



Round Table of Volusia County Elected Officials MEETING MINUTES August 08, 2016

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

Dennis McGee Room of Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA), 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Chairman Bob Apgar, DeLand Mayor; Penny Currie, Holly Hill Vice Mayor; Volusia County Chair Jason Davis; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Vice Mayor Mary Hoss; Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Lake Helen Vice Mayor Vernon Burton; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; and DeBary Vice Mayor Lita Handy-Peters.

Others attending included Volusia County Deputy County Manager George Recktenwald; Ponce Inlet Town Manager Jeaneen Witt; DBIA Director of Business Development Jay Cassens; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information Division. 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.

DISCUSSION

Jay Cassens, DBIA Director of Business Development, spoke briefly about the Delta Airlines flight delay problems that had started this morning. He used a PowerPoint presentation and informational handouts to detail how the Airport was monitoring drones. He explained the difference between recreational and commercial drones and the requirements for flying them. All drones must be registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). DBIA was striving to be proactive, and planned to place additional information on drones on the Airport website along with a registration section.

A lengthy discussion regarding drones ensued among Mr. Cassens and several of the Roundtable members.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Homelessness: Homelessness Subcommittee Chairman and Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods spoke about the need for at least one homeless shelter within the County. The cities of DeLand and Daytona Beach were working on providing shelters within their municipalities. Each Volusia city should provide funding for homelessness programs in their upcoming fiscal year budgets. Municipal governments should not be expected to operate shelters, but should provide some support to them financially. She believed the homeless shelters should be operated by non-profit organizations within the County.

Transportation: Transportation Subcommittee Chairman and Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk said no meetings had been held and none were planned at the present time. He spoke about the upcoming SunRail payment.

Mr. Apgar spoke about the County's goal to return its General Fund debt to zero at the end of 2018, fire services, and funding for building roads.

Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley said he supported creating more infrastructure and seeking new ways to fund it.

Lake Helen Vice-Mayor Vernon Burton said the volume of traffic on County roads within the Lake Helen city limits had increased significantly, and the city did not have money to alleviate the congestion. Further discussion ensued among members.

Volusia County Deputy County Manager George Recktenwald spoke about impact fees, changing stormwater regulations, the process of building roads, ongoing road projects and bond debt. He said he would gather more information on the County's road program to address the questions raised by the Roundtable members. Mr. Apgar asked Mr. Recktenwald to give a presentation on roads at the October Roundtable meeting. The city managers would be invited to attend.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Recktenwald, Mr. Kelley, and Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka regarding the State's portion of the gas tax, building impact fees, the road program, and bond issues.

Water: No report was given.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Apgar asked if all Volusia municipalities and the County had agreed to the Volusia Governments Water Resources Compact. He asked if the Roundtable members wanted to create subcommittees to research drones and economic development. Economic development was a top priority for all cities and the County, and meeting with representatives from Team Volusia and the County's Economic Development office would be a good way to start. He suggested waiting until after the upcoming elections were over to decide on the changing the

Roundtable meeting schedule. Discussion ensued among members regarding drones and economic development.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Pastore said professionally-trained, well-paid case managers should run homeless shelters and each municipality should allocate additional funding in its budget for homelessness.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Burton spoke about working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Project Hope after the 2010 flooding disasters.

New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway said the city had allocated additional money in its upcoming budgets for homelessness.

Mr. Laputka said it was important for each city to put aside money in its upcoming budgets for homelessness.

Mr. Apgar said DeLand City Manager Michael Pleus and city staff had met with the Neighborhood Center staff regarding the DeLand plan for homelessness, which was progressing nicely. The city also has allocated funding in its budget for homelessness programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.