

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

Also present were:

Terry Lewis, Interim County Administrator
William Little, Deputy County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

(09:00 a.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robinson

BOARD RETREAT

(09:00 a.m.)

1. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Opened and closed without comment.

(09:00 a.m.)

2. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)

- A.** 2012 Election of Officers;
- B.** 2012 Travel and Associated Expenses;
- C.** 2012 Board Meeting Schedule;
- D.** 2012 Committee Appointments.

09:01 a.m. Board Action: Nominated Commr. Mason as the 2012 Chair of the BCC, effective January 1, 2012. Nominated by Thaxton.

(Note: Commr. Mason declined the nomination as the 2012 Chair of the BCC due to family obligations and noted her consent to continue to serve in 2012 as the Vice Chair of the BCC.)

09:02 a.m. Board Action: Nominated Commr. Robinson as the 2012 Chair of the BCC, effective January 1, 2012. Nominated by Thaxton.

09:02 a.m. Board Action: Closed the nominations. Closed by Patterson, without objection.

09:03 a.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Robinson as the 2012 Chair of the BCC, effective January 1, 2012. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

09:03 a.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Mason as the 2012 Vice Chair of the BCC, effective January 1, 2012. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

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09:03 a.m. Board Action: Appointed Commr. Thaxton as the 2012 Pro Tem of the BCC, effective January 1, 2012. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

09:05 a.m. Board Action: Approved the Board's 2012 travel and associated expenses for Commissioners representation and business, as amended, as follows: Alliance and Water Conservation Summit and Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) meetings; Annual Trails Symposium; Askew Institute; Florida Association of Counties conferences, meetings and accreditation; Florida Beaches and Shores Conference; Florida League of Cities conferences and meetings; Floridians for Better Transportation meetings; Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Green Cities Conference; International City/County Management Association Best Practices Conference; Innovative Government Annual Conference; Legislative Committee appointments; Lobbying efforts in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., as required; National Association of Counties conferences, meetings, and retreats; Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority meetings and events; Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council meetings; Southwest Florida Regional Stewardship Alliance; Tampa Bay Partnership meetings; Tampa Bay Regional Transit Authority; and Water Management District meetings, including Water Institute, Water Alliance, Water Conservation Summit, and SWUCA meetings. Moved by Mason, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

09:07 a.m. Board Action: Directed the Interim County Administrator to contact the area Municipalities to schedule the 2012 joint meetings with a minimum of one meeting with each Municipality. Moved by Robinson, seconded by Mason, carried by a 5-0 vote.

09:08 a.m. Board Action: Approved the 2012 Board Meeting schedule. Moved by Thaxton, seconded by Mason, carried by a 5-0 vote.

09:26 a.m. Board Action: Approved the 2012 State/Regional and County Appointments as follows: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS:

Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness: Mason; Alternate: Barbetta

Community Action Agency Board: Mason; Alternate: Barbetta

Council of Governments: Robinson; Alternate: Mason

Criminal Justice Commission: Robinson; Alternate: Thaxton

Early Learning Coalition (School Readiness): None

Economic Development Council: Barbetta; Alternate: Robinson

Enterprise Zone Development Agency: Mason

Gang Reduction Strategy Task Force: Mason; Alternate: Thaxton

Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce: Barbetta; Alternate: Thaxton

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Mason; Alternate: Thaxton

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North Port Business and Economic Development Advisory Board: Robinson

Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau: Barbetta; Alternate: Mason

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

Sarasota County Community Alliance: None

Suncoast Workforce: Mason; Alternate: Barbetta

Tourist Development Council: Patterson; Alternate: Barbetta

Value Adjustment Board: Barbetta, Mason; Alternate: Robinson

Venice Main Street, Inc.: Thaxton; Alternate: Robinson

National Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board: Robinson; Alternate: Mason

STATE/REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Airport Advisory Board: Patterson; Alternate: Robinson

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

Manasota League of Cities: Mason; Alternate: Patterson

Metropolitan Planning Organization: Barbetta, Patterson, Thaxton; Alternates: Mason, Robinson

MPO Public Transportation Task Force: Barbetta; Alternate: Patterson

National Association of Counties Green Government Initiatives Committee: Thaxton

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

Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority: Thaxton; Alternate: Patterson

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority: Patterson; Alternate: Barbetta

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

West Coast Inland Navigation District: Patterson; Alternate: Robinson

Water Planning Alliance Board: Robinson; Alternate: Patterson

09:25 a.m. Board Action: Requested to attend SWFRPC meetings via conference call. Requested by Robinson, without objection.

(09:26 a.m.)

3. ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed Social Media Use for the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff Presenters: Interim County Administrator Terry Lewis, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Interim Communications Director Crystal Pruitt, and Enterprise Information Technology Chief Information Officer Glenn Zimmerman

09:47 a.m. Board Action: Requested quarterly updates on the progress and post requests for the County's Facebook page. Requested by Robinson, without objection.

(09:55 a.m.)

4. ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed the new County Administrator transition process.

Staff Presenters: Interim County Administrator Terry Lewis and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

Public Presenter: Randall Reid

09:57 a.m. Board Action: Approved Contract No. 2012-149 and authorized the Chair to finalize and execute an Employment Agreement with Randall Reid for County Administrator, upon satisfactory completion of a background check and pre-employment physical. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Mason, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:04 a.m. Board Action: Extended the terms of Interim County Administrator Terry Lewis' Employment Agreement (Contract No. 2011-454) to February 15, 2012. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Robinson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(10:07 a.m.)

5. ADMINISTRATION

The Board considered and discussions were held on the following topics/issues: road maintenance issues in Venice, possible future Sporting Events/Sports Tourism, possibility of a Soccer Complex, a funding request from the Friends of the North County Library, and the possibility of a full scale major University in Sarasota.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Executive Director James Harriott

10:11 a.m. Board Action: Noted consensus by Patterson to direct the Interim County Administrator to bring back a report regarding the Knights Trail Gun Range fees for Board consideration.

10:14 a.m. Board Action: Authorized payment of half of the Warm Mineral Springs property tax bill and directed the Interim County Administrator and County Attorney to contact the City of North Port Staff regarding a possible ownership restructuring and to bring back a report at the March 2012 Joint Meeting with the City of North Port for Board/Commission consideration. Moved by Robinson, seconded by Barbetta, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(10:38 a.m.)

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Opened and closed without comment.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:38 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____
Chair