

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 25, 2015

A BCC Workshop with Representative Matt Caldwell was held at the Lashley Marina Community Room 120, Lashley Court, Punta Gorda, Florida.

Members Present were: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, and Commissioner Doherty. Also in attendance were: Representative Matt Caldwell, Assistant to the County Administrator Flores, Deputy County Administrator Shoemaker, County Legislative Manager Emily Lewis, Minutes Supervisor Lansing, and Minutes Clerk Russo. The following Members were absent: Commissioner Duffy and Commissioner Deutsch

The Workshop was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Meet Deputy County Administrator and Administrative Team.

Chair Truex thanked Representative Caldwell for attending the workshop and introduced County Staff.

2. Review of 2016 Legislative Priorities.

Burnt Store Road – Phase 2

Chair Truex mentioned the phases, funding, and right away costs.

Emily Lewis, Legislative Manager spoke to the Governor's Office request for work plan of projects for review, meeting with Transportation, and noted additions to the Highway Plans.

Commissioner Constance mentioned the importance of the roadway being an evacuation route for Cape Coral, funding process requests, and noted low gas prices. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Burnt Store Road as a lead priority, requested clearer rules from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and requested assistance with statutes.

Representative Caldwell mentioned issues with unfunded roadways and commented on the diversity of Charlotte County.

Ms. Lewis spoke to Small County Outreach (SCOP), qualifications for current year, obtainment for permanent threshold, funding issues, and unfunded road projects.

Chair Truex introduced City of Punta Gorda Mayor Freeland, Charlotte County Attorney Knowlton, and City of Punta Gorda Councilmember Rachel Keesling.

Harbor Walk Project – Phase 1B

Chair Truex gave a brief overview of the Harbor Walk Project, mentioned seawall repairs, renovations, and grants.

Charlotte County Justice Center

Chair Truex spoke to the Legislature finding a funding source, mandates for square footage requirements, access ways, wing addition, and noted timeline. Commissioner Constance commented on the total cost of the Justice Center Project.

Southwest Florida Visitors Center

Commissioner Constance gave a brief overview of the Southwest Florida Visitors Center, spoke to the positive response from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), availability of the property, and the outflow of the airport.

Ms. Lewis spoke to upcoming goals for the project, land lease from the State, and build out for the project.

Representative Caldwell commented on the Weigh Stop Area, enhancement of existing location, and mentioned appropriations.

Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative – Phase I (East West Spring Lake Wastewater Expansion Project)

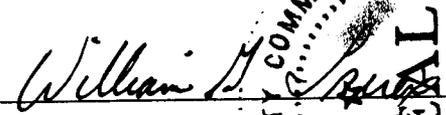
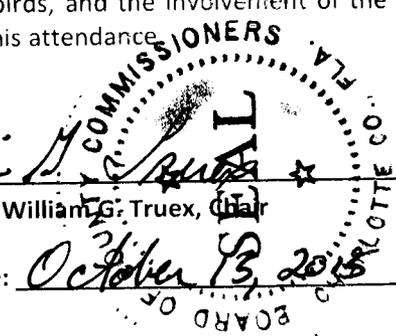
Chair Truex spoke to the conditions of the East West Spring Lake area, drain fields, water tables, enhancement of existing systems, and noted Gary Hubbard, Utilities Director would advise further during the tour.

Stump Pass Beach Renourishment

Ms. Lewis gave a brief overview of the Stump Pass Beach Renourishment and spoke to funds received and fund requests to the Federal Government.

Chair Truex spoke to the struggles of the area, access issues resulted from the Pass changing, pointed out the groin system, funding eligibility, turtle nesting, shore birds, and the involvement of the State Parks. The Commissioners thanked Representative Caldwell for his attendance.

ADJOURNED: 9:40 am


 William G. Truex, Chair
 DATE ADOPTED: October 13, 2015


ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
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EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
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