staub

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

Manasota League of Cities: Mason; Alternate: Patterson

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

MPO Public Transportation Task Force: Barbetta; Alternate: Patterson

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

Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee: Thaxton; Alternate: Staub

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

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA): Patterson; Alternate: Barbetta

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

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

Water Planning Alliance Board: Thaxton; Alternate: Staub

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS

Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness: Mason; Alternate: Barbetta

Community Action Agency Board (CAAB): Mason; Alternate: Barbetta

Council of Governments (COG): Thaxton; Alternate: Barbetta, Patterson

Criminal Justice Commission (CJC): Mason; Alternate: Thaxton

Early Learning Coalition (School Readiness): None

Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA): Mason

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC): Mason; Alternate: Staub

Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC): Now known as the Criminal Justice Commission (See above)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Board: None (Patterson to attend if necessary)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans' Organizations: None

2:46 p.m. Board Action: Noted by Staub to delete a Board Member appointment to serve on the Veterans' Organizations, without objection.

RECESS: 2:47 p.m. - 3:04 p.m.

3:05 p.m. Board Action: Noted by Staub to delete the appointment of a Board Member to serve on the SAMHSA, without objection.

3:05 p.m. Board Action: Noted by Patterson to attend a SAMHSA meeting should a Board Member be needed in the future, without objection.

5. BASEBALL UPDATE

The Board considered an update on baseball.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Planning and Development Services Strategic Planning Coordinator Jennifer Yarabek, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, and County Administrator James Ley

Public Presenters: Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Virginia Haley and Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Chair John Cranor, III

Items submitted: A copy of the Conceptual Master Plan Diagram and a copy of Staff's PowerPoint presentation

3:22 p.m. Board Action: Requested clarification on the number of available parking spaces for the upper left quadrant identified as Nos. 12 and No. 15 on the Conceptual Master Plan Diagram of the Spring Training Complex. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

3:28 p.m. Board Action: Requested a cost estimate that compares advertising and promotion of Sarasota tourism (with and without signing the Baltimore Orioles). Requested by Patterson, without objection.

3:30 p.m. Board Action: Requested the average attendance at Minor League games. Requested by Staub, without objection.

3:41 p.m. Board Action: Requested the number of children served and the cost of participating in Little League. Requested by Thaxton, without objection.

3:43 p.m. Board Action: Requested information on the economic benefits/analysis and net value of signing the Baltimore Orioles and the impact to the IMG Facility located in Bradenton. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

4:01 p.m. Board Action: Requested a detailed summary of what the County is receiving versus offering to the Baltimore Orioles and to provide the details to the public, newspapers, and placement on the County's website. Requested by Mason and Staub, without objection.

4:04 p.m. Board Action: Requested to add the cost of relocating the Youth Sports Facilities/Fields to the total capital cost of the Spring Training Complex. Requested by

Patterson, without objection.

4:05 p.m. Board Action: Noted Board consensus by Staub to direct the County Administrator to request that the Baltimore Orioles/Consultants commit to the Cal Ripken issue, to determine the number of playing fields needed for the Board to establish the cost of relocating the playing fields, and to address the matter of capital funding, in the amount of \$200,000.00 per year.

(4:40 p.m.)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMISSIONER PATTERSON

4:41 p.m. Board Action: Requested a report to clarify the (Siesta Key Overlay District and the Zoning Code) expiration dates for businesses to conform to the Sign Regulations and the number of businesses affected by the expense. Requested by Patterson and Thaxton, without objection.

4:43 p.m. Board Action: Noted majority consensus by Staub to direct the County Administrator to prepare correspondence, for the Chair's signature, for submittal to the Child Protection Center Representatives informing them of the Board's decision to retain the status quo regarding the Laurel Street property lease.

CHAIR STAUB

Chair Staub commented on and discussions were held regarding the correspondence received from the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board regarding the Board's direction to schedule quarterly meetings.

B.

Staff Presenter: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

4:49 p.m. Board Action: Directed the County Administrator to prepare correspondence, for the Chair's signature, for submittal to the Englewood Area Planning Advisory Board advising them of the options to dissolve or to continue to schedule quarterly meetings, with an explanation of Budget cuts.

COMMISSIONER MASON

Commr. Mason noted her planned attendance at a meeting at the Robert L. Taylor Community Center on Thursday, December 4, 2008, regarding the new facility, advised of giving a speech in Englewood, and gave an update on the visit and tour with Cal Ripken, Sr.

C.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:53 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Chair