



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING
3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, ROOM 166
LECANTO FLORIDA 34461**

MINUTES

December 17, 2024 - 9:00 AM

**Rebecca Bays, Chairman, District 4
Diana Finegan, 1st Vice Chair, District 2
Janet Barek, 2nd Vice Chair, District 3
Jeff Kinnard D.C., Commissioner, District 1
Holly L. Davis, Commissioner, District 5**

**Steve L. Howard, County Administrator
Denise A. Dymond Lyn, County Attorney
Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller**

A. CALL TO ORDER

December 17, 2024 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Legislative Retreat PowerPoint

A.1. Invocation

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan provided the Invocation.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Holly Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OPENING REMARKS

B.1. Chairwoman Rebecca Bays

Chair Rebecca Bays provided opening remarks, acknowledged the Intergovernmental Relations Manager James Toy, and shared the vision for this meeting.

B.2. County Administrator Steve Howard

County Administrator Steve Howard commented.

C. FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

C.1. 9:15 AM - Maurice Kurland, Alcalde & Fay

Intergovernmental Affairs Manager James Toy introduced Maurice Kurland, Partner with Alcaide & Fay and Matthew Kren, Senior Associate with Alcaide & Fay, Mr. Kurland and Mr. Toy provided the presentation and Mr. Kurland and Mr. Toy responded to questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion with County Administrator Steve Howard.

Consensus was given to the staff regarding the Federal Policy Priorities.

C.2. Commission Discussion

D. STATE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS & POLICY PRIORITIES

D.1. 10:15AM-Sarah Busk Suskey, The Advocacy Partners

Intergovernmental Affairs Manager James Toy introduced Sarah Busk Suskey, Partner with Advocacy Partners, who provided the presentation and Ms. Suskey, Mr. Toy, and Water Resources Director Ken Cheek responded to questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion with County Administrator Steve Howard.

J. J. Grow, State Representative, addressed the Board.

Consensus was given to the staff regarding the State Appropriations Policy Priorities.

D.2. Commissioner Discussion

E. CLOSING COMMENTS & NEXT STEPS

E.1. Chairwoman Rebecca Bays

Chair Rebecca Bays commented.

E.2. County Administrator Steve Howard

County Administrator Steve Howard commented.

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F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.