



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

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

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Nancy Miller , Roundtable Chair, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores; Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor, Lois Paritsky, Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor, Ponce Inlet; Karen Chasez, Mayor, DeBary; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand;; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Diezel DePew, Mayor, Edgewater; Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Jeff Brower, County Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Kurt Swartzlander, City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; Daytona Beach; Mike Disher Acting Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Phyllis Butlien, Vice Mayor, DeBary; 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; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

Mayor Miller presented a proclamation on behalf of Volusia County to former Mayor Herzberg and Chair of the Round Table. Mayor Miller thanked Ms. Herzberg for her dedication and work to improve the community and collaboration with the county and cities/municipalities.

Ms. Herzberg thanked everyone for the recognition and for working together to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Volusia County.

HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY UPDATE – County of Volusia

Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, Volusia County, explained the services Community Information provided during and after Hurricane Ian and Nicole. He explained the PIN page is where the most up-to-date information is available. He also explained other communications such as social media, press releases, new conferences and more.

Benjamin Bartlett, Public Works Director, Volusia County, provided an update on coastal damage and storm debris. Mr. Bartlett stated Volusia County had sustained 30 million dollars in damage for county assets. He discussed working in collaboration with the municipality's public works departments in coordinating efforts before, during and after the storms. He also discussed the collaboration between the county and FEMA and other agencies in recovery efforts as related to infrastructure such as damaged buildings, coast, and sea walls.

James A. Judge – Emergency Management Director, Volusia County, discussed the State Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) Program and provided a handout that explained the assistance in detail. He also discussed Direct Temporary Housing Assistance FEMA.

Andrew Friend – Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA, spoke on the assistance FEMA has provided to survivors of Hurricane Ian in Volusia County. He stated survivors in Volusia County have received a total of 235 million in funds from FEMA. Mr. Friend spoke on the three direct housing options FEMA has to offer disaster survivors. The three housing options are: transportable temporary housing unit, direct lease for existing ready for occupancy residential property, and multifamily lease and repair for multifamily rental property located within the or near declared areas or to make repairs/improvements to such properties.

Mr. Friend explained FEMA's next steps:

- Individual Assistance Staff would continue to call Volusia Survivors to determine housing need
- Site Inspection Reports would be issued to assess private site placement
- Logistics staff would continue to assess existing commercial parks for available pads to lease
- Identification of potential group site locations
- Environmental & Historic Preservation and Mitigation staff would review all potential sites for Local, State, and Federal Compliance

Mr. Friend spoke on a few ways the local governments could help by prioritizing direct housing permits and waving fees, increasing the willingness of commercial parks and potential Group Site property owners to participate, and identifying and removing impediments within ordinances.

Mary Anne Bradfield, Public Affairs/Information Officer, Small Business Administration

Ms. Bradfield discussed the assistance the U.S. Small Business Administration offers to small businesses that have been impacted by a disaster financially and/or physical property damage to the property of the business.

Michael J. Chitwood, Sheriff of Volusia County, provided an update on the services provided by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office during the storms. He showed a video of high-water rescues and evacuating residents from compromised structures. Sheriff Chitwood also spoke on the coloration between law enforcement and the other government agencies on local, state, and federal levels.

HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY UPDATE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

The members of the Round Table provided updates on each municipality damage sustained and recovery efforts from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole.

Mayor Don Burnette, gave accolades to the City of Port Orange and Volusia County staff for their work during and after the disaster. Mayor Burnette also commented on the collaboration with the surrounding cities and county and the positive work. He requested a task force be formed in regard to the Nova Canal. He would like for the task force to not only include local representatives but also state and federal representatives.

George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County, advised the Federal Department of Transportation be invited to be a part of the task force due they are the ones that have jurisdiction of the Nova Canal.

Mayor Paritsky provided an update for Ponce Inlet. Mayor Paritsky recommended on the county level to have a Resilience Officer. She stated the request was for a designated person already serving in that role. This person would be the main contact for all in the county and Tallahassee.

Mayor Bill Partington, Ormond Beach, requested a task force for the bridges for during and after a disaster. He stated there needs to be better communication as to when the bridges will reopen and who will be allowed to pass over on them. He also requested a pass be distributed to residents and business owners that are beachside.

Mayor Nancy Miller, Daytona Beach Shores, gave accolades to Mr. Recktenwald, Sheriff Chitwood, and county staff for all the assistance provided to the residents of Daytona Beach Shores. Mayor Miller stated there were 12 buildings presently deemed unsafe.

BARRACKS OF HOPE UPDATE

Buck James – Executive Director, Halifax Urban Ministries

Mr. James provided a history and overview of services and programs offered by Halifax Urban Ministries. Mr. James spoke in detail on the Barracks of Hope program that assists homeless veterans in the community. He presented a video that gave more detail of the Barrack of Hope program.

James Dineen, Board Member, Halifax Urban Ministries, provided an overview of the costs for the program and the funds needed to complete the project. Mr. Dineen stated the project was in need of \$400,000 in funds to be able to be completed. He asked that the attendees of the meeting help spread the word throughout the community of the need in hopes to help raise those funds.

Meeting Schedule 2023 and Chair and Vice Chair 2023

The Round Table of Elected Officials agreed on the meeting schedule for 2023 as follows:

January 23, 2023	May 8, 2023	September 11, 2023
March 13, 2023	July – no meeting	November 13, 2023

Mayor Miller volunteered to remain as chair for the upcoming year and informed the committee that Mayor Paritsky had volunteered to serve as vice-chair. The consensus of the committee was agreeable to them serving as chair and vice-chair.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Round Table Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023. Chair Miller informed everyone the location for the next meeting was scheduled to be held at the Dennis McGee room at the Daytona Beach International Airport at 9 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County, announced new services being provided by the Tax Collector's Office. Mr. Roberts stated the fees being collected for the new services would remain within the county they were collected.

CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURN

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Herzberg adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.