

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

*2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940*



Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

5:00 PM

Organizational Meeting

Commission Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:01 PM

Present: Commissioner District 1 Rita Pritchett, Commissioner District 2 Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 3 John Tobia, Commissioner District 4 Curt Smith, and Commissioner District 5 Kristine Zonka

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pritchett led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Rita Pritchett, District 1 by the Honorable Judge Lisa Davidson.

Commissioner John Tobia, District 3 by the Honorable Judge Lisa Davidson.

Commissioner Kristine Zonka, District 5 by the Honorable Judge Kelly McKibben.

SELECTION, RE: CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2020-2021

Chair Lober asked Eden Bentley, County Attorney, if he is allowed to put someone up for Chair, or as Chair, can he not do that and he needs to request a motion to have someone else nominate another individual to serve as Chair.

Attorney Bentley replied he needed to pass the gavel since he is still Chair at the moment.

Chair Lober passed the gavel to Commissioner Pritchett and he stated he nominates Commissioner Pritchett as Chair; he asked if there were any other nominations; and hearing none, he Called the Question.

The Board appointed Commissioner Pritchett as the Chair of the Board for 2020 2021.

Chair Pritchett stated the Commission allowed her, as the Vice Chair, to make a plaque to thank him for his service through the year; he had a most unusual year to Chair, but he did a great and ended strong; and she presented him with the plaque.

Commissioner Lober thanked the Board.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Chair Pritchett stated she will now take nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Lober nominated Commissioner Zonka.

Chair Pritchett noted there is a second from Commissioner Smith; and she Called the Question.

The Board appointed Commissioner Zonka as the Vice Chair of the Board for 202- 2021.

Chair Pritchett thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve again; she appreciates it; and she

looks forward to a much nicer year than was had in 2020.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Rita Pritchett

Second: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

E. RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

E.1. Memorial Resolution Val Steele

Commissioner Smith read aloud, and the Board adopted Resolution No. 20-151, recognizing the life and memory of Val Steel, and expressing sincere condolences to the Steele family; Mr. Steele served as a Brevard County Commissioner, Melbourne Beach Commissioner, Mayor, and Civic leader.

A representative for the Steele family stated he cannot think of his brother without thinking of each and every one of the Board; Val served 14 years on the County Commission, and that is a long, long, time; Val said to him it was an honor but the ones who really run the County are staff; the ones that he dedicated his life to is working with the staff; and that is the true meaning of Brevard County, the people behind the scenes, the County Manager, the Road and Bridge people, the County Attorney, and the Judges. He continued to say those are the ones that are the backbones of the County; he cannot say how happy that Scott, Tracy, and the Steele family are that Commissioner Smith did this; and he had to tell Commissioner Tobia that his brother told him when he was running against him the first time, that Tobia was the one to watch, and he is going to go a long way in politics, and it turned out to be true; and he just wanted to say thank you for everything and that the courthouse would not be here if it was not for Val Steele.

Val Steele's son stated as kids they would run up and down the County attending meetings and sitting under the desk, being handed candy bars, trying to keep them occupied; this is what his dad really enjoyed; and he thinks his dad did a good job and would be honored.

Result: ADOPTED

Mover: Curt Smith

Second: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

E.2. Resolution Farm-City Week 2020

Commissioner Smith read aloud, and the Board adopted Resolution No. 20-152, recognizing November 18-25 as Farm-City Week, acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of those who produce and supply the community and nation with agricultural products.

Tom Schuller stated he wanted to thank the Board for having him there again; every year, the American Farm Bureau designates this one week out of the year, Farm-City week, to showcase agriculture and the importance of agriculture, not only to Florida, but to the world; he says every year, the folks in agriculture do a phenomenal job producing food and fiber, and watching over the resources, but they do a horrible job getting the message out; so this is the one time each year they can take a break from working and come here and let the Commissioners and the citizens know that they are out there working hard to produce the food and fiber; and if anyone has any questions about anything that is going on, please keep them in the loop by contacting their partner through the University of Florida Extension Services.

Result: ADOPTED

Mover: Curt Smith

Seconded: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Paul Rosbury stated he appreciated the County Commission very much; he was there six years ago, and God has restored him and put him back into ministry; he is honored to come here to pray for the new County Commissioners and give it a gift; and he prayed for the Commission. He stated he had gift bibles and inscribed in them it says "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has called you to this sacred office you hold; the gift bible is the word of God; it is for you to use when you need to seek his face for guidance and direction"; and it is signed by Brevard Community Pastors. He further stated his card is inside and if they ever needed anything, to feel free to call him; and there are ministries all up and down Brevard County and they are here to serve the people in Jesus' name.

G. BOARD REPORTS

G.6. Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4, Re: Report

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to reiterate that it is a pleasure to serve with those on the Board, and he is happy that all three of the Commissioners won; and he is looking forward to the next two years.

G.7. Kristine Zonka, Commissioner District 5, Vice Chair, Re: Report

Commissioner Zonka stated she just wanted to thank everyone for coming out to see them sworn in; she wants to thank her staff; without her staff, she would not be where she is and would not get the things accomplished without them; and she thanked her family, her husband, and Judge McKibben. She stated it was not a slight to Judge Davidson, but Judge McKibben has been a friend of hers for years and she has a tremendous amount of respect for her, and she was honored that she agreed to swear her in; Judge McKibben does so much work for Brevard families that it often goes unrecognized, but going to one of her reunification services is amazing; and she thanked the Board and residents for their faith in her to re-elect her and said it has been an honor to serve four years and she looks forward to four more.

G.3. Rita Pritchett, Commissioner District 1, Chair, Re: Report

Chair Pritchett stated that reminded her that she really thanks her staff so much as well; and it is good having good staff; there would not be much business but she did the Board assignments and two of them have to be voted on to get County staff off and running; it is good serving with four other people that have known each other for a long time and this should be easy; and she hopes the Board is happy with their appointments as she tried to keep them where they had been in the past, and where she thought they would enjoy serving.

Commissioner Lober stated no one is listed on Public Safety Coordinating Council, and if she would like him to do it, he will, unless someone else wants to do it.

Commissioner Zonka remarked she thinks he is good for that board, given his background; and she enjoyed being on that board.

Commissioner Lober stated there is a meeting set up for the first week in December, so that works out well.

Chair Pritchett asked if the Commissioners are good with their appointments; and she stated there needs to be a vote on the Central Florida Expressway Authority.

Commissioner Lober motioned to approve it as indicated on the sheet she passed out.

The Board appointed/reappointed Commissioner Lober to serve as Commissioner Liaison to the Public Safety Coordinating Council, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), Florida Association of Counties (FAC), Tourism Development Council (TDC), and Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), with term expiring in 2021; appointed/reappointed Commissioner Tobia to serve as Commissioner Liaison to East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), Florida Association of Counties (FAC), and the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), with term expiring in 2021; and appointed/reappointed Commissioner Zonka to serve as Commissioner Liaison to the Economic Development Commission (EDC), Florida Association of Counties (FAC), Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), and Election Canvassing Board as alternate, with term expiring in 2021.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Chair Pritchett stated there also needs to be a vote on the Election Canvassing Board.

The Board appointed/reappointed Chair Pritchett to the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFEA) as an alternate, Election Canvassing Board, Value Adjustment Board (VAB), Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Florida Association of Counties (FAC), Indian River Lagoon Council as an alternate, and Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), with term expiring in 2021.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Chair Pritchett stated she needed a vote for the Value Adjustment Board as well.

The Board appointed/reappointed Commissioner Smith to serve as Commissioner Liaison to the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFEA), Florida Association of Counties (FAC), Indian River Lagoon Council, and Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), and the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) as alternate, with term expiring 2021.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Jim Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager, stated there is one more piece of business; and he requested the Board of County Commissioners grant permission to continue to use the current Chair signature for signing payroll and accounts payable checks until the new Chair's signature can be obtained.

The Board granted permission to use the current Chair's signature plates for signing the Payroll and Accounts Payable checks until the new Chair signature plates can be obtained.

Chair Pritchett stated she would be moving the seating around a bit next week.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka