



**Round Table of Volusia County Elected Officials
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

The Dennis McGee Room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 700 Catalina Dr.,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: DeLand Mayor and Roundtable Chair Bob Apgar; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings; South Daytona Mayor William Hall; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Ponce Inlet Council Member Lois Paritsky; Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry; Lake Helen Mayor Buddy Snowden; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; DeBary Vice Mayor Lita Handy-Peters; Holly Hill Mayor John Penny; Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Orange City Mayor Gary Blair; Volusia County Council Chair Ed Kelley; and Volusia County School Board Chair Melody Johnson.

Others attending included James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Deputy County Manager; Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2; Larry Bartlett, Volusia County Property Appraiser; Jon Cheney, Volusia County Traffic Engineer; Arden Fontaine, Volusia County Public Works Activity Project Manager; Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager; Kohn Evans, Oak Hill City Administrator; Tracy Barlow, Edgewater City Manager; John McKinney, Edgewater Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; Jim Chisholm, Daytona Beach City Manager; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; Joe Yarbrough, South Daytona City Manager; Pam Brangaccio, New Smyrna Beach City Manager; Ron McLemore, DeBary Interim City Manager; Ted MacLeod, Ormond Beach Assistant City Manager; Anna Hackett, New Smyrna Beach Public Information Officer; Christine Martindale, Port Orange Public Information Officer; Dale Arrington, City Manager of Orange City; Jane Shang, Deltona City Manager; Jake Johansson, Port Orange City Manager; Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent; Lois Bollenback, River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director; Matt Chesnut, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation Business Development Manager; Beth Lemke, Owner, Planning Solutions Corporation; Jim Cameron, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President of Government Relations; Betty Holness, County Council Liaison; Darla Zakaluzny, County Council Administrative Aide; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME

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

REMARKS BY LARRY BARTLETT, VOLUSIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Larry Bartlett, Volusia County Property Appraiser presented the Power Point Presentation *Teamwork: Working Together and Helping Each Other*. He discussed the changes in Just and Taxable Values; countywide single family median sale prices; EagleView technology and

ways to use it; damage assessment and partnering together; electronic permits; new construction; Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 1774 proposed legislation regarding increased homestead property tax exemption and the estimated impact it could have on Volusia County, the school board, multi-county, hospitals, municipalities and the estimated tax savings it could generate for individual property owners.

A lengthy question and answer session ensued between Mr. Bartlett and many of the roundtable members.

STATUS REPORT ON CITIES TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Joe Yarbrough, South Daytona City Manager discussed transportation issues and the *Local Initiative Projects Estimated Costs* handout that was provided. It took the Volusia Managers Association sixty days to put the list together and they have not finished going through each cities submittals. There are approximately 350 projects listed. The total estimated local initiative costs for municipalities and unincorporated Volusia County is approximately \$1.5 billion. The informational handout does not include fifteen projects that had no cost estimates or the Transportation Planning Organizations 5-Year Summary Local Funding.

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IMPROVING VOLUSIA COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Ed Kelley, Volusia County Council Chair discussed the Power Point presentation *Transportation Issues*. He spoke about transportation challenges the entire county faced daily; which included daily congestion, top crash locations, bridge issues, and necessary infrastructure improvements. He provided information on road widening opportunities, new roads, intersection improvements and Adaptive Traffic Signal Control.

Jon Cheney, Volusia County Traffic Engineer said the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was responsible for the State Road (SR) 17 road widening project from DeLeon Springs to Barberville, which would take place within the next five years.

James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager said this is a beginning frame work. It is a way to identify that there are transportation needs within the county, but it could also help identify infrastructure needs as well. The next step is to find out what type of survey should be done and who should do it; along with finding out what the citizens will support and what type of tax there should be.

Mayor Apgar discussed survey costs, private sector funding, discretionary amounts for each city and city managers needing to have discussions. Due to the timing, he felt the Roundtable needed to meet in May to provide updates and stay on schedule.

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VETERAN MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2 discussed the proposed *Veterans Memorial Plaza* that would be located at the base of the Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge. The memorial is designed to honor all Volusia County veterans and provide a location for local veteran organizations to host military ceremonies and celebrations. She will be working with former County Council member Josh Wagner to obtain funding to complete the park. A flyer with a donation form was provided to everyone present.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Homelessness Subcommittee: Derrick Henry, Daytona Beach Mayor provided an update and said the City of Daytona Beach has dedicated \$400 thousand towards operation costs for an eastside homeless shelter. He hopes many of the eastside cities will help support the proposed project. There has been very good support from the criminal justice areas of the community. The homeless shelter would help improve quality of life for many people.

Mayor Apgar provided an update on the proposed West Volusia homeless shelter. He thanked the cities of DeBary, Deltona and Lake Helen for their support; along with thanking the City of Orange City for their support, in advance of their next meeting, when the subject will be discussed. Due to concerns about the proposed location, the city has secured another site for the project. They will be going before the County Council in the near future to ask for an amendment to the current agreement to allow the new site, which is adjacent to the Neighborhood Center. It is not city owned property, so the project cost would be increased by \$190,000 in land purchases and additional costs.

John Penny, Holly Hill Mayor said there would be a First Step Homelessness Board meeting on Tuesday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Subcommittee: No report.

Water Subcommittee: No report.

Beach Driving Subcommittee: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Cameron, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President of Government Relations complimented Larry Bartlett, Volusia County Property Appraiser on the presentation he provided. He discussed the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Eggs and Issues Breakfast.

Big John questioned Tom Russell, Volusia County School Superintendent about the school board tax that had been implemented. He wanted to know when the First Step Shelter would be going before the Volusia County Council. He discussed proposed gas tax surveys and said the gas tax was needed.

MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS

Melody Johnson, Volusia County School Board Chair said Pine Ridge High School has a green powered car they are racing. Volusia County is the only county in the state with one. Academic testing will be taking place for the next two weeks. She thanked the cities and local businesses for acknowledging May 7-13, 2017 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

John Masiarczyk, Deltona Mayor said the building officials group of VCOG (Volusia Council of Governments) were very disappointed with various city issues and had concerns. The group wanted support from the Elected Officials Roundtable. He also discussed drone ordinances and possible medicinal marijuana ordinances.

James Sowell, Pierson Mayor discussed transportation safety, two new schools being built in Pierson, and the delay of the State Road 17 construction project from DeLeon Springs to Barberville.

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Lita Handy-Peters, DeBary Vice Mayor wanted clarification about the next Elected Officials Roundtable meeting being held on May 8, 2017.

Don Burnette, Port Orange Mayor said he supported the City of Oak Hill on their quest to go from septic to sewer service; and he also discussed the Volusia Water Compact.

Mr. Kelley said he also supported the City of Oak Hill and the Water Compact. He discussed the upcoming State of the County event at the Ocean Center and property taxes.

Mayor Apgar discussed reinstating the building officials committee from VCOG; along with the Florida League of Cities and the Home Rule Charter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.