

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 18, 2012

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No XX

Department: Mayor David Rice

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida designating the Sheriff's substation at Marathon, Florida as the "John M. Spottswood Substation."

ITEM BACKGROUND: John M. Spottwood grew up in Key West, served as the Monroe County Sheriff for three consecutive terms, from 1953 to 1963, and served the 41st District, which included Monroe County at the time, as State Senator from 1963-1965. Under his leadership as Sheriff, he extended law enforcement presence in the Keys outside of Key West, opening the Plantation Key Substation as the first Sheriff's Substation outside of Key West in 1959, and opening the Marathon substation in 1963.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____ **INDIRECT COST:** _____ **BUDGETED:** Yes ___ No ___

DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE: _____

COST TO COUNTY: _____ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ___ No ___ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** ___ **Year** ___

APPROVED BY: County Atty XX OMB/Purchasing ___ Risk Management ___

DOCUMENTATION: Included XX Not Required ___

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION _____ - 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA DESIGNATING THE SHERIFF'S SUBSTATION AT MARATHON, FLORIDA AS THE "JOHN M. SPOTTSWOOD SUBSTATION".

WHEREAS, John M. Spottswood was born in Key West, Florida on June 17, 1920; and

WHEREAS, he attended public schools in Key West during his early teens and then entered Riverside Military Academy from which he graduated in 1938; and

WHEREAS, for seven years he was a Key West reporter for the Miami Daily News and an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1940 he accepted a position as purchasing agent at the Key West Naval Station and two years later he resigned and entered the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, after serving in WWII, John Spottswood received an honorable discharge from the Army as a Captain and returned to Key West to launch his business career and later became the largest individual land owner in Key West and established the first radio station in Key West; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, with the aid of his wife Mary, he was elected Sheriff of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, his fellow sheriffs elected him as the first chairman of the Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch Board of Trustees and for five consecutive terms he was chairman of the Florida Sheriff's Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Sheriff of Monroe County for three successive terms, and in 1963, while serving in that capacity, he won the Democratic nomination for the 41st Senatorial District, serving all major committees; and

WHEREAS, it was during Senator Spottswood's term as Sheriff that law enforcement was extended out into the Keys , and under his leadership the first substation outside the City of Key West was opened at Plantation Key, and a second substation in Marathon was created; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West and the County of Monroe became better places to live because Mr. Spottswood contributed so much to make it so, and he served his country in the military, his state in the Senate, and his community as Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, hereby desires to designate the Sheriff's Substation at Marathon, Florida in honor of the late John M. Spottswood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board hereby designates the current substation at Marathon, Florida as the "*JOHN M. SPOTTSWOOD SUBSTATION*" and hereby directs that the name be established at the building and appropriately in County records.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of January, 2012.

Mayor Rice _____

Mayor Pro Tem Wigington _____

Commissioner Neugent _____

Commissioner Murphy _____

Commissioner Carruthers _____

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
David P. Rice, Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest: **Danny L. Kolhage, Clerk**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Suzanne A. Hutton
SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
12/19/11

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History

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office was established in 1823 as the primary law enforcement agency in the Florida Keys.

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Past Monroe County Sheriff's Include:



C.F. Dupont
1889 - 1893



Francis Knight
1893 - 1901
1905 - 1909



Richard Hicks
1901 - 1905



Clements Jaycocks
1909 - 1917



Cleveland Niles
1926 - 1933



Karl Thompson
1933 - 1941



Berlin Sawyer
1941 - 1953



Jack Spottswood
1953 - 1963



Henry Haskins
1963 - 1965



Reace Thompson
1965 - 1969



Bobby Brown
1969 - 1977



William Freeman
1977 - 1989



J. Allison DeFoor
1989 - 1990



Richard Roth
1990 - 2009

History and Chronology of the Sheriff's Office

The Office of Sheriff is one of the oldest offices known to the common law system. Historians generally agree the origin of the first sheriff's office was 1,000 years ago, during the Norman Conquest of England. Some date it back even farther and profess that the origins of the office of Sheriff actually stems from the Roman Council and the Earl or Count of that council was the prototype for the modern-day sheriff.

Historians do, however, agree the origin of the word ;sheriff; evolved from two Saxon words: ;Scyre; the Saxon word for county and the word ;Reve; the Saxon word for keeper. The pronunciation of the two words evolved into the modern word ;sheriff; signifying county-keeper.

There have been 35 Sheriff's of Monroe County since it was incorporated in 1823 including:

- Lemuel Otis, 1829
- P.B. Prior, 1830
- Robert R. Fletcher 1832-40
- Benjamin A. Vun, 1841
- Samuel T. Vail, 1842
- B.K. Kerr, 1842 - 1844
- Edwin Page, 1844
- John Coslin 1845-47
- John V. Ogden 1847-49
- Robert Clark 1849-58
- Edgar A. Coste 1858-61

Dudley, Fred R., 1987-1992 (R)
Silver, Ronald A. (Ron), 1993-2002 (D)
Villalobos, J. Alex, 2003-2006 (R)

District 39

Campbell, Ferrin C., 1963
McLaughlin, Maurice, 1965
Stolzenburg, Chester W. (Chet), 1967-1971 (R)
Pettigrew, Richard A., 1973-1974 (D)
Holloway, Vernon C., 1975-1980 (D)
Renick, Richard R., 1981-1982 (D)
Plummer, Lawrence H., 1983-1992 (D)
Casas, Roberto, 1993-2000 (R)
Garcia, Rudy, 2001-2002 (R)
Bullard, Larcenia J., 2003-2006 (D)

District 40

Davis, Hayward H., 1963-1965
Gong, Edmond J., 1967-1971 (D)
Gruber, Don J., 1973-1974 (R)
Renick, Richard R., 1975-1978 (D)
Anderson, Dick, 1979-1982 (D)
Fox, Roberta, 1983-1986 (D)
Lehtinen, Dexter, 1987-1988 (R)
Souto, Javier D., 1989-1992 (R)
Jones, Daryl L., 1993-2002 (D)
Garcia, Rudy, 2003-2006 (R)

District 41

Spottswood, John M., 1963-1965
Haverfield, Robert M., 1967-1971 (D)

District 42

Cleveland, Mack N., Jr., 1963-1965
Weissenborn, Lee, 1967-1971 (D)

District 43

Hollahan, George L., Jr., 1963-1965
Shevin, Robert L., 1967-1969 (D)
Lewis, Gerald A., 1971 (D)

District 44

Hollahan, George L., Jr., 1967-1971 (D)

District 45

Spencer, Tom, 1967 (D)
Myers, Kenneth M., 1969-1971 (D)

District 46

Poston, Ralph R., 1967-1971 (D)

District 47

Fincher, Dick, 1967-1971 (D)

District 48

Stone, Richard B. (Dick), 1967-1969 (D)
Graham, Robert, 1971 (D)