



# Indian River County Florida

## Meeting Minutes 4

### Board of County Commissioners

*Chairman, Joseph E. Flescher, District 2*  
*Vice Chairman, Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4*  
*Commissioner Susan Adams, District 1*  
*Commissioner Joseph H. Earman, District 3*  
*Commissioner Laura Moss, District 5*

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Joseph Flescher  
Vice Chairman Peter O'Bryan  
Commissioner Susan Adams  
Commissioner Joe Earman  
Commissioner Laura Moss

#### 2.A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

#### 2.B. INVOCATION

**Pastor Larry Boan, Central Assembly of God**

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan**

#### 4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA / EMERGENCY ITEMS

Added: Item 5.A. Presentation by Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers regarding the 27th Annual Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch BBQ

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

#### 5. PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

**5.A. Sheriff Flowers to speak regarding the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch BBQ**

Sheriff Eric Flowers reminded the Board of the 27th Annual Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches BBQ, to be held on March 3, 2021, at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Complex from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**No Action Taken or Required**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020; January 5, 2021; and January 12, 2021, as written. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**6.A.** Regular Meeting of December 15, 2020

**Approved**

**6.B.** Regular Meeting of January 5, 2021

**Approved**

**6.C.** Regular Meeting of January 12, 2021

**Approved**

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

**7.A.** Elected Public Official Bond Continuation Certificates for the Indian River County Hospital Trustees Tracey L Zudans, Barbara S. Bodnar, Karen B. Rose Deigl, Michael Weiss, and Ann Marie McCrystal. These bonds are on File in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

**No Action Taken or Required**

**7.B.** TCRPC - CEDS District 5 Appointment

Commissioner Moss welcomed Ms. Lee-Anna Otis to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

**No Action Taken or Required**

**7.C.** Indian River County Venue Event Calendar Review

**No Action Taken or Required**

**7.D.** Update on Brightline Trains Expenses

**No Action Taken or Required****8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

- 8.A.** Checks and Electronic Payments January 22, 2021 to January 28, 2021  
**Approved**
- 8.B.** Checks and Electronic Payments January 29, 2021 to February 4, 2021  
**Approved**
- 8.C.** Checks and Electronic Payments February 5, 2021 to February 11, 2021  
**Approved**
- 8.D.** Checks and Electronic Payments February 12, 2021 to February 18, 2021  
**Approved**
- 8.E.** Award of Bid 2021013 - Annual Custodial Services for County Buildings  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.F.** Approval of Ongoing Contracts  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.G.** Miscellaneous Budget Amendment 006  
**Approved Resolution 2021-018, amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.**
- 8.H.** Children's Services Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 2021/22  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.I.** Approval of Second Extension to the Agreement for Contracted Beach Services - Janitorial Services  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.J.** Renewal of Agreement for Food Concession Services and Lease at Sandridge Golf Club  
**Approved staff's recommendation**

- 8.K.** Amendment 2, Work Order Number 1, Masteller & Moler, Inc. -Continuing Engineering Services RFQ 2018008 - Hobart Park Baseball Fields  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.L.** IRC Main Library Roof Replacement (1838) Release of Retainage and Change Order No. 1  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.M.** Approval of SJRWMD Cost-Share Grant #36528 for Moorhen Marsh Low Energy Aquatic Plant System  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.N.** Roseland Community Center Building & Site Improvements, IRC-1855 - Change Order No. 1  
**Approved staff's recommendation**
- 8.O.** West Regional WWTF Facility Lighting Retrofit  
**Approved staff's recommendation**

**9. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

**10. PUBLIC ITEMS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**C. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS**

County Attorney Dylan Reingold read the notices into the record.

- 10.C.1.** Notice of Scheduled Public Hearing to Consider Modifications to County Code Sections 201.22 (Legislative)  
**No Action Taken or Required**
- 10.C.2.** Notice of Scheduled Public Hearing to Consider 51st Avenue and Portions of Winter Beach Highlands and Winter Beach Park Subdivisions Water Assessment (Legislative)  
**No Action Taken or Required**

**11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MATTERS**

- 11.A.** Update Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

County Administrator Jason Brown provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination progress. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide the state and local statistics, noting that 25.5% of the County's population and 67% of the 65+ population had been vaccinated.

Under Board discussion, Vice Chairman O'Bryan relayed the positive comments the Commissioners had been receiving regarding the Everbridge system and the organized vaccination process at the Fairgrounds. He received clarification from Administrator Brown about the simplicity of changing the wording on Everbridge upon direction from the Governor to allow vaccinations for different age groups and professions. The Vice Chairman also mentioned that the County may begin to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine; Administrator Brown added his speculation that the County would continue to receive Pfizer vaccines due to having the equipment to keep them at the required temperature. Commissioner Moss thanked Emergency Services Director Tad Stone, Treasure Coast Community Health, County staff, and the many volunteers who have come together to ensure a smooth vaccination process.

**No Action Taken or Required**

## **12. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

**A. Community Development**

**B. Emergency Services**

**C. General Services**

**D. Human Resources**

**E. Information Technology**

**F. Office of Management and Budget**

**G. Public Works**

**H. Utilities Services**

## **13. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS**

### **13.A. Economic Development Council Appointment**

County Attorney Dylan Reingold referred to staff's memorandum dated February 22, 2021, to announce that an Economic Development Council application had been received from Mr. Lee David Hunter, who was interested in filling the "Local Tourist Representative" vacancy. Commissioner Moss spoke in favor of appointing Mr. Hunter to fill the unexpired term ending in January 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to appoint Mr. Lee David Hunter to fill the unexpired term ending in January 2025, for the BCC Appointee position for the "Local Tourist Representative" to the Economic Development Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**13.B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Appointment**

County Attorney Dylan Reingold introduced Cassidy Brown, Legal Intern from Vermont Law School, who has been working in the County Attorney's office. Ms. Brown announced that Mr. Curtis Carpenter, Jr. was the nominee chosen to fill the "citizen who actively serves on the County's local planning agency (Planning and Zoning Commission)" vacancy on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to appoint Mr. Curtis Carpenter, Jr. to fill the vacancy for the "citizen who actively serves on the county's local planning agency (Planning and Zoning Commission)" on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**14. COMMISSIONERS MATTERS**

- A. Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman**
- B. Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan, Vice Chairman**
- C. Commissioner Susan Adams**
- D. Commissioner Joseph H. Earman**
- E. Commissioner Laura Moss**

**14.E.1. Small Non-Profit Grant Program**

Commissioner Moss addressed her fellow Board members to advocate for a Small Non-Profit Grant Program to assist the County's small non-profit agencies. She suggested that the proposed program would mirror the Small Business Grant Program, and that Mr. Tom Kindred of the Small Business Development Center at Indian River State College was willing to process the applications.

The following representatives spoke on behalf of local small non-profit agencies:

Dr. Crystal Bujol, Gifford Youth Orchestra  
Mr. Ted Pankiewicz, For the Love of Paws  
Ms. Janie Graves Hoover, Main Street Vero Beach

Ms. Ruth Stanbridge, Indian River County Historical Society  
Ms. Barbara Schlitt Ford, Environmental Learning Center and Indian River Cares  
Ms. Heather Stapleton, Heritage Center and Indian River Citrus Museum  
Mr. Freddie Woolfork, Gifford Youth Achievement Center

County Administrator Jason Brown spoke about the previously allocated CARES Act funds, and added that he would be returning to the Board in the near future with a CARES Act funding/spending update. He informed the Board that the list of non-profit agencies within the County was vast, and that if staff was directed to move forward immediately, funding would be taken from the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program.

County Attorney Dylan Reingold made note of the great not-for-profit agencies in the community. However, he voiced concern regarding the future ramifications that could arise from the County giving money directly to certain agencies. It was pointed out by Chairman Flescher and agreed upon by Attorney Reingold that the purpose of the partnership with the United Way was to determine eligibility for the disbursement of CARES Act funds.

Commissioner Earman sought and received clarification from Administrator Brown about the guidelines the United Way had followed when providing assistance. Administrator Brown also spoke highly of the work done by the United Way for the betterment of the community. Commissioner Moss made it clear that the proposed Small Non-Profit Grant Program was not intended to duplicate the assistance the agencies had received from the United Way, but for the non-profits to be given the flexibility to use the grant funds however they were needed.

*Chairman Flescher called for a recess at 10:53 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:04 a.m., with all members present.*

Dori Stone, President, Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, spoke via Zoom to request that 501(c)(6) organizations, Membership Based Nonprofits, be included when considering criteria for the proposed grant recipients.

Detailed discussion ensued among the Board with the majority not in favor of reallocating CARES Act dollars from the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program. It was suggested that the topic be revisited if an additional round of CARES Act funding was received, and that the nonprofit agencies could reach out for assistance to their donors or to the municipalities where they were located. They also discussed the County's funding of nonprofits and criteria/eligibility if the Board voted to approve funding for small non-profits in the future.

Commissioner Moss reminded her fellow Commissioners that she first brought the topic to them on January 5, 2021. She recommended that staff begin to work on the criteria/specifics for grant funding for small nonprofit agencies and return to the Board with a proposal. Vice Chairman O'Bryan recalled that there was no support in early January when the item was presented, and he did not feel it was a good use of staff time. Chairman Flescher agreed with the Vice Chairman, and he was confident that if the Board directed staff to fund small non-profit agencies with the second round of CARES Act funding, staff would work swiftly to make it happen. Commissioner Adams clarified that the Board was responsible for directing staff to move forward; however, there appeared to be no support at the present time. Commissioner Earman cited timing as his reason for not supporting the item, and he suggested revisiting the topic in 30-45 days or after a new round of CARES Act funding was confirmed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moss to direct staff to move forward with the development of a grant assistance program for small non-profit agencies, and to return to the Board with a proposal. The motion died for lack of a second.**

## 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, Chairman Flescher adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.