

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

9:00 AM

The Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, met in regular session on February 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Government Center Commission Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

**CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Robin Fisher	Chairman/Commissioner District 1	Present	
Jim Barfield	Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 2	Present	
Trudie Infantini	Commissioner District 3	Present	
Curt Smith	Commissioner District 4	Present	
Andy Anderson	Commissioner District 5	Present	

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Hoyt Byrum, Suntree United Methodist Church, Melbourne.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Robin Fisher led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board approved the November 6, 2014 Zoning Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, and February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board pulled Item II.A.3., Agreement to Renew Existing Lease with Supplemental Terms with Indian River Trading Company (dba Ms. Apples Crab Shack) and William C. Norwood (dba Doc's Bait House), Re: Continued Commercial Fisheries Operations at Griffis Landing; Item II.C.2., Acknowledge Receipt, Re: Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Housing authority of Brevard County for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014; and Item II.C.4., Approval, Re: Lease Personal Computers from Dell Financial Services Utilizing Valencia College's Contract as a Contract Vehicle, from the Agenda for discussion.

**ITEM II.A.1., AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT (FIND), RE: SMALL-SCALE DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL PROJECT GRANT**

The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Agreement with FIND, upon County Attorney and Risk Management approval; granted acceptance of FIND funds for Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Project Grant; approved matching funds from Vessel Registration Funds/Brevard Boating Improvement Fund (BBIF); authorized the necessary Budget Change Requests; approval legal venue as Palm Beach County; and authorized the County Manager, or his designee, to execute any task orders, contracts, agreements, and change orders, as required, to accomplish the work.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.A.2., HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF COCOA AND GUNNSTRUCTION, INC., RE: CONNECTION TO WATER MAIN LOCATED WITH A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANT AT THE GRIFFIS LANDING SITE**

The Board authorized the Chairman to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, between Brevard County, City of Cocoa, and Gunnstruction, Inc., with County Attorney and Risk Management approval, to allow final permitting and construction of connection to a water main located with an Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) right-of-way and installation of a fire hydrant at Griffis Landing; and authorized the Chairman to execute a Bill of Sale to the City of Cocoa for the constructed utilities once the project is completed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.A.4., APPROVAL, RE: CORRECTIONAL IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board approved funding recommendations as prepared by the Correctional Impact Fee Advisory Committee on January 30, 2015; and authorized the Budget Office to execute any budget changes required to implement project appropriations.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.A.5., TASK ORDER NO. 12-03 WITH JONES EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC., RE: CENTRAL DISPOSAL FACILITY (CDF) SOUTH LANDFILL CELL 1 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Board approved Task Order No. 12-03 with Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$1,440,675 to provide professional engineering assistance during bidding, contractor selection, and Cell 1 landfill construction, as well as perform construction quality assurance for liner installation; and authorized the Chairman to execute the same.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.C.3., APPROVAL, RE: POLICY BCC-48, FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION FEES**

The Board approved Policy BCC-48 establishing a uniform system of fees and/or changes for Facilities Construction.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.D.1., APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS, RE: CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS**

The Board appointed/reappointed **Debra Green** to the Tourist Development Council, with term expiring December 31, 2018.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.A.3., AGREEMENT TO RENEW EXISTING LEASE WITH SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS WITH INDIAN RIVER TRADING COMPANY (DBA MS. APPLES CRAB SHACK) AND WILLIAM C. NORWOOD (DBA DOC'S BAIT HOUSE), RE: CONTINUED COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OPERATIONS AT GRIFFIS LANDING**

Commissioner Infantini stated this is a lease to lease out space to Ms. Apples Crab Shack; originally the County purchased this property from the owners; then subsequently it turned around and leased it back to them at a bargain basement price of roughly \$1.31 a square foot; the prevailing rate for leasing such space is anywhere from \$8 to \$50 per square foot; and when the County is looking for more revenue, she thinks at least getting a fair value for what it is leasing back to an organization seems fit. She noted she wants this Item to go back to staff, have them research the existing values out there for rental property.

February 17, 2015

Ernie Brown, Natural Resources Management Director, stated the prevailing rates was actually a real challenge that staff dealt with in 2010 when the Board struggled with this; the County acquired this property for \$2.8 million under the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant; that grant was specific to preserve the cultural and economic heritage of commercial fisheries working waterfronts; and at that particular time, the County was losing commercial fisheries from the landscape to what is normally a highest and best use for waterfront, which at that time was condominiums. He went on to say Representative Stan Mayfield was a strong advocate for the preservation of commercial fisheries in particular; in his honor, they created this granting mechanism to preserve these commercial fisheries; as part of that, when the County accepted that money from the State, it required a deed of restrictive covenants on the property; and the only thing that can go into operation there are commercial fisheries, working waterfront.

Commissioner Infantini inquired what a commercial fishery is; stated when she thinks of a commercial fishery, she thinks of people pulling up to the boat docks and loading seafood from those docks; all of those docks were completely dilapidated; the ramp was in such disrepair, her engineer did not know there was a boat ramp there; and she inquired where they are getting their seafood because it was not from the docks. Mr. Brown replied currently Ms. Apples Crab Shack, the Indian River Trading Company, has 12 crabbers that provide local seafood to the establishment; by State definition, it is not a restaurant; it is managed and inspected by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS); and it is technically an agricultural aquaculture activity. He pointed out it is a wholesale and retail establishment for a seafood market; and there is a fine line and distinction between a restaurant versus wholesale retail fish market. He advised the Board they are technically in the wholesale retail fish market box, and that distinction is made as to whether or not the health Department inspects or if FDACS inspects them; they do receive local seafood over the docks; and they are the last facility in the County that receives local seafood over its dock and then sells it to the citizens both local, wholesale, or retail. He stated the Lagoon is not a great place; crabs are 11 percent of what the harvest used to be 27 years ago; the oysters are less than one percent; and clams are at .2 percent. He stated the local seafood industry is struggling; that is the reason the State saw it necessary to preserve these elements; there is no question they are still receiving local seafood; and they do receive seafood from other parts of the country to maintain it. He noted it was designed to preserve the cultural and economic heritage of commercial fisheries; when staff looked at the rental rate, it was difficult because it is restricted to put an Bennigans, Applebee's or Chili's there; the only other place in the County staff could go with comparable like activity is the Port Canaveral facilities; and the lease rates for Port Canaveral is \$1.20 per square foot. He stated Doc's Bait House is on the bulkhead and it is paying \$2.60 per square foot. Commissioner Infantini inquired if this can go out to Request for Proposals (RFP) so that the Board can see if anyone else is willing to lease this; she stated the Board charges more for cell tower space than for this acre of waterfront business frontage; it seems like an inequity; and if staff went out from word of mouth to let people know, with a small amount of advertising, that if they buy local seafood he or she can lease this property. She pointed out she heard a huge amount of discussion from the Board that it needs revenue. Mr. Brown stated staff did build into this particular contract the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or three percent, which is what the Board does with its budget to allow for that escalation to ensure that they do have some ability to increase it over time; and in this particular proposal is consistent with the last lease signed in 2010, and it is locking it in for another five years. Commissioner Infantini noted when she and Mr. Brown talked at that time about the market rate per square foot; she disagreed; and she believes Commissioner Anderson was on the same page as she was. Mr. Brown advised the Board he did speak with Commissioner Infantini about that; the rate was at a much lower rate; and it changed from \$300 a month to \$1,100 a month, tripling it. Commissioner Infantini stated she thinks the Board is charging them less than it does concessionaires.

Chairman Fisher inquired if Mr. Brown is comfortable with what he explained. Mr. Brown replied he can go into more detail if necessary.

February 17, 2015

Commissioner Barfield inquired if the Board did a similar one of these for Crackerjacks in Titusville. Chairman Fisher replied similar from the standpoint of it is a piece of property that actually the City of Titusville owns, the County operates, and there is a restaurant on the site; it was sitting vacant; they actually went out for RFP and only received one bidder; and it is a waterfront property, but it is a restaurant/bar type establishment. Commissioner Barfield stated it is a small business; he is concerned if this goes out for RFP it will put two small businesses out of business; and they have been there a long time. He went on to say it is important to let these people stay there; it is unique; and he is all for it.

Commissioner Smith stated when he first heard about this, he was not crazy about it because the County spent \$2.8 million on the property, and then took it off the market because of the deal it made about preserving the fisheries; and then the County turned around and charged less rent than the person was paying for taxes. He noted it does not float well with him, but the County has created a monster; he thinks it is kind of stuck with it because the property is now restricted; if the Board raises the rent, the people cannot do anything like an ordinary businessman to improve their income; and it would be a great place for a seafood restaurant. He stated he thinks it will put the people out of business and the property would stay empty.

Chairman Fisher inquired if staff would explain how that was funded; and he stated it is important to show the history of how it qualified.

Mr. Brown explained to the Board the funding mechanism was \$2.8 million; \$1.8 million came from the State Grant; \$600,000 came from the Florida Inland Navigation District; and approximately \$385,000 came from MIRA; the return on the County's investment from a local leveraging perspective is pretty significant; and it is able to recover actually twice as much revenue it needs to maintain the property now. He pointed out it cost the County about \$10,000 a year to maintain the property; and it is receiving over \$20,000; and it is put into a fund to ensure it will cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Commissioner Infantini stated the point is the County bought it from an individual who is renting it now for \$2.8 million; the County put over \$700,000 in repairs on the property; and she does not understand how \$20,000 a year is a good return on its investment. She went on to say the purchase price was \$2.8 million; and it has been leased back for \$21,000 a year. She stated people do not want to call it a restaurant but when she walked in there she went to the counter, purchased food, sat down, and she ate the food; even though it may not be classified as a restaurant, it is; she does not think this is time sensitive; and she thinks the County could get at least \$25,000 a year for lease of the property.

Commissioner Anderson asked staff to clarify something on the revenues. Mr. Brown advised the revenues go directly back into the maintenance and repair of the facility itself. Commissioner Anderson inquired if any revenues the County ever collected on a fishery could not be used for General Fund. Mr. Brown responded affirmatively.

Chairman Fisher asked Mr. Brown to explain how the grant was set up. Mr. Brown stated the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant was intentionally designed to preserve commercial fisheries working waterfronts; in 2007, waterfront was being lost at an alarming rate; every one of the State Delegation supported it; the current State Delegation supports it; and because of the nature of what this does, it maintains diversity in the economy and maintains the cultural heritage of the community.

Chairman Fisher inquired if this is the last working waterfront in the County. Mr. Brown replied except for Port Canaveral, yes.

February 17, 2015

The Board authorized the Chairman to execute an updated five-year lease with Indian River Trading Company and William C. Norwood for continued commercial fisheries operations at Griffis Landing, subject to final approval by the County Attorney and Risk Management.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [3 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Robin Fisher, Jim Barfield, Andy Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Curt Smith

**ITEM II.C.2., ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT, RE: ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BREVARD COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014**

Commissioner Barfield stated he was going through the audit report and he had a few questions; on roman numeral VII, the first one was the non-operating revenues expenses, there is something there he does not know what it is; and if he cannot get answers to his questions, he would recommend tabling.

Stockton Whitten, County Manager, stated he will ask those questions of the Housing Authority and resubmit the Item to the Board.

The Board tabled consideration of the annually audited financial statement for the Housing Authority of Brevard County for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014, to a future Board meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM II.C.4., APPROVAL, RE: LEASE PERSONAL COMPUTERS FROM DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES UTILIZING VALENCIA COLLEGE'S CONTRACT AS A CONTRACT VEHICLE**

Chairman Fisher stated the way the Agenda Item was written it did not jive with him what the purchase price was.

Jon Sellers, Information Technology Director, stated Fire Rescue uses two different kinds of computers in their fire trucks and ambulances; those are ruggedized computers that are used to communicate back and forth with Dispatch; the others are patient care reporting systems; and they are used in the ambulances by Medical Technicians to document the problems that patients are having and forward those to the hospitals. He went on to say what they found in the past is they have been using semi-ruggedized computers for the Patient Care Reporting Systems and they have failed on them too often to be practical; the computers break too often; the mobile data terminals are fully-ruggedized; and they are getting older and failing at the same time. He stated they need to provide computers that are least likely to fail and cost the IT Department a lot of labor costs; it turns out that leasing is the best option for them; the costs are the same for purchasing and leasing; and there will be increased labor costs with IT going out and fixing machines. He noted the computers need to be refreshed every few years.

February 17, 2015

Chairman Fisher inquired what the warranty is on a lease versus a purchase. Mr. Sellers replied the Board can get the warranties for whatever period it wants; and the lease on these would be three years. Chairman Fisher inquired he understands the lease time but what about the warranty period. Mr. Sellers replied the warranty would be the same regardless; he can get three-year warranties or five-year warranties. Chairman Fisher stated when he looks at the annual costs, at the end of three years the County owns it. Mr. Sellers stated he thinks the deal for Fire Rescue is the Capital Plan; and they do not always have confidence that three years from now they can spend \$130,000.

Stockton Whitten, County Manager, inquired in terms of the differential between purchase and lease why is there no labor costs included with the purchase; and he stated what he understood Mr. Sellers to say was staff would spend a lot of time up and down the County repairing those purchased machines. He stated if there is a labor cost associated with purchasing, the differential would be greater. Mr. Sellers stated the difference is between the rugged and the semi-rugged; the semi-rugged ones they would spend a ton of labor on them all through the cycle from the first day they get them all the way through; with the ruggedized, little labor is spent on them; and if they lease, they will send them out for repair. Mr. Whitten stated the real issue is the probability of Fire Rescue in three years having \$35,000 as opposed to \$120,000 is the gamble; that is why they prefer to go with the lease option because it is more probable they can come up with the smaller amount in three years; and if there is differential, that difference can be applied to other needed equipment.

Chairman Fisher stated there is not much spread between leasing and owning it; and least if he owns it he has some value at the end of the three-year period.

Mr. Sellers stated if Fire Rescue had to go out and spend \$135,000 today to replace all of the machines they have; but they may not have the money in three years.

Mr. Whitten stated it is really an operational issue for the Fire Rescue Department.

The Board approved the Fire Rescue Department to lease personal computers instead of purchasing them utilizing Valencia College's contract with Dell Financial Services.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Jim Barfield, Trudie Infantini, Curt Smith, Andy Anderson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Robin Fisher

### **ITEM III.C., PUBLIC COMMENTS (30 MINUTES)**

Pam La Salle stated there is a hold period at the shelter for the amount of time the County is supposed to hold the dogs; it is five days before they can either give it away or adopt it to someone; and during those five days the owner has the chance to find their dog. She stated it has been going on a long time trying to get the Sheriff to count the number of days properly; it looked like they were on the right track last week; and yesterday she found out someone went to find a dog during the hold period, and the dog is not there. She noted the dog is pending adoption already. She stated that is not the concept of having the dog at the shelter so someone can find the dog. She pointed out there has been ongoing issues about managing the shelter either when it was under the County control or under the Sheriff's control; she recommends an ombudsman somehow be found; she does not think it has to be a paid position; and then there

February 17, 2015

will be someone who can oversee and count and find. She stated if County Management does not want to oversee contractors, there needs to be some sort of check and balance. She stated as far as the budget goes, the Sheriff cannot assess taxes, the Board does that; and when the Sheriff comes to the Board for money, the folks who vote for the Commissioners expect the Board to have control of the purse strings.

Charles Tovey read aloud to the Board a document he has regarding requesting the Fifth District Court of Appeals for mitigation a time allotment of 60 days extended to 90 to 120 days longer do to the physical burden as well as financially, and about the deliberate damages to his boat by Ernie Brown, Natural Resources Management Director, and his staff. He spoke to the Board about the wetlands and the Lagoon.

**ITEM II.D.1., APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS, RE: CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARDS (CONTINUED)**

Chairman Fisher advised the Board they were pulling the appointment of Richard Charbanneau to the Housing Finance Authority; and there was already someone appointed to that advisory board.

**ITEM IV.A., RESOLUTION, RE: PETITION TO VACATE TEMPORARY, PUBLIC CUL-DE-SAC EASEMENT - HORSESHOE AVENUE - VISTA WIND (PROPOSED PLAT), KEVIN TROMBLEY**

Chairman Fisher called for a public hearing to consider a resolution to vacate a temporary, public cul-de-sac easement on Horseshoe Avenue, Vista Wind proposed plat.

John Denninghoff, Public Works Director, stated this is a petition to vacate what was intended to be a temporary cul-de-sac easement from years prior, which was a standard practice at that time; it would have normally been vacated anyway; and the petitioner is asking for it to be vacated at this time. He advised the Board there have been no objections received by staff.

There being no comments, the Board adopted Resolution No. 15-018, vacating a temporary, public cul-de-sac easement on Horseshoe Avenue, Vista Wind proposed plat, as petitioned by Kevin Trombley.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM VI.E.1., BOARD DIRECTION, RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION FOR USE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, 100' x 100', LOCATED AT 4300 TURTLE MOUND ROAD, MELBOURNE**

The Board withdrew consideration of a lease agreement with American Tower Corporation for use of a portion the property, 100' by 100', located at 4300 Turtle Mound Road in Melbourne, from the Agenda.



February 17, 2015

**ITEM VI.F.1., APPROVAL, RE: ADVERTISING OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES IN FLORIDA TODAY**

The Board approved *Florida TODAY* to advertise delinquent property taxes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM VIII.C., REPORT, RE: COMMISSIONER TRUDIE INFANTINI, DISTRICT 3**

Commissioner Infantini stated Florida Institute of Technology is sponsoring A Get Financially Fit workshop; it will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2015. She went on to say she was looking over the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) board and the number of hours the interim director was working; she noticed in November 2014 he worked about 28 hours for the whole month; and it does not appear the MIRA director position is a full-time position. She stated one of the options before MIRA was to put it into the County Manager's court in handling hiring someone; she thought maybe the Board would suggest it be consolidated; right now there is a projects coordinator who was with MIRA for eight years; and she is basically running the whole show. She stated perhaps Stockton Whitten, County Manager, would consider consolidating the projects coordinator and the direction positions into one position.

Mr. Whitten stated through the Service Agreement it does say that can be a County position; he has not had the opportunity to talk to the MIRA board regarding if they feel that is a full-time position with one or two people; and he will have the opportunity to do that to determine what the appropriate action is at that time.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if the ordinance for Commissioners working for two years is going to be advertised. Scott Knox, County Attorney, replied it will be advertised the end of the month he thinks.

**ITEM VIII.A., REPORT, RE: STOCKTON WHITTEN, COUNTY MANAGER**

Stockton Whitten, County Manager, stated he did forget to bring up one thing under Board Reports. He went on to say he did not want Ernie Brown, Natural Resources Director, to get away without first congratulating him on his new venture; but also recognizing him for his 10 years of exemplary service to the County; Mr. Brown has been one of the best Natural Resources Director the County has had; and everyone will miss him, and certainly wish him well.

**ITEM VIII.D., REPORT, RE: COMMISSIONER CURT SMITH, DISTRICT 4**

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to report on the St. Johns River Advisory Board to the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program; on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, the advisory board met to discuss the proposed interlocal agreement between St. Johns River Water Management District, South Florida Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Volusia County, Brevard County, Indian River County, Martin County, and St. Lucie County; Indian River County refused to enter into the agreement; and the advisory board decided to remove any reference to Indian River County from the agreement and send it out to the remaining members for approval; Brevard County already anticipated this possibility and structured the agenda item on February 3, 2015, to include a provision that if any other

February 17, 2015

county failed to join, it would still agree to the arrangement; and no action needs to be taken on this particular agreement. He explained to the Board it does need to do, after the next meeting the Indian River Advisory Board will cease to exist, and it will then be an Indian River Council; and there will need to be a person from the Board to be on that board.

Commissioner Barfield stated it was talked about the City of Vero Beach being part of the agreement; and he inquired if that is still under consideration. Commissioner Smith replied the City of Vero Beach has actually volunteered to pay \$100,000; and the City of Sebastian showed up at the last meeting and said they would also be willing to contribute \$50,000.

Commissioner Smith advised he would be happy to be on the board.

Commissioner Barfield noted he is already on the five county coalition.

The Board appointed Commissioner Smith to the Indian River Lagoon Council for 2015.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

Scott Knox, County Attorney, advised the Board they would need an alternate for that Board as well.

The Board appointed Commissioner Barfield as alternate to the Indian River Lagoon Council for 2015.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

#### **ITEM VIII.E., REPORT, RE: COMMISSIONER ANDY ANDERSON, DISTRICT 5**

Commissioner Anderson provided the Board with a letter, with the attached information he asked Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director, to provide to him with at the last budget workshop; he stated it is a big concern of his because Brevard is such a long County; the County's Veteran's Office staffing is far below compared to what other counties are doing; and it is imperative that there be another person there so other areas of the County can be traveled so the Veterans do not have to go so far. He went on to say the added Veteran Service Office could help coordinate volunteers; and his request is the \$47,387 for a full-time Veteran Service Officer.

The Board directed the County Manager to find the funding of \$47,387 in next year's budget for an additional full-time Veteran Service Officer (VSO).

February 17, 2015

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Fisher, Barfield, Infantini, Smith, Anderson

**ITEM VIII.F., REPORT, RE: COMMISSIONER JIM BARFIELD, DISTRICT 2**

Commissioner Barfield stated having a background in environmental for many years, he appreciates working with Ernie Brown, Natural Resources Director.

**ITEM VIII.A., REPORT, RE: STOCKTON WHITTEN, COUNTY MANAGER (CONTINUED)**

Venetta Valdengo, Assistant County Manager, reminded the Board that tomorrow at the Government Center they will have their 2nd Annual Black History Month celebration; she stated there will be a gospel choir performing, a saxophone player, several speeches, and a great soul food lunch for \$6; and there will be many displays.

**ITEM VIII.G., REPORT, RE: COMMISSIONER ROBIN FISHER, DISTRICT 1**

Chairman Fisher stated he thinks October 1 the Sheriff took over Animal Services; it is coming up on six months or so; he mentioned to the Sheriff it would be good for him to make a presentation to the Board about what changes have been made through the funding provided by the County; and the Sheriff is willing to do that. He stated either the next meeting or in early March, the Sheriff will probably come and make a presentation to the Board.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK