



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials  
January 11, 2016  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.**

The Dennis McGee room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Chairman Ed Kelley, Ormond Beach Mayor; Volusia County Council Chair Jason Davis; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; DeLand Mayor Robert Apgar; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Council member Lois Paritsky; DeBary City Council member Lita Handy-Peters; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; Lake Helen Mayor Buddy Snowden; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods; and Volusia County School Board Chairman Ida Wright.

Others attending included Mary Anne Connors, Volusia County Deputy Manager; Deb Denys, Volusia County Council member; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Public Protection Department Director; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; Jim Chisholm, Daytona Beach City Manager; Heidi Herzberg, Deltona City Commissioner; Billie Wheeler, Daytona Beach Shores City Council member; Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District Intergovernmental Coordinator; Keith Norden, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation President and CEO; Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations; Elizabeth Lendian, River to Sea TPO Citizens Advisory Committee; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office. Also attending were several members of the public.

**WELCOME**

Roundtable Chairman Ed Kelley welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves, then stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION**

Chairman Kelley announced Volusia County Council Chair Jason Davis would be the new Roundtable representative from the Volusia County Council, succeeding County Council member Doug Daniels. Because of this change in representation, new Chairmen were named for the Transportation and the Water Quality subcommittees. Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk would become the Transportation

Subcommittee Chairman and Port Orange Mayor Allen Green would serve as the Water Quality Subcommittee Chairman.

Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods gave the Homelessness Subcommittee's report and spoke about the *Goals for Volusia County Homeless 2016* handout that was passed out, turning the former Hurst Elementary School into a family shelter, and the funding model for Volusia Safe Harbor, which she said was not working. Top priorities included obtaining funding sources and collaboration among the municipalities as well as determining how to serve the homeless populations throughout the County. Organizations in the community should be asked to assist with funding the various homelessness issues.

Chairman Kelley said a Daytona Beach hotel owner had offered to make some hotel rooms available for homeless persons. The biggest problem was getting started. The private and public sectors appeared willing to address the issues. Volusia municipalities also should be involved. He believed the County should coordinate these efforts.

A lengthy discussion followed on homelessness issues and an article on homelessness in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*.

Mr. Masiarczyk gave an update from the Transportation Subcommittee and encouraged more people to join the group. Discussion ensued on the many transportation needs throughout the County and the recent revival of the Transportation Subcommittee.

Mr. Green gave an update on the Water Quality Subcommittee and said a meeting would be scheduled for the following week. He noted that water was a complex and costly issue.

New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway spoke about stormwater systems and fees. The goal of New Smyrna Beach was to keep dirty water from entering Turnbull Bay and the Intercoastal Waterway.

Chairman Kelley said because of the beach driving lawsuits, there would no longer be reports from the Beach Driving Subcommittee.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, provided an update on the topics to be discussed at Volusia Days in Tallahassee.

There was discussion between Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka and Volusia County School Superintendent Tom Russell about a Senate bill regarding school funding.

Heidi Herzberg, Deltona City Commissioner, explained how funding from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) could be used to help the homeless community.

Volusia County Council member Deb Denys spoke about transportation issues and urged each Volusia municipality to have a representative on the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).

Volusia County Deputy Manager Mary Anne Connors spoke about funding for transportation and water projects.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Several Roundtable members thanked Volusia County Council member Doug Daniels for his service on the Roundtable. Council Chair Davis thanked the group for allowing him to serve and said he had asked Mr. Daniels to remain a Roundtable member.

Mr. Laputka said the Manatee Festival would be held in January 23-24, 2016, in Orange City. He said Ms. Connors, who was retiring in February, would be missed.

Chairman Kelley requested a current list of all subcommittee members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.