



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Citrus County Courthouse
110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100
Inverness, FL 34450**

MINUTES

January 10, 2023 - 1:00 PM

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

January 10, 2023 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 01:00 PM

A.1. Invocation

Commissioner Diana Finegan led the invocation.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

First Vice Chair Holly Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A.3. Roll Call

Present: Holly L. Davis, Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Diana Finegan, Rebecca Bays
County Attorney Denise Lyn, County Administrator Steve Howard, Deputy
Clerk Amy Novinger

Absent: Jeff Kinnard D.C., Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Angela Vick

A.4. Approval of Agenda

*County Administrator Steve Howard requested the addition of item E15 and the
submission of additional information for item E1e.*

**Motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of item E15 and the submission
of additional information for item E1e.**

RESULT: Adopted

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MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

B. CONSENT

Second Vice Chair Rebecca Bays requested to pull item B3 for additional information and Chairman Ruthie Schlabach requested to pull item B14 for recusal of Commissioner Diana Finegan.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, pulling item B3 and item B14.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Rebecca Bays
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

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B.1. Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

Approve the following minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:
December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting

B.2. Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

Approval of the following minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:
November 29, 2022 Regular Meeting

Administration

No items.

Attorneys Office

No items.

Clerk

B.3. State of Florida Auditor General Financial Audit - Report No. 2023-060

Acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the State of Florida Auditor General regarding the State Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida Prime) Financial Report No. 2023-060 for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021.

At the request of Second Vice Chair Rebecca Bays, County Administrator Steve Howard recommended tabling this item.

Motion to table item B3.

RESULT: Tabled

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

B.4. Authorize Clerk Personnel to Sign for Vehicle Tags and Titles

Authorize the Chair to sign the attached document stating Patti Wood, Heather Ewing and Shelley Sansone are authorized signers for vehicle titles and tags on behalf of the Citrus County, Florida when registering a new vehicle and submitting vehicles to auction.

B.5. Clerk Records Disposition #2030

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Clerk's Records Disposition Document #2030 for the disposal of records that have met their assigned retention periods.

B.6. County Warrants

Accept the attached check registers outlining the County warrants.

Community Services

B.7. Floral Park Use Agreement - 36th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Floral Park Use Agreement between Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for utilization of Floral Park for the 36th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival to be held on March 4 & 5, 2023.

B.8. Bicentennial Park Pool Facility Agreement - Sun Coast Swim Team, Inc.

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Bicentennial Park Pool Facility Agreement between Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida and the Sun Coast Swim Team, Inc. for the use of Bicentennial Park Pool.

Fire Services

B.9. Donation of Surplus Property Asset #54003

Approve donation of the following item from the inventory of fire rescue to Fraternal Order of Eagles Foundation (Crystal River Eagles 4272) and the removal of same items from the county's capital asset listing. Asset #54003 - Zoll AED Plus Defibrillator.

Human Resources

No items.

Management and Budget

B.10. Insurance Program Agreement

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Insurance Program Agreement and Schedule No. 1 Plan Specifications, between Citrus County, Florida and XL Insurance America, Inc., Indian Harbor Insurance Company, XL Specialty Insurance Company and Greenwich Insurance Company which sets forth the self insured retention amount and aggregate amount limit for the underground storage tank owned by Citrus County, Florida for fiscal year 22/23.

Growth Management

B.11. PLT-22-30 Halemana Estates

- a. Consider PLT-22-30, Halemana Estates, to combine three lots in the Citrus Springs Unit 22 subdivision.
- b. If approved, direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the plat, and the Clerk to record the plat in the public records of Citrus County, Florida.

B.12. PLT-22-17 South Spartan Avenue Subdivision

- a. Consider PLT-22-17, South Spartan Avenue Subdivision.
- b. If approved, direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the plat, and the Clerk to record the plat in the public records of Citrus County, Florida.

Public Works

B.13. Acknowledgement of Airport Hangar Lease Agreement(s)

Staff requests that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the attached, executed T-Hangar lease agreement(s) with Mr. Joel Bobst.

Systems Management

No items.

Visitors and Convention Bureau

No items.

Water Resources

No items.

Set Public Hearings Workshops

B.14. SV-22-02 Stillwell for Finegan - Set Public Hearing

- a. Set a public hearing on February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to consider SV-22-02, Clark A. Stillwell, Esq. for Stephen and Diana Finegan to vacate a portion of Magnolia Place (now known as South Blue Water Point) according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 95 of the public records of Citrus County, Florida.
- b. If approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution setting the public hearing.

County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn responded to questions from Chair Ruthie Schlabach.

Motion to approve item B14a and b.

Citizen Sabrina Watson commented.

Ms. Lyn responded to comments from Ms. Watson and Commissioner Diana Finegan announced her recusal from this item.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Rebecca Bays
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Bays
NAY: None

Resolution Number 2023-001

Following this item, Ms. Lyn commented regarding information requested by Ms. Watson.

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Diana Finegan did not vote due to a request for recusal of this item.

[Public Speaker Form for item B14](#)

C. PROCLAMATIONS

Motion to approve the Proclamations, items C1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

C.1. Present a Check to the Board of County Commissioners from the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Gary Steele, General Manager, Crystal River, will present the Board of County Commissioners a capital credit check from the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

C.2. Winning the American Water Works Association Best Drinking Water Contest

Acknowledgement of Statewide "Best of the Best" award from the American Water Works Association

C.3. In Honor of Ginger West

Approve and authorize the Board to execute a Proclamation declaring January 10, 2023 as Ginger West Day in Citrus County, Florida.

C.4. Proclamation -- Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Approve and authorize the Board to proclaim the month of January, 2023, as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Citrus County, Florida.

C.5. Proclamation -- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Approve and authorize the Board to proclaim January 9, 2023 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Citrus County, Florida.

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

Sabrina Watson, speaking on behalf of the Xceptional Life Project

Barbara Ocasio

Victoria Spiller, representing BASICS United Inc.

John Hancock

George Bendtsen

Diana Bollas

Heiko Kallenbach, Chairman of the Aviation Advisory Board

Commissioners responded to comments from the public.

[Public Speaker Forms for item D](#)

[Additional Information for item D](#)

[Additional Information for item D - Submitted by John Hancock](#)

[Additional Information for item D - Submitted by Victoria Spiller representing BASICS United Inc](#)

E. REGULAR BUSINESS

E.1. Bids

Motion to approve the Bids, items E1a through g.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

E.1.a. RFP 14-002 Amendment No. 3; Citrus County Utility Comprehensive Rate Study Financial Consultant Services; Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to include additional services to provide a Rate Study for the Citrus County Central Landfill.

E.1.b. ITB 21-063 Amendment No. 6; Sea Otter Path Sewer Addition Project; Constantine Constructors, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida, and Constantine Constructors, LLC, to extend the final completion date to February 28, 2023.

E.1.c. ITB 22-153 Re-Bid Mowing for the Fire Training Center, Fire Stations, and Well Sites; Backyard Boys Property Management LLC

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Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Backyard Boys Property Management LLC to provide routine mowing, edging, trimming and clean-up service at Citrus County's Fire Rescue locations.

E.1.d. ITB 21-083 Amendment No. 1; Sod & Sodding; Connolly's Sod & Lawn Service, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Connolly's Sod & Lawn Service, Inc. to correct the timeline terms of the Agreement.

E.1.e. RFQ 21-096 Work Authorization; Continuing Contract for Professional Services for Water Resources/Utilities Department; McKim & Creed, Inc.

a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Work Authorization for McKim & Creed, Inc. to provide a SCADA Master Plan for the Water Resources/Utilities Department.

b. Approve related budget Transfers

[Additional Information for item E1e](#)

E.1.f. PB 23-025, City of Cape Coral Contract #BUT2042MCA Pump Rehabilitation and Repair; John Mader Enterprises, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and John Mader Enterprises, Inc. to provide Pump Rehabilitation and Repair Services on an as needed basis.

E.1.g. PB 23-023 Volusia County Emulsified Polymer 22-B-08LS; Polydyne, Inc.

a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Polydyne, Inc. to provide Water Wastewater Chemicals for the County on an as-needed basis.

b. Approve related Budget Transfer

E.2. Budget Transfers

Approve budget transfers for Utilities (2), Housing Services (5), Supervisor of Elections and Administrative Services for fiscal year 2022-23.

Motion to approve item E2.

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RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Rebecca Bays
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

E.3. Budget Resolutions

Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution adopting/ amending Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, Aquatic Plant Control, Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer, Septic Upgrade Incentive Program and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) grant budgets for fiscal year 2022-23.

Motion to approve item E3.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

Resolution Number 2023-002

E.4. Southwest Florida Water Management District Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Q320 Water Sense Labeled Irrigation Controller and Toilet Credit Incentives

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the electronic signature for the Q320 Water Sense Labeled Irrigation Controller and Toilet incentive Cooperative Funding Agreement between Southwest Florida Water Management District and Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

b. Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution adopting Water Sense Labeled Irrigation Controller and Toilet Credit incentive grant budget for fiscal year 2022-23.

Motion to approve item E4a and b.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

Resolution Number 2023-003

E.5. FY21 Residential Resurfacing Settlement Agreement and Final Payment

- a. Accept the roadways completed as part of the FY2021 Residential Resurfacing Program
- b. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement Agreement
- c. Authorize Settlement payment to Western Surety in the amount of \$380,000.00 and Retainage in the amount of \$116,741.75 will be returned to the County, as noted in the Settlement Agreement.

Motion to approve item E5a, b, and c.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

E.6. Agreement For Recovering Off-site Utility Improvement Costs

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement For Recovering Off-site Utility Improvement Costs by and between the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Water and Wastewater Utility Services and Habitat For Humanity of Citrus County Florida, Inc. for construction of off-site utility upgrades. Approve recovery up to \$95,571.00 in the form of off-site wastewater connection fees on new construction in Citrus Springs Unit 2.

Motion to approve item E6.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

E.7. Accept Offer to Purchase Surplus Property

- a. Approve the Purchase and Sale agreement with The Deltona Corporation, for AK 1588065, 0 N. Tram Road, Hernando, Florida and authorize the Chairman to execute same.
- b. Approve and Authorize Chairman to execute a County Deed to The Deltona Corporation, for AK 1588065, 0 N. Tram Road, Hernando, Florida.
- c. Authorize staff to execute all other documents related to the closing of the property, with the exception of recordable documents; approve and authorize payment of related closing costs associated with these property acquisitions.
- d. Authorize the Clerk to record said County Deed in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida upon staff's receipt of payment.
- e. Authorize staff to deliver deed once the deed has been recorded in the Public Record.

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- f. Provide directions on how the proceeds from the sale of the property are to be applied.

Board discussion ensued regarding item E7f.

Public Works Director Mary Jensen and Water Resources Director Ken Cheek responded to questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion.

Motion to approve item E7a, b, c, d, e, and f.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Rebecca Bays
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

E.8. Citrus Springs Civic Association Inc., Resolution and Lease Agreement – Citrus Springs Community Center

- a. Discussion and consideration of a request from Citrus Springs Civic Association, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, to lease the county-owned, Citrus Springs Community Center 1570 West Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, Florida, for the purpose of providing services to the community that are considered to be in the nature of public services
- b. Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution of the Board acknowledging the request from Citrus Springs Civic Association, Inc. to lease property owned by the County.
- c. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Lease Agreement for a period of three (3) calendar years, beginning February 12, 2023 through February 11, 2026, and the monthly rent shall be Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$218.18) for the first year with a 2% increase per year for the remainder of the lease term.

Motion to approve item E8a, b, and c.

Citizen Sabrina Watson commented.

County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and Commissioners responded to comments from Ms. Watson.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

Resolution Number 2023-004

[Public Speaker Form for item E8](#)

E.9. Accept conveyance of 100' x 90' Metal Airport Hangar from Crystal Motorsports, LLC, Crystal River Airport (CGC).

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to accept the conveyance of the newly constructed, 100' x 90' Metal Airport Hangar at the Crystal River Airport (CGC) from Crystal Motorsports, LLC via Absolute Bill of Sale per the terms stated in the attached Airport Ground Lease Agreement.

b. Authorize Chairman to execute the Absolute Bill of Sale.

c. Authorize the Clerk to place an acceptance stamp on the document and record it in the public records of Citrus County, Florida.

Motion to approve item E9a, b, and c.

County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn provided clarification to the Board regarding the conveyance.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

E.10. CoreCivic Contract Monitoring Update for November 2022

Concur with the recommended action of the non-performance assessment of \$112,500.

Motion to approve item E10.

Citizen Sabrina Watson commented.

County Administrator Steve Howard, Second Vice Chair Rebecca Bays, and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn responded to comments from Ms. Watson, followed by Board discussion.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

[Public Speaker Form for item E10](#)

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E.11. Release of Retainage ITB 21-146

- a. Accept the completed project, acknowledge pay application number 2 as Final Completion of SCOP Resurfacing of E Withlacoochee Trail from E Scott Lane to State Road 200.
- b. Approve the release of retainage and authorize the Clerk to release retainage to the contractor, Superior Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$20,749.23.
- c. Return any encumbered funds back to the appropriate accounts.

Motion to approve item E11a, b, and c.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

E.12. Release of Retainage ITB 21-148

- a. Accept the completed project, acknowledge pay application number 2 as Final Completion of SCOP Resurfacing of W Yulee Dr (CR 490) from W Bradshaw Street to US19.
- b. Approve the release of retainage and authorize the Clerk to release retainage to the contractor, Superior Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$14,489.38.
- c. Return any encumbered funds back to the appropriate accounts.

Motion to approve item E12a, b, and c.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

E.13. Election Security Enhancement Grant for 2022-23

Approve the application for the Election Security Enhancement Grant. Once approved, the Supervisor of Elections will submit the application to the State of Florida.

Motion to approve item E13.

Citizen John Hancock commented.

First Vice Chair Holly Davis responded to comments from Mr. Hancock.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Diana Finegan

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SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

[Public Speaker Form for item E13](#)

E.14. American Resue Plan Act (ARPA) Project List Update

Provide direction to staff regarding projects.

Board discussion ensued with County Administrator Steve Howard and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn.

Motion to bring back the American Rescue Plan Act Project List Update at the BOCC Strategic Planning Retreat.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

E.15. Discussion & Direction-3406 N. Turdey Oak Dr., Crystal River (Betz Farm Property)

A. Discussion and Direction

OR

B. Discuss other possibilities for the surplus property such as putting property back on the market or amend the Realtor's contract to remove Betz's Farm from the list of properties for sale and hold the property for a possible land exchange with the State.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided an update, followed by Board discussion with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn.

Motion to provide a three-month extension of the amended Realtor's contract without the \$25,000 additional deposit.

Board discussion ensued.

RESULT: **Defeated**
MOVER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach
NAY: Finegan, Bays

Board discussion ensued.

Motion to provide a three-month extension of the amended Realtor's contract with an additional \$100,000 in escrow and a \$25,000 per month fine for every month not closed.

RESULT: Defeated
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Rebecca Bays
AYES: Finegan, Bays
NAY: Davis, Davis Schlabach

Motion to provide a three-month extension of the amended Realtor's contract with a \$60,000 escrow deposit and a penalty of \$20,000 a month until closed.

RESULT: Defeated
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
AYES: Finegan
NAY: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Bays

Motion to provide a three-month extension of the amended Realtor's contract with an escrow deposit of \$30,000 and a monthly fine of \$10,000.

RESULT: Defeated
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach
NAY: Finegan, Bays

Board discussion ensued.

Motion that the buyer is to deliver a \$30,000 escrow deposit within ten business days, which is by January 24, 2023, provide a three-month extension of the amended Realtor's contract, which would expire on April 15, 2023, and \$10,000 becomes non-refundable each month the property does not close.'

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan
NAY: Bays

This item was received after the agenda was published.

[Additional Item E15](#)

F. OUTSTANDING COMMISSION ITEMS

F.1. Outstanding Commissioners' List

Update Outstanding Commissioners List

County Administrator Steve Howard requested the deletion of items 4, 9, and 13.

Motion to approve item F, with the removal of items 4, 9, and 13.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

G. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - STEVE HOWARD

G.1. Recommendation for Growth Management Director Position

Confirmation of the appointment of Eric Landon as the Growth Management Director effective January 10, 2023.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation.

Motion to appoint Eric Landon as the Growth Management Director effective January 10, 2023.

Mr. Howard corrected the effective date.

Motion was amended to change the effective date to January 23, 2023.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays

NAY: None

Following the vote, Eric Landon addressed the Board.

G.2. Recommendation for Assistant County Administrator Position

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Confirmation of the appointment of Mariselle Rodriguez as the Assistant County Administrator effective January 10, 2023.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation.

Motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Mariselle Rodriguez as the Assistant County Administrator.

At the request of Second Vice Chair Rebecca Bays, Mr. Howard provided input.

Motion was amended to add: Effective immediately.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

Following the vote, Mariselle Rodriguez addressed the Board.

G.3. Legislative Priorities List 2023

Board discussion, modification (as appropriate), and adoption of the 2023 Legislative Priorities.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation, followed by Board discussion.

Gene McGee, Citrus County Lobbyist, addressed the Board regarding the needs of Citrus County, followed by Board discussion with Mr. McGee.

Motion to approve the 2023 Legislative Priorities 1-10, as presented, with the addition of a Citrus County traffic study and a multi-purpose shelter.

Board discussion ensued.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

H. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items.

I. ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

I.1. Value Adjustment Board, Announce the Vacancy of the BOCC Appointed Citizen Member Position

- a. Accept with regret the resignation of the Board appointed citizen member Timothy Gilbert from the Value Adjustment Board.
- b. Announce vacancy available and the taking of applications for one citizen member position on the Value Adjustment Board. The citizen member must own homestead property in Citrus County. Applications are available on the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller website www.citrusclerk.org

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the announcements.

I.2. Announce vacancies for the MPO Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board

Announce vacancies for the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB):

- Citrus County Resident -- Over 60 years of age
- Citrus County Resident -- Citizen Advocate

The Citrus County resident vacancies are for a 3-year staggered term. Appointments will be made by the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization).

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the announcements.

I.3. Nominate and Appoint Members of the Aviation Advisory Board

- a. Nominate and Appoint one (1) Member-at-Large position to the Aviation Advisory Board.
 - b. Nominate and Appoint one (1) District 2 regular member position to the Aviation Advisory Board.
 - c. Nominate and Appoint one (1) District 3 regular member position to the Aviation Advisory Board.
- The terms will be for two (2) years and will expire on January 31, 2025.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation, followed by Board discussion.

Motion to nominate and reappoint Heiko Kallenbach for the Member-at-Large position, nominate and reappoint Luis Michaels for the District 3 position, and to reopen the District 2 position.

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Board discussion ensued with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and Mr. Howard.

Citizen Heiko Kallenbach commented and Mr. Howard responded to questions from Mr. Kallenbach.

Board discussion continued with Mr. Howard.

RESULT: **Defeated**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Ruthie Davis Schlabach
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach
NAY: Finegan, Bays

Motion to re-open the positions for all of these districts.

Board discussion ensued with Mr. Howard, and the consensus of the Board was to keep Mr. Kallenbach and Mr. Michaels on the Board until the new appointments are made.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Davis Schlabach, Finegan, Bays
NAY: None

[Public Speaker Form for item I3](#)

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

No items.

K. COMMISSIONER DIANA FINEGAN - DISTRICT 2

No items.

L. COMMISSIONER JEFF KINNARD D.C. - DISTRICT 1

No items.

M. 2ND VICE CHAIR REBECCA BAYS - DISTRICT 4

No items.

N. 1ST VICE CHAIR HOLLY L. DAVIS - DISTRICT 5

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No items.

O. CHAIR RUTHIE DAVIS SCHLABACH - DISTRICT 3

No items.

P. COUNTY ATTORNEY DENISE A. DYMOND LYN

No items.

Q. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:
Ernesto Rubio, Administrator for the Department of Health of Citrus County*

Commissioners responded to comments from Mr. Rubio.

Consensus of the Board was to give Assistant County Administrator Mariselle Rodriguez and County Administrator Steve Howard the direction to be involved in the hiring process for the new Administrator for the Health Department of Citrus County.

R. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, January 24, 2023 at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Regular Meeting, February 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Regular Meeting, February 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

S. UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

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1. *Governing Body of the Special Library District of Citrus County: January 24, 2023*, at 10:00AM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. BOCC Strategic Planning Retreat, January 25, 2023, at 9:00AM, Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Conference Room 166, Lecanto, FL 34461

T. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items.

U. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 04:00 PM.

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