



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
May 8, 2017
MEETING MINUTES**

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; Holly Hill Mayor and Vice-Chair John Penny; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Ponce Inlet Vice Mayor Mary Hoss; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; DeBary Vice Mayor Lita Handy-Peters; Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; and Volusia County Council Chair Ed Kelley.

Others attending included guest speakers Laura Roth, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Lisa Lewis, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections; James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Deputy County Manager; Larry Bartlett, Volusia County Property Appraiser; Jon Cheney, Volusia County Traffic Engineer; Heather Post, Volusia County Council Member, District 4; Jeaneen Witt, Ponce Inlet Town Manager; Kohn Evans, Oak Hill City Administrator; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; Joe Yarbrough, South Daytona City Manager; Pam Brangaccio, New Smyrna Beach City Manager; Ted MacLeod, Ormond Beach Assistant City Manager; Anna Hackett, New Smyrna Beach Public Information Officer; Dale Arrington, City Manager of Orange City; Jane Shang, Deltona City Manager; Jake Johansson, Port Orange City Manager; Jim Cameron, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President of Government Relations; Mary Ann Connors, Retired Deputy County Manager; Betty Holness, County Council Liaison; 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 LAURA ROTH, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Ms. Roth discussed the duties and responsibilities of the clerk's office while going through various sections of the clerk's website on the overhead for everyone to view. She provided handouts to members. The Clerk's office works for the state court system and is the holder of the official records for the county. The office is the Custodian of Records which includes deeds, foreclosures, tax deed sales, probate, passports, child support, jury duty, appeals, traffic, CJIS, criminal, and official records.

There are over 40 million digitized court records and over 20 million digitized county records. There is access to over 60 million digitized images/documents on the clerk's website. The Official Records are county side records. Some documents provided on the website will contain redacted information, meaning certain information has been removed.

The filing process for court documents has gone paperless with documents now being e-filed. In 2015, the Clerk's Office was awarded the Best of NIEM award for technology innovations. They created a system that is going to be used throughout the State of Florida and possibly the nation.

REMARKS BY LISA LEWIS, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Ms. Lewis discussed the PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Elections Department, which included information about the preferred method of voting, 2016 General Election Statistics overview, Florida Voter Registration as of November 2016, and the upcoming Election Schedules for 2017 and 2018. She also discussed online voter registration, vote-by-mail, elections management, voter education drives/festivals, school presentations, SGA elections, the Express Vote voting system, training and voter education, vote-by-mail ballots, poll worker training, verifying petitions, voting equipment testing, preparing vote-by-mail ballots for canvassing/processing, preparing EVIDs and ballots for delivery to voting precincts, canvassing board duties, post-election audit, and archiving. Most of the people who vote in the State of Florida are along the I-4 corridor.

There were two unfunded mandates that happened this year. The Independent Party was disbanded in March 2017, which changed almost 10,000 voters to No Party Affiliation and cost the citizens of Volusia County \$7,000. In April 2017, the state granted them new party status. A person who wants to go back to the Independent Party has to do it themselves, it does not automatically go back. Also in April, the Independence Party was disbanded at a cost of \$1,400.

She discussed the 2017 legislation regarding House Bill 105: Signature Mismatch Cure; which gives a voter the opportunity to sign an affidavit if their signature does not match what the Elections Department has on file. It was the only bill that passed. In 2015, online voter registration was passed. Starting October 1, 2017, persons with a driver's license or Florida state issued identification card will be able to register online.

A lengthy discussion ensued between Ms. Lewis and several roundtable members.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CITIES TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Joe Yarbrough, South Daytona City Manager discussed the need to proceed with the gas tax being put on the ballot for the voters to decide on. The gas tax committee has been formed and the members include Volusia County Chair Ed Kelley; Volusia County Deputy County Manager George Recktenwald; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Jane Shang, Deltona City Manager; Tracy Barlow, Edgewater City Manager; Jim Chisholm, Daytona Beach City Manager; and Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager. The committee hopes to have a recommendation back to the Roundtable by the June meeting, saying it is important to have a critical path to know where to be at by a particular date, so it can be brought to the County Council to be put on the 2018 ballot, if possible. All cities need to be on the same page and work with their colleagues.

Mayor Apgar said Volusia County Manager James Dinneen volunteered to converse with the CEO Business Alliance to schedule a meeting to discuss the subject. After all the research has been done, the city managers and elected officials are going to have to come together to make a recommendation to present to the County Council for consideration. Common ground needs to be found to be able to move forward.

Douglas Gibson, Oak Hill Mayor felt funding for septic tank removal should be included in the proposal. When Brevard County passed half-cent sales tax, they mandated money be

used to remove septic tanks. The number of septic tanks are not decreasing because the infrastructure has not kept up. He would like to see Volusia County consider a half-cent sales tax and mandate money be used for septic tank removal.

A lengthy discussion ensued among several roundtable members and city managers.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Homelessness: John Penny, Holly Hill Mayor said there had been a lot of movement regarding the homelessness situation in the past couple of weeks. The First Step Homeless Shelter committee was going to meet on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at Daytona Beach City Hall.

Transportation: No report.

Water: No report.

Beach Driving: No report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Big John discussed the proposed gas tax timeline, the need for the private sector to become involved, and the fact the gas tax could possibly be put on the ballot for the primary election.

Mary Ann Connors discussed funding options for septic tank elimination and what local governments need to do to help make it happen.

Robert Stolpmann discussed Carnegie Clean Energy buoy systems that can provide renewable energy along with converting salt water to fresh water. The units can be mounted to the ocean floor or installed at beachside parks.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Apgar stated a Roundtable meeting would be held in June.

Jane Shang, Deltona City Manager wanted information about the Uniform Code Committee (UCC) and if a recent meeting had been held.

Mr. Yarbrough said the committee did meet last month and they were trying to schedule monthly meetings. Chief Building Officials will need to attend upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.