

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
JANUARY 21, 2016 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **January 21, 2016** at the new offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. In the absence of Chair Bob Mulhere, Vice-Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at **9:09 AM**. **Mr. Perry** then led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Wuerstle conducted the roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilman Gary Wein, Mr. Don McCormick, Ms. Suzanne Graham

**Collier County:** Commissioner Tim Nance, Commissioner Penny Taylor, Mr. Alan Reynolds

**Glades County:** Mr. Thomas Perry

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Don Davis, Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Mr. Mel Karau

**Lee County:** Commissioner Frank Mann, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilman Forrest Banks, Councilman Jim Burch, Vice Mayor Mick Denham

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Mayor Rhonda DiFranco, Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Fred Fraize

**Ex-Officio:** Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Mr. Terry Cerullo for Mr. Jon Iglehart -FDEP, Ms. Derek Burr- FDOT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Charlotte County:** None

**Collier County:** Mr. Bob Mulhere, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann

**Glades County:** Commissioner Weston Pryor, Councilwoman Pat Lucas, Commissioner Tim Stanley

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Sherida Ridgill

**Lee County:** Mayor AnitaCereceda, Ms. Laura Holquist

**Sarasota County:** Mr. Felipe Colón

**Ex-Officio:** Ms. Melissa Dickens - SWFWMD

Vice-Chair McCormick introduced the following new members to the Council:

1. Councilman Gary Wein, City of Punta Gorda
2. Councilman Fred Fraize, City of Venice
3. Ms. Derek Burr, FDOT-District One

**AGENDA ITEM #6  
ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS**

Mr. Flood gave the Nominations Committee report. He noted that the Nominations Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2016:

Chair - Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee  
Vice-Chair - Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral  
Secretary - Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee  
Treasurer - Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to close the nominations and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mann to accept the Nominations Committee recommendations for the Council's 2016 Officers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reynolds and passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5  
AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEM #8  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the Director's Report. She noted that the approximate cost of the move was \$88,000 including staff time. However, without time for staff the cost was approximately \$36,000.

Ms. Wuerstle announced that after the closing of the sale of the building, approximately \$215,000 was placed in the Council's Money Market account. She then announced that there will be a

Budget & Finance Committee scheduled before the next Council meeting. She noted that the Council is in a very strong position with its cash. She stated that additional line items had to be added to the budget for the move. There was already a line item for the building's loan. She explained that now that the building had been sold there will need to be some budget amendments made to reflect the recent changes.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked Ms. Wuerstle for confirmation that no funds are counted towards the budget until the funds are actually deposited within the Council's bank account. Ms. Wuerstle said that was correct.

Councilman Burch stated that approximately \$52,000 was spent on staff time for the move. He wanted to know if it would've been wiser to hire a mover. Ms. Wuerstle explained that a mover was hired, but staff still needed to pack their offices and the files and clean out closets etc. The issue is that when staff was moving the office their time wasn't able to be charged to billable hours. Staff is always very careful about non-billable hours.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked Ms. Wuerstle how long was the lease for the new location. Ms. Wuerstle said that a three year lease was signed.

Ms. Wuerstle explained that staff had done an extraordinary job in bringing everything together and she requested a 3% raise for staff. Mr. Karau asked Ms. Wuerstle what that request would total. Ms. Wuerstle explained that the total amount requested for the raises would be \$14,163.

**A motion was made by Councilman Banks to approve a 3% raise for Council staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch.**

Councilman Burch explained that he had been to the new office location before everything was done and he was amazed at the difference in the short amount of time that staff had. He thanked staff for all of their efforts.

Commissioner Wilkins thanked staff and said that it is very hard to keep a business moving forward while also having to conduct a move.

Ms. Wuerstle noted that during the move staff had met all of their deliverables and there was approximately \$93,000 out in receivables.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle explained that she would like to research other banks and their fees to possibly move the Council's checking and credit card accounts to a different bank. She said that the Council is paying approximately \$400 per month in service fees with Bank of America. The Council's Money Market account is in Iberia Bank and she has requested a proposal from them. She then requested that the Council approve a resolution for the Council's accounts to be switched to Iberia Bank or another bank if proposals come out to be better than Bank of America. She also stated that she needs the Council's approval on giving signature authority to the Council's Executive Committee along with the executive director and deputy director.

**A motion was made by Councilman Banks to approve the resolution authorizing the executive director to receive proposals from other banks and if needed move the Council's checking and credit card accounts from Bank of America and also the money market account if needed and also give signature authority to the Council's Executive Committee, the executive director and deputy director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch.**

It was noted that staff shouldn't have had to go to Bank of America to ask if they could give the Council a better package, it should've been something automatic. Unless Bank of America offers a much better deal or an offer that is at least equal to what another bank offered; the Council should move to a bank that would be much more proactive in their customer support. Discussion ensued on the current bank services.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle announced that the Council, in conjunction with the City of Fort Myers and the City of Fort Myers Police Department, is hosting a Counter Terrorism Symposium on February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

Councilman Banks explained how everything got started with the symposium. He said that he had been working with the City of Fort Myers Police Chief who has been working with the FBI, FDLE, RSW Airport Police and TSA. He explained that now that a format was established, it could be taken and used in other parts of the region.

Discussion ensued on the purpose of having the symposium.

Ms. Wuerstle announced that FRCA's Policy Board meeting was scheduled for the following week. The Policy Board's by-laws state that there needs to be two elected officials and one governor appointee from each RPC appointed to the Policy Board. She noted that the SWFRPC had three governor appointees, so she requested that the Council appoint Councilman Jim Burch to the Policy Board which would make the SWFRPC in compliance with the bylaws. The Policy Board members from the SWFRPC would be:

1. Councilman Jim Burch
2. Councilman Forrest Banks
3. Mr. Tommy Perry

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nance to appoint Councilman Jim Burch to the FRCA Policy Board. Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle announced that Ms. Pellechio had passed her exams and now holds Economic Development Certificate. She also announced that CREW was having a fundraiser on February 13, 2016 and that she had tickets available for the event.

**AGENDA ITEM #9  
STAFF SUMMARIES**

This item was for information purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEM #10  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the consent agenda as presented and then Councilman Burch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11  
REGIONAL IMPACT**

Mr. Trescott presented the following items.

Mr. Reynolds announced that he would be abstaining from Items 11(a), (b) and (c).

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)  
Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendment DEO 15-8ESR**

**A motion was made by Mayor Shaw to approve staff's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor DiFranco and passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(b)  
Palmer Ranch Increment IV NOPC**

**A motion was made by Mayor Shaw to approve staff's recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor DiFranco.**

Vice-Mayor Denham asked what the ramifications would be if the Council decided to either not take any action on a DRI item and/or deny the recommended action. Mr. Trescott explained that in the past the Council has denied approximately 10 DRI projects. He said that the Council is still involved with the existing DRIs. If the Council denied a project, staff would work with DEO on the issues.

Mr. Trescott noted that he was just notified by the applicant that Agenda Item #11(a) was done in coordination with Agenda Item #11(b), so there needs to be a vote taken stating that the comprehensive plan amendment is acceptable for the Palmer Ranch IV change from MIC to multi-family/residential. He said that DRIs can do concurrent comprehensive plan amendments with their applications.

**A motion was made by Mayor Shaw to approve the Palmer Ranch IV change from MIC to multi-family/residential as being consistent with the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The motion was seconded by Mayor DiFranco and passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(c)**

## **Palmer Ranch Increment XXV Pre-app Checklist**

A motion was made by Mayor Shaw to approve the questionnaire checklist as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fraize and passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining.

### **AGENDA ITEM #11(d) SPARC Early Adopters for Solar Ready Florida**

Ms. Pellechio presented the item.

Councilman Burch asked Ms. Pellechio if she would give a presentation to the local jurisdictions. Ms. Pellechio replied that she would.

Vice-Mayor Denham noted that John McCabe at Ding Darling has done a tremendous amount of work with solar, with the assistance of RPC staff, and he would like to have John McCabe give a presentation to the Council on his efforts.

### **AGENDA ITEM #12 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #12(a) Budget & Finance Committee**

No report was given by the Committee at this time. The financial were discussed by Margaret Wuerstle under the Executive Director's report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #12(b) Economic Development Committee**

Councilman Banks noted that there had been a turnover in Economic Development Directors throughout the region (Lee, Bonita Springs, Charlotte).

#### **AGENDA ITEM #12(c) Energy & Climate Committee**

No report was given at this time.

Commissioner Duffy noted that there is currently a large renewable energy project going on within Charlotte County with Babcock Ranch. Apparently, there are some bills (HB195 and SB172) being proposed within the legislature that would eliminate ad valorem taxes for renewable energy projects. She was notified that Florida Power and Light were opposed to the legislation because it would take revenue away from the counties.

Councilman Burch noted that there was a proposed bill to create a special district out of the Babcock Ranch project which would exempt them from any outside control.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(d)**  
**Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee**

Mr. Beaver presented the item. He noted that at the ABM's February meeting, the election of officers will be held and also the 2016 Work Plan will be presented for approval. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for the February 8, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(e)**  
**Executive Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(f)**  
**Legislative Affairs Committee**

Chair McCormick explained that the committee did not meet; however, there were three legislative issues brought before the Council at this time and he would like to open it up for discussion. He noted that Beth Nightingale had performed an analysis on HB191 and SB318 as described within the distributed handouts. The first issue was fracking and he suggested that the Council take a position and send a letter to the local legislative delegation asking them to be aware of the impact on home rule when adopting such proposed legislation.

Commissioner Nance stated that Collier County had very strongly endorsed home rule in regards to fracking. Collier County is one of the areas that is most directly affected and is likely to have a large number of wells in the future. The Collier County BCC strongly encouraged legislation to protect home rule and has been very strong in supporting home rule in Collier County. However, he is hesitant to state that the Collier County BCC is going to oppose the proposed legislation based on this development for the simple reason that they are very anxious to have the best possible legislation rulemaking passed as opposed to doing nothing.

Councilman Banks stated that everyone needs to remember that the overall goal is survival and he doesn't see how the RPC would be surviving by getting itself involved with this issue.

Councilman Burch stated that if the RPC was to address this issue of fracking, it would need to be very careful and to take it up based simply and strictly on home rule and not based on the philosophy that fracking is good or bad. It would be hard to determine how it would be perceived up in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Nance said that he agreed with Councilman Burch's comments because there has been many legislators that want to have the legislature control this issue, even in areas that have absolutely no interest or are not affected by the substance of the legislation.

Councilman Wein announced that the City of Punta Gorda decided that at their next city council meeting they will move forward with voting on one or two resolutions. One resolution will primarily address the home rule issue and the second resolution will address the enhanced oil recovery/fracking issue. He then pointed out, relative to Commissioner Nance's comments, that in Collier County and a couple of areas within Lee County the work of crude oil recovery already

exists and with the lower price of oil there is a question on how fast that would expand. He also noted there was a geological survey conducted by the State of Florida in 2009 which showed that the potential for oil deposits are far more reaching than just a few small crops that are sitting in both Collier and Lee Counties. As a result, as a region, there is a potential for more well fields.

Councilman Burch stated that it is a question on which governmental agencies take up the challenge.

Chair McCormick stated that the second issue, which also has to do with Home Rule, deals with setting election dates for cities. Commissioner Duffy stated that there is a whole list dealing with home rule up in the legislature. She also said that last year there was a whole anti- county and city climate.

Chair McCormick said that he doesn't see anyone wanting to make a motion to take any particular action. He then suggested drafting a letter of concern that is sent to the local legislative delegation stating that when they are moving forward with legislation to keep home rule in mind.

Commissioner Nance said that he would like to make a suggestion that these issues be considered by the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities that might be the best way for the municipalities and counties to directly engage in the issue. It may not be in the best interest of the Council to take any action on the issue. It would be more appropriate to have the issue go through those organizations instead of the Council.

Ms. Nightingale stated that it was her understanding that both the Florida League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties had taken the position of opposing that particular legislation.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(g)**  
**Quality of Life & Safety Committee**

Mayor Shaw gave the report. He noted that the committee had met immediately following the Council's November meeting.

Councilman Banks stated that the City of Fort Myers Interim City Manager and the Interim Police Chief had looked into the High Point concept. He noted that he had sent a letter to Mayor Shaw and also a note to Senator Benaquisto. Senator Benaquisto said that if he could come up with something strong that she could endorse and push it forward. He stated that he is now trying to figure out how to make the High Point program a State grant to help fund those cities within Florida that are having those type of issues.

Discussion ensued.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(h)**  
**Regional Transportation Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #12(i)**

## Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee

Councilman Burch gave the report. He noted that while he was up in Tallahassee he went to see Senator Simpson. However, the senator wasn't available at that time so he met with his Director of Staff who said that it was his opinion that Senator Simpson was satisfied with what had been done as far as any weaknesses within the RPCs and that he really didn't have anything more that he was looking to do to the RPCs.

Councilman Burch said he felt the most striking comment the Senator's Director made was that he was still shocked that Ron Book and FRCA had not come up with a document that would allow the RPCs to exist in case someone within the legislature wanted the RPCs dissolved. He also said he thought there was a potential for a house bill to be drawn up to eliminate the RPCs. He then said he didn't know if it would come to fruition, but it is always a possibility, so the RPCs should protect themselves.

Councilman Burch explained that was exactly what he had been trying to get together with staff and the committee, so there would be a structure where it would allow the Council to continue on, even if the legislature eliminates the RPCs.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked Councilman Burch after his conversation with Senator Simpson's aide if he felt that the document that the committee had been working on should be revised in anyway. Councilman Burch said he didn't feel it needed to be revised because it covers everything that the Council does. He felt it would protect the SWFRPC if anything should ever come out of Tallahassee where the RPCs are eliminated. Vice-Mayor Denham suggested an amendment to the document where it listed the Council's funding streams, especially what each of the cities and counties pay. Councilman Burch agreed with Vice-Mayor Denham's suggestion.

Commissioner Nance commended Councilman Burch in his efforts to lead the Council forward. It is clear that we need regionalism because independently we do not have the critical mass that is needed to get things done. If the issues that are objectionable to the legislature are going to be eliminated, he felt that the Council can then have a purpose.

Commissioner Duffy also thanked Councilman Burch for his efforts. She then said that the Charlotte County BCC hasn't had a negative opinion of the Council. She felt that the Council serves an important function. She was unhappy with the outcome from the legislature. She said she believed that DRIs were the Council's main function; especially when at a recent workshop it was noted that there is a big development being proposed in DeSoto County, 3 miles or less from the Charlotte County line and the traffic impacts will be substantial. If DeSoto County was within the SWFRPC she would feel more comfortable.

Commissioner Pendergrass asked Commissioner Duffy if the issue with DeSoto County could be worked out through the MPO. Commissioner Duffy explained that DeSoto County isn't part of the Charlotte County MPO.

Councilman Burch stated that DeSoto County is part of the Central Florida RPC and he then said that the DRI process is going away and we are not going to be able to stop it. However, the Council can still be involved by having a city request that the Council make recommendations. He

suggested Charlotte County get together with both DeSoto County and the SWFRPC to have a brainstorming session and express the concerns on both sides having the Council being the intermediary.

Vice-Mayor Denham said that with the DRI process being eliminated he felt that there is reluctance between the cities and counties to talk with their neighbors and that needs to change and the Council is one way of doing that.

Commissioner Nance said that he felt that there is every reason to continue having discussions. However, if the RPCs are raising the ire of the governor and the leadership within the House and Senate then it is common sense to get away from it. He doesn't want to lose the other ancillary benefits because they are tremendous. He is willing to discuss what the cities and counties within the Council can do together, what we can be productive in, what it is going to take to keep the Council funded, etc. He said that he would like to capitalize on Councilman Burch's initiative and take it back to the Collier County BCC and explain how the Council is going to move forward.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #14 STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

SFWMD - Mr. Flood referred to Ms. Wuerstle's comments on CREW. He said CREW is a regionally significant watershed located within both Lee and Collier Counties, approximately 60,000 acres, owned by a consortium of public and private entities. At the last governing board meeting they awarded a \$2.9 million construction contract for a piece of property known as Southern CREW located within Bonita Springs at the end of Bonita Beach Road. It involves the hydrologic restoration of the head waters of the Imperial River that flow into Estero Bay. It is a significant project and is part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration, originally recommended as part of the Everglades Restoration Plan. It requires removal of roads, canals and also an old residential area that has been acquired over the past 10 years (approximately 4,000 acres). It will provide flood protection, recreational benefits, aquifer recharge, water supply, etc.

FDEP - Mr. Cerullo announced that Dr. Abdual Armadi, professional engineer had retired from DEP. Two years ago he was awarded the Special Engineer of Florida Award, which included both the public and private sector.

FDOT - Ms. Burr announced that she had been with FDOT for approximately two weeks. She was formally the Planning Director at the City of Cape Coral for approximately 7 years and has lived in Southwest Florida since 1993. She was also a former employee of the SWFRPC, so she is familiar with the Council and the region.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #13 NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Wuerstle announced that the Council will be holding an Open House immediately following the meeting. She explained that there are three stations set up throughout the office (large conference room, small conference room and library). At each station there are questions asking for your opinion on the important programs and issues the Council should be doing. She

explained that the elected officials throughout the region have already taken the survey and supplied their comments.

**AGENDA ITEM #15  
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

No comments were made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #16  
COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Doherty stated to Ms. Burr that he sits on the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and there is a meeting coming up soon. He said that he has spoken to FDOT Secretary Hattaway regarding the proposed project in DeSoto County. It appears that FDOT is working with DeSoto County on Kings Highway. However, there were several projects that were approved prior to the recession in DeSoto County. The unfortunate part is that they are under the DRI threshold. He said to Ms. Burr that he would like to have some answers regarding those projects for his upcoming meeting; especially, on how FDOT is coordinating with DeSoto County on those issues.

Councilman Fraize said that he was impressed by the Council meeting and he hoped that it would continue.

Councilman Wein said that he had never been involved with politics before now. He appreciated the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with the other members of the Council to see how the region can move forward.

Mayor Shaw thanked staff for all of their efforts.

Mr. Reynolds announced that the Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance has scheduled its annual meeting for February 17 at FineMark Bank in Fort Myers. It is an invitation to the Alliance's investors. However, he felt that the invitation should be extended to the Council members as well.

Commissioner Duffy said she liked the new location and thanked the staff for their efforts.

Commissioner Wilkins announced that the newly formed Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) includes DeSoto County and is considering regional impacts.

Commissioner Wilkins then explained that within a single family neighborhood within LaBelle there are several houses that are currently in migrant housing, single family for 80 residents. There is a non-discrimination factor regulation for migrant housing. However, it is general opinion that the city and county are allowed to regulate the location of farmworker housing as long as there is enough sufficient housing that are above the required needs. She explained that it has happened before and it was fought in court and the city was told to back off or the agency would file a federal discrimination lawsuit against the city and the city doesn't have that type of funds available.

Ms. Burr asked if the applicant had to meet certain safety regulations for fire and occupancy. Commissioner Wilkins explained that if there are over 20 people they have to meet fire regulations; but the city has to be very careful because of the discrimination regulations of how it is approached. As long as they meet the safety and square foot standards, along with the requirements for farmworker housing, there is nothing that can be done. The health department conducts bi-annual inspections, but the inspections are conducted during the daytime so all they do is count beds.

Commissioner Pendergrass explained that the City of Fort Myers had a similar issue in the past and they were able to adopt a code where if there were too many people living in a two-bedroom residence that they could be removed. He suggested contacting the City of Fort Myers.

Councilman Burch suggested Commissioner Wilkins contact the local legislative delegation for Hendry County and ask if they could contact INS and also contact your congressman.

Commissioner Wilkins explained that all of the houses are owned by one entrepreneur.

Commissioner Pendergrass apologized for being late to the meeting. He then stated that Lee County had made some comp plan changes in zoning that eliminated 56 pending lawsuits.

Mr. Karau said that he liked the new location of the RPC.

Commissioner Nance said that he liked the new location. He then announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the expansion of the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center was very well attended.

Councilman Banks said that he always thought that there needed to be a regional transportation plan and with the current issue that Charlotte County is facing with a proposed development in DeSoto County, it has become evident that a regional transportation plan is needed. He then announced that for the Counter Terrorism Symposium on February 16 at the Harborside Event Center, the meters on Edwards Drive will have bags over them specifically for law enforcement.

Councilman Burch stated that he recently attended the Everglades Annual Conference and he felt that there was cautious optimism there because of funding. The funding is currently much better and he felt that Southwest Florida was well represented.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Peter Quasius emphasized Councilman Burch's comments regarding the Everglades Annual Conference and the participation from Southwest Florida. He said 20 years and \$20 billion will probably make some progress.

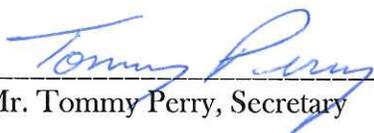
Ms. Margaret Emblidge, Hendry County Planning & Community Development Director, said that she served as a member of the Council from 1999 to 2007. She then said that she wanted to comment on the intergovernmental coordination, which many of the members' topics have been centered upon. She said that within the comprehensive plans, based on Florida Statute

requirements, cities and counties are required to engage in intergovernmental coordination which includes all of the adjacent and internal jurisdictions. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOU).

Commissioner Pendergrass announced currently the Lee County Commission Charter Review is currently going through their six month process of holding public meetings. The first public meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Two things moving forward that he felt was very critical was going to the hybrid county commission where there are five members from each district with two at large members and the second issue is the Ethics Commission where elected officials in Lee County will have subpoena power. He expressed his concerns as a citizen with those two issues.

**AGENDA ITEM #17  
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

  
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Mr. Tommy Perry, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the January 4, 2016 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Volume 42, Number01.