

**MEETING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REORGANIZATIONAL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** November 21, 2000, at 10:48 a.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Chief Judge Walter N. Colbath, Jr., as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Judge Colbath administered the oath of office to Commissioner-elect Addie Greene and reelected Commissioners Burt Aaronson, Karen T. Marcus, and Warren H. Newell.

2.A. **ROLL CALL**

Chief Judge Walter N. Colbath, Jr., Acting Chair  
Commissioner Burt Aaronson  
Commissioner Addie Greene  
Commissioner Mary McCarty  
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
Commissioner Tony Masilotti  
Commissioner Warren H. Newell  
Commissioner Carol A. Roberts - Absent  
County Administrator Robert Weisman  
County Attorney Denise Dytrych  
Deputy Clerk Judith Crosbie

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION to adopt the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 6-0. Commissioner Roberts absent.**

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Judge Colbath called for nominations for the office of chair.

**MOTION to approve Commissioner Newell as chair. Motion by Commissioner Marcus and seconded by Commissioner Masilotti.**

Judge Colbath called for additional nominations. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

**UPON CALL FOR A VOTE, the motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Roberts absent.**

5. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Commissioner Newell called for nominations for the office of vice-chair.

**MOTION to approve Commissioner Roberts as vice-chair. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 6-0. Commissioner Roberts absent.**

6. **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Newell said he looked forward to the challenge of being chairman. He said his participation on various boards and organizations helped him to learn the functions of local government. He cited former County Commissioner Lake Lytal as the person who made the greatest impact on him.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS CONTINUED**

- Board cooperation was foremost because the past presidential election had strained the board, community, state, and the country but that each commissioner would go back to the agreed mandate to create constructive policy for the betterment of the county and its residents.
- The disputes over the hospitals must be settled and a cooperative program must develop along a path that would provide the best health care for all the citizens and residents of the county.
- The commissioners would remain frugal with public funds.
- The millage rate must be kept low and the quality of service high.
- Florida Atlantic University, the county's upper divisional school, should and would host football games. The commissioners should provide an avenue to allow a major football stadium to be built in the county.
- A design for the convention center must be developed to reflect the community and the marketing program completed to assure the success of the facility.
- The commission needed to assist cities in their redevelopment efforts.
- The planning department should be elevated to a position that would allow the commission to set policy to direct new development and redevelopment efforts.
- Lake Okeechobee's water level should be stabilized and discharges should be controlled through the south Florida estuary system.
- Restoration of the Lake Worth Lagoon should be continued.
- All cities should adopt the school concurrency plan and cause it to go into action.
- Gun safety should be prioritized.

Commissioners Masilotti, Aaronson, Marcus, McCarty, and Greene consecutively took turns pledging their support to the board and congratulating those who were successful in the election. Commissioner Green outlined her agenda for her district after thanking former Commissioner Lee for the work she had done.

The commissioners also thanked their families, staffs, and supporters that they said made it possible for them to obtain and retain commission seats.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rafael Rondon, Port of Palm Beach commissioner elect, City of West Palm Beach Commissioner Al Zucaro, City of Riviera Beach Councilwoman Sylvia Lee Blue, Mae Siders, and Rosa Durando, were all well wishers to the board especially to the first-term commissioner, Addie Greene. Ms. Durando urged the board to be mindful of the county's water supply because decisions were still being made that would work adversely against any restoration of either the Lake Worth Lagoon or Lake Okeechobee and the water supply of the surrounding cities.

Ed McJobian added his comments, charging that Commissioner Newell had violated the public records act. Commissioner Aaronson stated that Commissioner Newell had served the county well and that he knew of no violation Commissioner Newell had committed. He said Mr. McJobian constantly had badgered the county attorney and the commissioners' staffs by requesting the same information several times. He said the practice had been a burden to county taxpayers. He stated that Mr. McJobian had offered to challenge him for his district seat and that he had encouraged him to do so.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT AND RECEPTION

**The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.**