AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

BCC Chairman Bergosh called the Special Joint Meeting with the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board to order at 5:36 p.m.
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2. Invocation

The Boards observed a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BCC Chairman Bergosh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Proof of Publication

The Board was advised by Lizabeth Carew, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller’s Office, that the meeting was posted on the County’s website and sent by media blast on June 26, 2018.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the agenda as prepared.

Motion: To adopt the agenda

Made by: Commissioner May  Seconded by: Commissioner Robinson

Disposition: Carried unanimously

6. Comments – Jeff Bergosh, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

BCC Chairman Bergosh provided opening remarks.

7. Comments – Jerome E. Watson, Chairman, Santa Rosa Island Authority

SRIA Chairman Watson provided opening remarks.

8. Public Forum

The Boards heard comments from Allen Moretsky concerning mobile vending on Pensacola Beach.

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9. Chris Jones, Escambia County Property Appraiser, to present an overview of the Pensacola Beach litigation: where we were, where we are, and discussion for where we need to go

The Boards viewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation, entitled Pensacola Beach, presented by the Honorable Chris Jones, Escambia County Property Appraiser.

10. Lease Renewals

The Boards:

A. Were advised by the Honorable Chris Jones, Escambia County Property Appraiser, that there are 86 commercial leases, 1,581 residential non-condo leases, and 2,276 condo leases;

B. Discussed the existing terms of the leases and the process by which the properties are taxed;

C. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that he vehemently opposes taking any action related to taxing the Pensacola Beach lease holders as long as he is in office;

D. Were advised by Commissioner Barry he is supportive of any action that creates equity amongst the Pensacola Beach lease holders;

E. Were advised by Commissioner Underhill that he believes the Board should proceed cautiously, he is willing to have a conversation about something that would limit leaseholders from not being able to renew their lease until they are in the last three to five years of the lease, and he is unwilling to participate too much more in the discussion or take any action until after the new Commissioner for District 4 is in place;

F. Heard comments from Dr. Campanella concerning lease fees versus non ad valorem taxes;

G. Were advised by Ms. Brooks that she is not opposed to the County potentially developing something that might be a guideline for the Island Authority to evaluate;

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H. Heard the request from Ms. Sindel that BCC keep in mind that there are master lease holders when considering a possible change in the language of the leases;

I. Were advised by Commissioner Bergosh that he will be bringing forth for discussion at the next Committee of the Whole Workshop potential solutions to create equity amongst the Pensacola Beach lease holders; and

J. Heard comments from Commissioner May advising that due diligence and the proper public input should take place before any final decision is made concerning this issue.

11. Toll Booths

The Boards:

A. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that the revenue collected at the toll booth is being used to pay a bond for Via DeLuna and, in his opinion, he does not think the Board should take any action concerning the toll until issues relating to the purchase of annual passes is resolved;

B. Were advised by Commissioner Underhill that he would like to see a financial analysis on how to create the same revenue stream off of parking rentals and he has no appetite to implement a change to all SunPass lanes at this time;

C. Heard Commissioner Bergosh suggest lowering the toll to $.50, making the lanes toll-by-plate, and implementing premium paid parking at the front half of Casino Beach, which he believes will alleviate some of the traffic; and

D. Were advised by Commissioner May that he is interested in looking at an analysis of "toll booth versus parking" and he will not support the elimination of a cash toll lane.

12. Parking

This topic was discussed during the previous agenda item.
13. Roundabouts – Leverage BCC assets going forward

The Boards:

A. Were advised by Commissioner Bergosh, Commissioner Barry, Dr. Campanella, and Ms. Brooks that the majority of the feedback they have received and/or gauged has been in opposition of roundabouts;

B. Based on comments made by Commissioner Barry and Commissioner May, were advised by County Administrator Brown that an analysis of the contract with Volkert, Inc. [the firm contracted by the County for consulting services for the Pensacola Beach Congestion Management Plan], detailing the total amount owed to the contractor if the contract were to be terminated at this time, will be brought to the Board;

C. Were advised by Commissioner Underhill that:

(1) He has received more positive feedback in terms of the desire for a roundabout and there is no question in his mind that the proposed design fits, that it works, and that Escambia drivers would be able to handle it; and unless there is some vast savings to be had, he is disinclined to renege on the [consulting] contract; and

(2) Although he believes the roundabout design is right for Pensacola Beach, he does not believe the County can afford to build it; and

D. Heard comments from Commissioner Robinson concerning challenges that need to be considered when developing long-term strategies for that intersection.

Speaker(s):

Jim Cox
Melissa Pino
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14. **Discussion regarding the General Fund**

The Boards:

A. Were advised by County Administrator Brown that he would like the opportunity to work with SRIA Director Paolo Ghio to come up with a menu of ideas, to be presented to the BCC and the SRIA Board members, which may include increasing Pensacola Beach lease fees or considering another type of fund, to help offset a future shortfall against the County's General Fund;

B. Were advised by Commissioner Robinson that, in his opinion, the County will have to look at re-evaluating and increasing the lease fees by some percentage to offset the shortfall; and

C. Were advised by Commissioner Barry that he will not support tying direct ad valorem revenue that comes off the Island to the direct services that go onto the Island.

**Speaker(s):**

Teresa "Terry" Preston
Charles Rotenberry

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Boards, Chairman Bergosh declared the Special Joint Meeting with the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

Approved: August 2, 2018