



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

The Center at Deltona, 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Heidi Herzberg, Roundtable Chair, Mayor, Deltona; Nancy Miller, Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores; Phyllis Buletin, Vice Mayor, DeBary; Bob Apgar, Mayor, DeLand; Cameron Lane, Mayor, Lake Helen; Russ Owen, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Michael Thomas, Mayor, Edgewater; Samuel Bennett, Mayor, Pierson; Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Ponce Inlet; Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Jeff Brower, County Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County.

Others attending included: Kurt Swartzlander, Asst. City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; John A. Peters, Acting City Manager, Deltona; Christine Power, Council Member, Edgewater; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Lee Evett, City Administrator, Lake Helen; Kohn Evans, City Administrator, Oak Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, Ormond Beach; Jeaneen Witt, Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; Suzanne Konchan, Deputy County Manager, Volusia County; Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, Volusia County; Alex Tiamson, Orange City; Jim Cameron, Consultant, Jim Cameron Consulting; Ben Bartlett, Public Works Director, Volusia County; Paolo Soria, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Volusia County; Dona Bulter, Community Services Director, Volusia County; Mike Dyer, County Attorney, Volusia County; Debbi McNabb, Community Benefir Director, AdventHealth; Ida Babazedeh, Community Health Program Manager, AdeventHealth; Sonja Baker, Administrative Aide, Volusia County; Darrell Hill, Production Coordinator, Volusia County; Gary Daniels, Production Coordinator, Volusia County; Brian Vandell, Production Coordinator, Volusia County; Babara Girtman, Council Member, District 1, Volusia County; Bille Wheeler, Council Member, District 2, Volusia County; Danny Robins, Council Member, District 3, Volusia County; Ethan Johnson, Assistant Director Community Services, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County; Martin Harper, Council Member, District 5, City of Orange City; Kelli Marks, Council Member, District 4, City of Orange City; Mark Lane, Reporter, Daytona Beach News Journal; Ann Ruby, Citizens 4 Responsible Development; Dr. Kent Sharples, CEO Business Alliance; Amanda Thorpe, Governor Desantis Office; Taking minutes was Dana Rhymes-Jones, Administrative Aide, Volusia County Manager's Office.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable Chair Heidi Herzberg welcomed those in attendance and following introductions of the attendees, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Ethan Johnson, Assistant Director, Community Health Services, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, presented vaccination statistics from all sites in Volusia County. He shared the most current numbers for COVID-19 cases in the state and county. Mr. Johnson stated there has been a recent increase in COVID-19 cases. Mr. Johnson stated the Department of Health continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines at all four office locations in Volusia County. He stated PCR testing is available at the Daytona Beach and Orange City locations for symptomatic individuals and those who have been exposed to COVID-19. Mr. Johnson informed everyone the focus of the Department of Health-Volusia's clinical staff had shifted to homebound vaccinations and outreach events. The Florida Health Department continues to reach out to long-term care facilities, and other organizations to coordinate vaccination events. He stated communities in need of outreach may contact the Florida Health Department in Volusia County for evaluation and scheduling.

Vice Chair Miller asked for the number of individuals that received treatment from the monoclonal treatment center in Ormond Beach. Vice Chair Miller also asked about the different treatments available and how they were working with the Omicron variant. Mr. Johnson replied he did not have those numbers available.

Mayor Apgar asked if the projection for the spike in the March/April reflected spring break. Mr. Johnson responded the projections do take into consideration special events and circumstances that could contribute to an increase in cases.

Chair Herzberg commented there was testing available at the County Fairgrounds from 9 - 4 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

County Chair Brower discussed about a letter from County Council being sent to the governor. He stated Halifax Health had contacted the county requesting the letter. County Chair Brower asked if there was treatment that worked on all the variants of COVID.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE UPDATE

Dona Butler, Department Director, Community Services, Volusia County, provided an update on the Affordable Housing Initiative Summit that was held in December 2021. Ms. Butler stated since the summit, the initiative has continued in January 2022 with three different committees. The three committees will have a group for funding, land development, and trust fund. Ms. Butler stated that all individuals who applied for a committee were appointed to a group. The meetings will be held at the Emergency Operations Center, and provided a handout with the meeting dates and times listed. Ms. Butler stated the committees would be looking into the needs at the city levels as well as at the county level. Ms. Butler stated that Clay Ervin, Growth Resource and Management Director would be contacting the municipalities to speak with them about their participation. She stated staff would be looking forward to more public feedback and partnerships with the municipalities on the Affordable Housing Initiative.

Roads and Infrastructure

Ben Bartlett, Department Director, Public Works, Volusia County, provided an update on the roads and infrastructure for Volusia County. Mr. Bartlett presented and stated staff met with the public in the four impact fee zones, and presented proposed projects and incorporated their feedback into this report. Mr. Bartlett explained there were three different types of projects: capacity, resurfacing, and safety.

Mr. Bartlett explained gas tax fees were permitted to be utilized for wherever they are needed in the county; however, impact fees were more restrictive and could only be utilized in the zones in which they are collected. Mr. Bartlett commented there has not been a definitive answer as to what or when funds would be received from the new federal infrastructure bill.

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the list of roadway projects by each zone. He provided updated estimated completion dates for current projects. Mr. Bartlett reviewed the priority list approved by Council based upon funding received for the projects on the list.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Bartlett and Committee Members.

Vice Chair Miller asked the Round Table Committee Members if anyone was interested in participating on a subcommittee for Roads and Infrastructure. Chair Herzberg, Vice Chair Miller, and Mayor Burnette volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Chair Herzberg stated she would like Radio Anchor Big John to serve on the subcommittee.

Mayor Apgar, DeLand, provided background and history on the subcommittees the Round Table of Elected Officials had in the past. Mayor Apgar stated the subcommittee should consist of elected or appointed officials due to the technical things that may be discussed; however, encouraged public input. He stated the subcommittee should have a representative from each zone.

Vice Chair Miller requested to have Mayor Apgar serve on the subcommittee even if temporary due to his term ending later this year. Chair Herzberg agreed with Vice Chair Miller request.

Chair Herzberg stated after consulting with Mayor Apgar, an email will be sent out to the Round Table Committee Members regarding the subcommittee and asking committee members if they would be interested in serving.

Opioid Litigation and Legislation Update

Paolo Soria, Senior, Assistant County Attorney, Volusia County, presented to Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Soria provided background for the Opioid litigation. Mr. Soria stated Volusia County and 4 other municipalities, sued 3 distributors as part of a class action law suit. Mr. Soria explained if adopted, the distributors would pay a maximum of \$21 billion over 18 years, while Jansen would pay a maximum of \$5 billion over nine years.

The Florida Attorney General has proposed a settlement plan for local governments for participation in the proceeds of the global settlement.

Florida portion is broken down into 3 funds:

- State Fund – amount provided to State of Florida.
- City/County Fund – amount provided to individual Counties and Cities based on opioid abuse metrics in the Florida Plan.
- Regional Fund – amount provided to a region, controlled by either a state regional entity or a Qualified County.
- Volusia County region receives 3.130329674480% of Regional.

Volusia County is eligible to be a Qualified County retain local control of the Regional Funds

- Population of at least 300,000 individuals.
- Has an opioid taskforce or other similar board that it operates in connection with its municipalities.

- Has an opioid abatement plan.
- Providing or contracting with others to provide substance abuse prevention, recovery, and/or treatment services to its citizens.
- Interlocal agreement with a majority of municipalities by population related to expenditure of opioid funds.

Mr. Soria stated the abatement plan was adopted by the Volusia County Council on December 14, 2021. The purpose of the abatement plan was to guide current and proposed responses to the opioid epidemic. This plan provides Volusia County's current efforts and programs to combat opioid abuse and co-related abuses. Mr. Soria explained the opioid settlement funds could only be used for new approved uses or to enhance or expand current uses. Mr. Soria stated the funds may not be used to supplement or replace funding for existing services. The adopted Abatement Plan does not narrow the list of uses that regional funds may be used toward beyond recognizing already existing programs. The plan should be refined by consideration of needs/gap analysis to determine current deficiencies in opioid substance abuse abatement programs and services as well as community input from affected local governments. The abatement plan is reviewed for efficacy by the Opioid Funding Advisory Board, with final amendments approved by County Council.

Created by the Interlocal Agreement Governing Use of Volusia County Regional Opioid Settlement.

- Awaiting final executed agreements.
- Participating local governments appoint one member to this Advisory Board.
- Advisory board only, not subject to dual-office holding.
- Sunshine board, subject to all sunshine and public records laws.
- Review available date and the local affect of abatement programs.
- Abstain from voting on a proposal for funding a program or service provided by that member's local government.
- Review the programs and services of the beneficiaries of the funds.
- Make recommendations on the opioid abatement plan.
- Make recommendations on expenditures from the settlement funds.
- Receive executed interlocal agreements - January 21, 2022.
- Distributors and Jansen decide whether there is a "critical mass" and to go forward with the settlement - February 1, 2022.
- If global settlement is approved, then payment date is July 2022.
- First meeting of Advisory Board.
- NFA for programs and services meeting opioid abatement plan and approved uses of regional funds.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Soria and committee members.

Mayor Fitness/Wellness Challenge

Debi McNabb, Community Benefir Director, AdventHealth, presented and stated 60% of health outcomes are rooted in social and environmental factors and associated health behaviors. Ms. McNabb reviewed the Community Health Plan Priorities for Volusia County 2020-2022: Adult and Youth behavioral health, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, barriers to accessing health services, healthy eating and physical activity, social and economic factors. She explained the goal of the healthy eating and physical activity priority was to increase the number of adults who eat healthy and participate in physical activity. Ms. McNabb explained the benefits of having a countywide Mayor's Fitness Challenge was to increase participation, reduce duplication of efforts,

collaboration beyond Mayor's Fitness Challenge, and ultimately lead to strong results. Ms. McNabb stated Volusia County ranks 40 out of the 67 counties in the State of Florida. Ms. McNabb also spoke on the 2022 Flagler/Volusia Collaborative Community Health Assessments.

Ida Babazadeh, Community Health Program Manager, AdventHealth, provided information on how the Mayors Fitness Challenge works and how individuals interested could participate. Ms. Babazadeh AdventHealth stated the countywide Mayors Fitness Challenge was a competition designed to promote health and wellness and provide accountability and positive reinforcement. Throughout the challenge, city leaders, county parks, and organizations partner to host physical activities to keep citizens engaged in the 10-week challenge.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Round Table Chair Herzberg stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022. Chair Herzberg informed everyone the location for the next meeting was scheduled to held at the Dennis McGee room at the Daytona Beach International Airport at 9 a.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURN

None

There being no further business, Chair Herzberg adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.