



Indian River County Florida

Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners

Indian River County
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Bob Solari, Chairman, District 5
Susan Adams, Vice Chairman, District 1
Joseph E. Flescher, District 2
Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4
Tim Zorc, District 3

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chairman Bob Solari
Vice Chairman Susan Adams
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
Commissioner Tim Zorc

2.A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

2.B. INVOCATION

Dr. Christina Moore, Sr. Pastor, Rhema Apostolic International Deliverance Center

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA / EMERGENCY ITEMS

Added: Item 10.B.2. Indian River Shores Update on Virgin Trains

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

5. PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

5.A. Presentation of Proclamation Designating October 2019 as Family History Month

Commissioner Flescher read and presented the Proclamation to Marilyn Case, President, and Janet Hunter, Secretary, of the Indian River Genealogical Society. Ms. Case thanked the Board and made mention that the Genealogical Society was

celebrating its 36th year.

Read and Presented

- 5.B.** Presentation of Overview of GEI Works, by Karen Allan, General Manager Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, Indian River Chamber of Commerce, introduced Karen Allan, General Manager of GEI Works, who provided information on her company's business as part of the Chamber's Manufacturing Month spotlight program. Ms. Allan used a PowerPoint presentation to detail the types of textile conversion products that GEI produces, such as floating barriers and erosion control systems. The company was voted the 2016 Indian River Manufacturer of the Year.

Presented

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. INFORMATION ITEMS FROM STAFF OR COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- 7.A.** Sebastian River Improvement District Regular Meeting Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020, is on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

No Action Taken or Required

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

- 8.A.** Resolution Requesting the Legislature Enact a General Bill Amending Boundary Line between Indian River County and St. Lucie County

Approved Resolution 2019-092, requesting the Legislature approve legislation which amends the statutory boundary line between Indian River County and St. Lucie County.

- 8.B.** Request to Waive Bid Process for Supplemental Building Inspection Services for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Approved staff's recommendation

- 8.C.** Extension of Lease Agreement with Senior Resource Association for the Transit Administration Facility

Approved staff's recommendation

- 8.D.** Renewal of Agreements for Continuing Environmental and Biological Support

Services RFQ# 2017053 Project No. IRC-1720

Approved staff's recommendation

8.E. Funding Award from the Indian River Lagoon Council - National Estuary Program for the Lost Tree Islands Conservation Area

Approved staff's recommendation

8.F. Interfund Borrowing - Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Approved staff's recommendation

8.G. Miscellaneous Budget Amendment 016

Approved Resolution 2019-093, amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

10. PUBLIC ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.B.1. Request to Speak from Yolanda Allen Bell regarding utilities bill for vacant property at 4886 34th Ave

Vincent Burke, Director of Utility Services, recounted the tentative agreement reached with Ms. Bell regarding an outstanding utility bill on her now-vacant property. Staff agreed to waive the penalties and interest, leaving Ms. Bell with a base charge of approximately \$5,000, and an agreement that she would continue paying the service availability charges.

Ms. Bell confirmed her acceptance of the agreement in response to a question from Commissioner O'Bryan.

Chairman Solari issued a reminder that the Board does not take action on public discussion items, and authorized Director Burke to follow through with the agreement reached.

No Action Taken or Required

10.B.2. 10.B.2 Shores Update on Virgin Trains

Bob Auwaerter, Vice Mayor, Town of Indian River Shores, appeared before the Board with a report of the Virgin Trains (Brightline/All Aboard Florida) public information session held in Jupiter, Florida on Monday, October 14, 2019. Mr. Auwaerter recounted the discussions regarding expansion plans, safety measures,

and engineering challenges as Virgin Trains begins its Phase II service extension from Palm Beach to Orlando.

Chairman Solari asked and received answers regarding the record-setting number of train-related deaths, the lack of permits at crossing sites, and the proposed financing of the expansion.

Commissioner Flescher discussed the absence of Florida legislators at the meeting, and the surprising lack of input from local leaders.

No Action Taken or Required

C. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS

11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MATTERS

12. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. Community Development

B. Emergency Services

C. General Services

12.C.1. Sole Source for Envisionware 24-hour Library

Mike Zito, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Tracey Wehking, Director of Library Services, who provided a presentation on the latest modernization effort of the Indian River County Library system. Ms. Wehking provided background on the library's recent technological upgrades and virtual resources. She explained that the Library Master Plan 2005-2025 identified the need for a library branch to service the South County area. Staff recommended the Envisionware library vending device as a means to provide a 24-hour, self-service outpost for a fraction of the cost needed to build and staff a new branch. Because it was the only system of its kind, staff requested to waive the bid requirement and designate Envisionware as the sole-source provider for the unit. Ms. Wehking estimated it would take approximately 12 weeks from order to installation.

Commissioners asked and received additional information regarding e-media services, manufacturing details, types of materials that would stock the device, the library card requirement, and turnaround time for delivering requested media.

Chairman Solari disagreed with Ms. Wehking's assessment that the vending unit would not require any staffing costs; he requested an estimate from County

Administrator Jason Brown on the cost to have library employees maintain the machine. Administrator Brown noted that the transfer of requested materials between branches would account for most of staff's time, and he would provide a cost associated with that effort.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

12.C.2

Jones' Pier Conservation Area Public Use Improvements - Project Update, Florida Division of Historical Resources Grant Completion and Request to Apply for Additional Funding

Beth Powell, Assistant Director of Parks and Conservation Resources, appeared before the Board with an update to the planned improvements at the Jones' Pier Conservation Area. Ms. Powell's presentation began with a public service promotional video showcasing the project. She continued with a PowerPoint presentation which detailed the timeline, funding, site plan and partnering organizations. Utilizing grants from a variety of sources, the Parks and Conservation Department created a combination of natural and man-made improvements including a replica fruit stand, fishing pier, wetlands, public use facilities, and custom signs mapping the area. Ms. Powell announced the "A Day on the Trail" event would be held on December 7, 2019, to encourage public discovery of the area.

Ms. Powell concluded by requesting the Board's authorization to apply for grants in order to repurpose the 1920's Bungalow/Main House as a museum.

Chairman O'Bryan sought and received answers regarding the reasons for closing public access to the beachside portion of Captain Forster's Hammock Preserve.

Ruth Stanbridge, President of the Indian River Historical Society, announced the unveiling of a historical marker at the Bridge Tender's site during the December 7, 2019, "A Day on the Trail" event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

. Human Services

. Sandridge Golf Club

. Recreation

D. Human Resources

E. Office of Management and Budget

F. Public Works

G. Utilities Services

13. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS

14. COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

A. Commissioner Bob Solari, Chairman

14.A.1. Appointment of Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher to the 2020 Indian River County Canvassing Board

Chairman Solari appointed Commissioner Flescher to serve on the 2020 Indian River County Canvassing Board, with Commissioner O'Bryan to serve as the alternate. The appointments were approved by consensus of the Board.

Approved

B. Commissioner Susan Adams, Vice Chairman

C. Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher

D. Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan

E. Commissioner Tim Zorc

15. SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS

A. Emergency Services District

B. Solid Waste Disposal District

C. Environmental Control Board

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.