



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

The Dennis McGee Room of Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA), 700 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Roundtable Chair and DeLand Mayor Bob Apgar; Roundtable Vice Chair and Volusia County Council Chair Ed Kelley; Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Nancy Miller; DeBary Mayor Karen Chasez; Deltona Mayor Heidi Herzberg; Edgewater Mayor Mike Thomas; Holly Hill Mayor Chris Via; Lake Helen Mayor Daisy Raisler; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington; Ponce Inlet City Council Member Lois Paritsky; Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette; South Daytona Mayor Bill Hall; and Volusia County School Board Vice Chair Ida Wright.

Others attending included Jim Chisholm, City Manager, Daytona Beach; Michael Booker, City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; Carmen Rosamonda, City Manager, DeBary; Michael Pleus, City Manager, DeLand; Jane Shang, City Manager, Deltona; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Becky Witte, Town Administrator, Lake Helen; Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach; Kohn Evans, City Administrator, Oak Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, Ormond Beach; Jeaneen Witt, City Manager, Ponce Inlet; Jake Johansson, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Suzanne Konchan, Deputy County Manager, Volusia County; Ben Johnson, Volusia County Council Member, At-Large; Barb Girtman, Volusia County Council Member, District 1; Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2; Heather Post, Volusia County Council Member, District 4; Lisa Lewis, Supervisor of Elections, Volusia County; Clay Ervin, Director, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management; Kevin Captain, Interim Director, Volusia County Community Information Division; Brian Rothwell, Activity Project Manager, Volusia County; Phyllis Butlien, DeBary City Council, Seat 4; Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce; Holly Smith, Communications Manager, Volusia County Department of Health; Mary Anne Connors, League of Women Voters; Big John, Holly Hill; Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Photography Specialist. Taking minutes was Marja Kolomyski with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable Chairman Bob Apgar welcomed those attending. After standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

FIRE SERVICES STUDY

James Bland, Fire Chief, City of Holly Hill, and **Dru Driscoll**, Fire Chief, City of Daytona Beach, discussed the *VCFCA-Overview of Fire Service in Volusia County* Power Point presentation. The goal for today is to

go over things that are currently being done and to provide information, so informed decisions can be made in the future. The *Volusia County Fire Chiefs Association (VCFCA)* is comprised of the Fire Chiefs from all of the municipalities, as well as Volusia County. Involved partners include:

- Volusia County Emergency Medical Services
- Volusia County Emergency Medical Administration
- Volusia County Sheriffs Communications
- Daytona State College
- Daytona International Speedway
- State of Florida Division of Forestry
- Volusia County Emergency Management

The most important thing the VCFCA does is coordinate resources for deployment. The Association coordinates local resources within Volusia County. That information is relayed to the Central Florida Association. Volusia County is in Region 5. When there is a disaster in another part of the state, members can be deployed there if necessary.

Chief Bland said there are three committees and briefly described each one:

1. Training / Operations – all members train together a few times a year; procedures are reviewed
2. Fire Prevention – Members are all the Fire Marshalls and Fire Inspectors
3. EMS – Meets regularly, tries to save costs, reduces inventories

All Fire Services agencies work under *Model Operating Guides (MOG's)*. Currently there are 25. They are: High Rise, R.I.T., Terrorism, 2 in 2 out, Emergency Evacuation, Incident Command, Mayday, Accountability, Safety Officer, Adverse Weather, Emergency Conditions, CISM, Fire Cause, Rehab, Apparatus, Area Command, Wildfire, Water Rescue, HAZMAT, Clandestine Drug Lab, Crime Scene, Task Force, Elevator Ops, Gas Leak, and Mass Casualty.

Some of the Efficiency Initiatives that have been created include:

- Standardized Response Protocols
- Automatic Aid Agreements
- Shared Assets (reserve apparatus, equipment, training aids)
- Joint Regional Training
- Shared Personnel and Programs (Juvenile Fire Setters, PIO's, Fire Explorers)
- East Side Technical Rescue Team. Cities focus on a specialty and purchase/maintain equipment for that discipline. All cities supply personnel.

Proposed 2020 Efforts include:

- Currently working on a Central Supply Consortium
- Reducing Unnecessary Mandated Supplies
- Cooperative Purchasing Contracts – 2020

The EMS Efficiency Initiatives include:

- Measured Nursing Home Response Protocol
- Right-Sized Response
- Enhanced Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)
- PLUS (Peak Load Utilization System) – Has been replaced
- CARE (Closet Ambulance Response Element)

- Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport Vans
- Return to Service Waiver
- Taxicab Vouchers
- Nurse Triage

The latest *Countywide Fire & Rescue Services Study* was done in 2010. The study took six months to do and there were forty-two participants. Twenty-three recommendations were made. The predictions they came up with were off quite significantly. Chief Bland briefly discussed the twenty-three recommendations that were made. There are six types of consolidation. They are: administrative, functional, operational, full, contract and merge.

A discussion ensued between Chief Bland, Chief Driscoll, Roundtable Members and Mayors.

SMART GROWTH UPDATE

Michael Pleus, City Manager, DeLand, said Clay Ervin, Director, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management, will be providing information received from various municipalities. The municipalities are looking for direction from the Elected Officials Roundtable on recommendations regarding processes.

Clay Ervin, Director, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management, discussed the *Smart Growth Update* Power Point. It included information regarding:

- Population and Housing Data
- Summary of Population and Housing Units for Jurisdictions of Volusia County of Volusia
- Total Volusia County of Volusia
- Volusia County Water Bodies
- ISBA
- Local Plans
- Conservation Lands
- Remaining Lands
- Volusia County Lands Requiring Environmental Review

Several meetings were held with city planners to discuss *Smart Growth*. The Power Point presentation provides the results of those meetings. The County acknowledged that much of the information the city planners provided was not accurate. That provided an overall picture of what had to be done. The County and the cities are still working on updating that information.

DISCUSSION ON SMART GROWTH BY ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS

Lisa Lewis, Supervisor of Elections, discussed *Voter Registration* and the *2020 Census*. The *2020 Census* will affect redistricting in every city in every county and the school boards. She encouraged annexing within city limits when possible. The County Council and the Volusia County School District needs to come together regarding their district lines. A lengthy discussion ensued among the Roundtable members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Anne Connors, League of Women Voters, said the League sponsors monthly topical presentations for its members and the general public. At the monthly meeting on October 21, at the Ormond Beach

Public Library, the topic of discussion will be *Growth Management: What is Left in the Toolbox*. The League believes that public education is critical at this point.

Big John, Holly Hill, discussed the failed half-cent sales tax special election. The reason the half-cent sales tax failed was because residents do not trust the current elected officials. Before the election he stated that impact fees were important and said no one listened. He suggested creating an *Oversight Committee* with people the public can trust. The committee should be created at least one year prior to the election that the referendum will be on.

REMARKS FROM CITIES, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL BOARD

Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona, said he will take the *Fire Services Study* presentation back to the City Council for review.

Chris Via, Mayor, Holly Hill, thanked the mayors that were involved in the first *Congressional Mayor's Council*, on August 29. Congressman Waltz attended the event, which was held at Holly Hill City Hall. There were discussions regarding Hurricane Dorian, local issues, water issues and things that can be done at the federal level to combat ransomware and ADA lawsuits.

Nancy Miller, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores, said she was very pleased with the County's updates regarding the hurricane. She appreciated the daily calls with Governor DeSantis and the State of Florida Emergency Management Director.

Derrick Henry, Mayor, Daytona Beach, discussed the need for *affordable workforce housing* in Daytona Beach. It is getting more difficult for local residents to find affordable housing.

Ida Wright, Vice Chair, Volusia County School Board, discussed the upcoming *Superintendent of Schools* searches that will take place at various locations throughout Volusia County.

Ed Kelley, discussed the *2020 Census*. Volusia County Council Members Barb Girtman and Billie Wheeler are heading up the Census campaign. They will be contacting each municipality about how to reach out to the local residents. Various federal funding that the County and municipalities receives depends on the number of residents in each area. The amount of federal money received also depends on the number of residents.

Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2, said if Volusia County was undercounted on the *2020 Census* by 1000 people, it would cost the County \$1,325,000 in funding for services.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW TOPICS FOR FUTURE ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

Mayor Apgar made the following suggestions for future Roundtable discussion topics:

1. A more detailed report regarding what is being done with the *2020 Census*
2. More discussion needs to be done regarding *ECHO*
3. Infrastructure sales tax
4. Plastic products issues need to be a county-wide effort
5. Impacts of *Amendment 10* on the municipalities

Mr. Kelley suggested more discussion on *Senate Bill 7103*. He would like John Booker, Volusia County Government Affairs, to provide a brief presentation for the Elected Officials Roundtable.

Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2, suggested discussions on affordable housing.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held in October.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.