

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE  
EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD AND THE  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD MARCH 13, 2017  
9255 STURDEVANT STREET, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32514  
(5:33 p.m. – 7:14 p.m.)

Board of County Commissioners (BCC)

Present: Commissioner Douglas B. Underhill, Chairman, District 2  
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, Vice Chairman, District 1  
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5  
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3  
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson IV, District 4  
Jack R. Brown, County Administrator  
Alison Rogers, County Attorney

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)

Present: Lois Benson, Chairman, District 2  
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman, District 4  
Vicki Campbell, District 1  
Elvin McCorvey, District 3  
Larry Walker, District 5  
Stephen E. Sorrell, ECUA Executive Director  
Bradley S. Odom, ECUA Counsel  
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the ECUA Board

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1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

ECUA Board Member Walker and BCC Chairman Underhill delivered Invocations, and ECUA Board Member McCorvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Call to Order

ECUA Chairman Benson called the Special Joint Meeting of the ECUA Board and BCC to order at 5:33 p.m.

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3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by ECUA Board Member Campbell, seconded by BCC Chairman Underhill, and carried unanimously, adopting the agenda as prepared.

4. Continued Cooperation and Joint Project Successes

The ECUA Board and BCC discussed the following items:

- A. Materials Recycling Facility/Composting – Videos, produced by ECUA staff, were presented and discussed;
- B. Roadway, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water line/fire hydrant improvements:
  - (1) ECUA Executive Director Stephen Sorrell and County Administrator Brown commented concerning the tremendous cooperation between ECUA and BCC staff regarding projects regarding the aforementioned improvements;
  - (2) Commissioner Robinson suggested better communication between the public information offices of ECUA and the BCC; and
  - (3) Mr. Sorrell provided a status on the provision of sewer service to the Ensley area and ECUA Board Member McCorvey indicated that funding for the project is not available yet;
- C. Commercial Driver's License – Training and testing – County Administrator Jack Brown advised that, because the State recently eliminated the ability of employers to test employees being training to obtain a CDL (Commercial Driver License), he and Mr. Sorrell are working together to implement a process where the County and ECUA will administer the test to each other's staff;
- D. Plastic bags – Board Member Campbell commented concerning research she conducted regarding the inability to recycle plastic bags and Styrofoam and the damage these products causes the environment and wildlife, and suggested that the Boards work together to raise awareness on how to properly dispose of plastic bags; and Commissioner Bergosh, Commissioner Robinson, BCC Chairman Underhill, and ECUA Board Chairman Benson provided feedback on Ms. Campbell's comments;

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E. Innerarity Island Development Corporation water system – County Administrator Brown and BCC Chairman Underhill provided an update regarding the Innerarity Island Development Corporation water system, and the Boards discussed what is needed to address the issues with the remaining private lift stations; and

F. Miscellaneous Items – The Boards:

- (1) Heard ECUA Board Member Perkins comment on items discussed during the meeting and on the need to address criminal punishment and/or rehabilitation in Escambia County, and offer the BCC encouragement with their ongoing efforts to alleviate the criminal justice system;
- (2) Heard comments from Commissioner Robinson indicating that perhaps having one provider of potable water in Escambia County needs to be considered at some point;
- (3) Heard comments from BCC Chairman Underhill concerning private lift stations and the MSBU (Municipal Services Benefit Unit) the Board enacted to pay for the Innerarity Island Development Corporation sewage system improvements;
- (4) Heard comments from ECUA Board Member Campbell regarding the Innerarity Island Development Corporation water system and thanking Commissioner Bergosh for inviting her to his quarterly meetings with all Elected Officials who represent his district;
- (5) Were advised by ECUA Board Member Walker that he read a study regarding "extreme rainfall events," which indicated that the Pacific Northwest and Gulf Coast area could see such an event that would be upwards of what the area experienced in the April 2014 flood, and, if that should occur, the damage could be devastating and very costly, and local officials should be considering this possibility and planning accordingly; and
- (6) Heard ECUA Chairman Benson request that each group put together a bulleted list of issues discussed at this meeting that would allow ECUA and the BCC to work together on those issues.

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5. Open Forum

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, ECUA Board Chairman Benson declared the Special Joint Meeting of the ECUA and BCC adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Pam Childers  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
D. B. Underhill, Chairman

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Deputy Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2017