

**CITRUS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Minutes of General Meeting – May 11, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Theodora Rusnak led the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced guests Geoff Greene, Property Appraiser, Tim Pitts, Allan Kline and new delegates, Darrell & Jeri Snedecor from the Audubon Society of Citrus County, and Janet Garvin from the Homosassa Civic Club.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Tom Paslay, Economic Development Council, presented the medical complex concept that came from 2007 Vision Check. This is different than the concept that Commissioner Dennis Damato later talked about at a BoCC meeting. Mr. Paslay's concept was laid out based on geriatric medical specialties to better meet the needs of Citrus County's more senior population. He compared it to the Mayo Clinic's medical complex in Minnesota. He suggested that it could be a real economic development driver, stimulating ancillary construction, and a viable alternative to an economy based on the construction of only new homes. Joint initiatives could be formed with the College of Central Florida, University of Florida, and / or other medical schools for career training. Even training in the hospitality / food service industries could be developed as more facilities would be needed for a regional medical complex like this. Mr. Paslay took questions from the audience.

**ROLL CALL and SECRETARY'S REPORT:** **Secretary**, Carl Simpson called the roll of Member Organizations and Associate members. A quorum of 11 organizations and 4 Associate Members was established. The minutes of the April 13, 2011 was accepted as published. There was no correspondence.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Carl Simpson reported that the May Treasurer's report was left at home, and would be reported at the June meeting.

**COUNTY STAFF:**

**Property Appraiser Geoff Greene** briefly addressed the audience and took questions from the audience.

**Sgt. Chris Evan, Sheriff's Office** warned the membership to be careful of scammers selling door-to-door. They must have a permit if what they are selling is valued over \$25. A Guide to Motorized Vehicles and Bikes was made available at the back table. He reminded members that if they are logging onto the Sheriff's website, to look back a few months to look for crime trends.

**Larry Brock, Deputy Public Works Director** stated that the bids on repair of the vandalized restrooms at Fort Island Beach came in well under the original estimated cost (\$125, 000) reported last month. The work should be completed by the end of the summer. The structure will have a metal roof and trusses.

**Jenette Collins, Land Development Director** – Explained the EAR, "Evaluation Appraisal Report", a review of the Comprehensive Plan that the county must do every 7 years under current law. It will have to include the new storm hazard zones from the new SLOSH measurements and report conducted last year.

**Chuck Dixon, Director of Planning, Citrus County Schools** – The infrastructure for the new school in Pine Ridge will be put in as the widening of CR 486 continues. The YMCA is continuing to try to raise \$10 million for the new Y next to the proposed school.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES:** Gus Kraye filed a written report. An environmental omnibus bill was passed by the state legislature this last session. Local ordinances regarding fertilizer can be grandfathered in. If no local ordinance exists, then counties or municipalities revert to state law.

Al Grubman was congratulated for having been elected Chairman of the Citrus-Hernando Waterways Restoration Council. Mr. Grubman also noted that he expected to be dropped as a member of SWFWMD's Withlacoochee Basin Board when the Governor eliminates the Basin Boards.

Additional discussion occurred, with guest, Allan Kline, contributing extensively to the recent Floral City Water Authority decision and its consequences,

**GOVERNANCE:** Tom Mize filed a written report. Chairman Mize reported that he read into the BoCC record President Rusnak's CCC position letter on the FCWA decision. He also commented on Commissioner Bays' remarks from the dais attacking Member Chris Lloyd and the CCC for criticism of BoCC actions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Past President Patricia Cowen updated the membership regarding the conclusion of the Bylaw Committee' review. The committee decided to offer very minor revisions in language to a few lines. She assured the membership that no changes would be made until the copy was presented to all the delegates, and that they would have at least a month to review and discuss proposed changes with their organizations, before any vote would be taken for acceptance or rejection. She also offered a clarification for understanding that any past president could be considered for re-election after their term had ended and at least one year had elapsed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Janet Masaoy asked members to attend TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Inverness City Hall. Mrs. Masaoy also announced that the Florida Native Plant Society of Citrus County would be headed by Gary Maidhof.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,  
Carl Simpson, Secretary