

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** November 19, 2002, at 9:42 a.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

1.A. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Warren H. Newell  
Vice-Chair Carol A. Roberts  
Commissioner Burt Aaronson  
Commissioner Addie L. Greene  
Commissioner Mary McCarty  
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
Commissioner Tony Masilotti  
County Administrator Robert Weisman  
County Attorney Denise Dytrych  
Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy H. Wilken  
Chief Deputy Clerk John W. Dame  
Deputy Clerk Denise Carmona

1.B. **INVOCATION** - Commissioner Roberts

1.C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION to adopt the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

3. **CALL FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

4. **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

4.A.

COMMISSIONER NEWELL'S FINAL REMARKS AS CHAIR. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

Commissioner Newell relayed accomplishments from the last two years, of which he was very proud:

- He served on the governor's task force for election reform;
- The tragic time of 9/11 showed how strong the county was;
- The board made the right decision with the right company for changes in election equipment;
- Bond issues were passed for parks, culture, and libraries;
- Over 30,000 gun locks were provided to gun owners;
- The board fought hard for installation of sewer lines at Peanut Island;

## COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS - CONTINUED

### 4.A. - CONTINUED

- Restoration and cleanup of the Lake Worth Lagoon project was ongoing;
- Reduction in drowning deaths was attributed to the Drowning Coalition of Palm Beach County;
- Waterway access for boaters was improved;
- Hundreds of projects had been funded through the Recreation Assistance Program;
- The Artificial Reef Committee acquired boats that were confiscated from drug runners and sunk offshore to be used as reefs;
- The Marine Academy Program at Palm Beach Lakes High School provided training for students, who intend to work in the marine environment;
- The board purchased the *Trident*, a boat used for marine research, now operating in the lagoon;
- Solid Waste Authority recently approved a new transfer station at Lantana Road and Interstate 95;
- The board purchased the land for the West Boynton Recreation Center providing the opportunity to co-utilize the property. Today, a fire station, a park with major recreation fields, a community center, the school board with the design of a new high school, and a sheriff's office substation were all on site;
- The operation of title loan businesses was discontinued in the county and ultimately the state. People who needed money went to a title loan company and gave their car keys and were charged 360 percent interest per year on a loan they obtained; and
- Secondhand dealers were regulated and monitored to ensure that stolen materials were properly identified.

Commissioner Newell thanked his staff and colleagues for their support and assistance for the past two years.

Listed below were the issues Commissioner Newell said needed to be focused on in the future:

- Lake Worth Road corridor and revitalization areas need water, sewer, code enforcement, drainage, and more community parks; and
- Work on road congestion. Pass an ordinance or referendum that restricts the reduction of roadway corridors. Stop the county or municipalities from having the ability through political pressure to reduce and downgrade roadway capacities, because it ultimately hinders all transportation in the county.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS - CONTINUED**

### **4.A. - CONTINUED**

- Need to prevent utility deficiencies in all areas of the county. Sewers were being installed west of the Village of Wellington, and there was still no water west of Congress Avenue.
- Bond issues were very important to make sure parks and cultural projects were built and completed together.

Commissioner Newell said he hoped the last two years had been successful. He said he tried hard to make sure that he was fair, and that the board had fun and worked well together.

Commissioner Newell again thanked all the members of his staff, with a special thanks to Administrative Assistant Sue Beaman, who will retire in March.

### **4.B.**

#### **RESOLUTION 2002-1983**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CAROL A. ROBERTS'S SIXTEEN YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY. ADOPTED 11-19-2002

Commissioner Newell read and presented the resolution to Commissioner Roberts, who thanked him and the staff.

### **4.C.**

#### **OTHER COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Respectively, Commissioners Aaronson, McCarty, Masilotti, Greene, and Marcus made farewell comments to Commissioner Roberts.

(CLERK'S NOTE: For Commissioner Roberts's comments, see page 4.)

## **5. STAFF COMMENTS**

### **5.A.1.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

County Administrator Weisman presented a bouquet of white roses in a crystal vase to Commissioner Roberts, along with other gifts from his staff.

(CLERK'S NOTE: County Administrator Weisman made a presentation to Commissioner Newell. See page 4.)

### **5.B.1.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

County Attorney Dytrych presented a framed honorary law degree and a key to the law library to Commissioner Roberts.

## **STAFF COMMENTS - CONTINUED**

### **5.B.2.**

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS'S FINAL COMMENTS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

Commissioner Roberts presented farewell gifts to her colleagues and recognized all the incredible staff members and friends with whom she had worked.

### **5.B.3.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER NEWELL. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

County Administrator Weisman presented a plaque of grateful appreciation for two years of outstanding leadership as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to Commissioner Newell, and gifts from the board and county staff.

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

### **6.A.**

FAREWELL SPEECHES TO COMMISSIONER ROBERTS. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

The following persons made farewell speeches and some gave various gifts to Commissioner Roberts: Clarence Anthony, Donna Barry, Kimberly ("Kim") Ciklin and the 12th floor district 2 office, Joanne Davis, Dennis Koehler, Jeff Koons, Dorothy Malone; Anita Mitchell, Joe Pitts, Allen Preston.

### **6.B.**

FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION TO COMMISSIONER NEWELL. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

Firefighter Armand Nault thanked Commissioner Newell for all his assistance and presented him with a decorative axe to hang on his wall.

### **6.C.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER MCCARTY. DISCUSSED 11-19-2002

Commissioner McCarty's staff members, Anna Gaunt, Jerry Taylor, and Janice Verity congratulated her on her reelection and presented her with gifts.

## **7. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Wilken administered the oath of office to Commissioner-elect Jeff Koons and reelected Commissioners Mary McCarty and Tony Masilotti.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.**

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chair