



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials  
December 14, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

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

The Volusia 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; Vice Chairman Doug Daniels, Volusia County Council Member; Oak Hill City Administrator Kohn Evans; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; DeLand Mayor Robert Apgar; Holly Hill Mayor John Penny; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Council Member Lois Paritsky; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings; South Daytona Mayor George Locke; DeBary City Council Member Lita Handy-Peters; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; and Ida Wright, Volusia County School Board Chairman.

Others attending included Volusia County Manager James Dinneen; Mary Anne Connors, Volusia County Deputy Manager; Billie Wheeler, Daytona Beach Shores City Council Member; Ruth Trager, Daytona Beach City Commissioner; Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District Intergovernmental Coordinator; Andrew Neff, Port Orange Public Utilities Director; 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, Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office. Also attending were several members of the public.

**WELCOME**

Chairman Kelley welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves, then stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION**

Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings said there was no Beach Driving Subcommittee report.

Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka provided the Homelessness Subcommittee report in the absence of Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods, the Homelessness Subcommittee Chair. A subcommittee meeting was planned for December 29, 2015 in Daytona Beach. He spoke about the City of DeLand homelessness survey, and

noted the funding and interest for providing for homeless people seemed to be for *Housing First*, a program designed to get them into homes as quickly as possible.

DeLand Mayor Robert Apgar provided information on the Central Florida Leadership Congress meeting that had been held on December 11, 2015. Florida Senate President Andy Gardner had attended the meeting and had indicated the Central Florida legislative delegation was working on creating a funding source for homelessness. Senator David Simmons had been tasked with drafting the legislation. Mr. Apgar said he had met with Andrae Bailey with the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness before the meeting, and Mr. Bailey was willing to work with Volusia County on the best approach to the homelessness issues.

Volusia County Council Member and Roundtable Vice Chairman Doug Daniels discussed the Daytona Beach News-Journal article *Helping Homeless Families* that was published in the Sunday, December 13, 2015 newspaper. The article had described plans for utilizing the vacant Walter A. Hurst Elementary School in Daytona Beach as a shelter for homeless families and teenagers. Single person homelessness still needed to be addressed and made affordable.

Chairman Kelley said using the vacant school was a great concept. It was good to see government agencies, the school board, social services, public and private sectors get involved and work together towards creating housing facilities for homeless families.

Vice Chairman Daniels stated the Transportation Subcommittee would start meeting again very soon.

Mr. Daniels provided the Water Subcommittee report, noting that Senator Simmons had attended the subcommittee's meeting that was held in November in Orange City. There had been discussion about adding language regarding septic tanks to a proposed bill aimed at protecting lagoon and spring systems and water bodies. The subcommittee believed septic tanks should not be permitted near waterways, and local governments should be given the authority to require water and sewer hookups in certain areas. Mr. Daniels said Senator Simmons was adamant that homeowners should not have to pay connection fees for water and sewer services, as some homeowners thought the government was forcing them to connect to water and sewer lines. Discussion ensued between Mr. Daniels, Mayors Kelley, Apgar and Green.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, spoke about Volusia Days in Tallahassee and gave Roundtable members two flyers regarding the activities that were scheduled for January 13-14, 2016. He believed discussions with legislators should concentrate on water-related issues and Amendment One funding.

Pastor Mike Pastore with DaytonaHomeless.com said his activities were focused on helping homeless communities. He spoke about the City of Daytona Beach's policies regarding the homeless community, the Housing First initiative, and the need for immediate bathroom facilities. Mayor Kelley said a private group in Los Angeles, California had converted a bus into a bathroom and shower facility for the homeless and provided them with clean clothing.

Kathy Albowicz, a member of the F.A.I.T.H. organization, said the group supported the proposed family and children's shelter, Housing First and the Volusia Safe Harbor facility. She spoke about the different needs of the chronically homeless and persons who had only recently become homeless.

Elizabeth Lendian with the DeLeon Springs Community Association spoke about the necessity for water and sewer lines in the DeLeon Springs area, the high cost of installation, and monthly charges.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chairman Kelley recommended the 2016 Elected Officials Roundtable continue to meet on the second Monday of each month with no meeting scheduled for December. All Roundtable members agreed. He asked the members to think about who they would like to serve as the 2016 Roundtable Chairman.

Ida Wright, the new Volusia County School Board Chairman, introduced herself.

Holly Hill Mayor John Penny and Mayor Apgar wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Daniels said Roundtable members should think about other projects that needed to be researched and discussed. He thought the Roundtable should become a forum to discuss conflicts between the cities and the County could be discussed.

Chairman Kelley announced he was running for the Volusia County Council Chair position. Also, Oliver Porter, the speaker scheduled for the January, 2016 meeting had canceled and would be rescheduled to a later date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.