



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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OLDER AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD
490 63RD Street, Ocean
Marathon, FL 33050



**Older American Advisory Board
March 1, 2012 Agenda**

**Attached are the Minutes of the February 2nd, 2012 Meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for April 5th @ the Marathon Library at 10:00am.**

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establish a Quorum
4. Acceptance of minutes of last meeting
5. Introduction of New Members & Guests
6. Monroe County Commissioner Kim Wigington
7. Program Guest: - George Brentnall from the VA office discussing VA benefits
8. Sheryl Graham - Director: Social Services report
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Other
12. Next Meeting: April 5, 2012 at 10am
13. Adjourn

Monroe County OAAB Meeting February 2nd, 2012 Minutes

Chairperson Fran Carlisle called the meeting to order @ 1:34pm. She welcomed members & guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. John Grech moved & Julia Vidulich 2nd the motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

County Commissioner Heather Carruthers was unable to attend. Roman Gastesi our County Administrator addressed "The 2011 State of Your County" handout. He talked about the fact that only about 33% of your property taxes actually go for County services and listed what your County money is spent on. He further stated that the County reserves are now restored & the fiscal state of the County is good even though tax collections have been reduced & total expenditures have been reduced too. The housing bubble was discussed & he stated that the market seemed to be recovering in the Keys. Mr. Gastesi told us of some of the cost saving initiatives instituted while also acquiring grants & improving staff workforce efficiencies. Roman discussed the implementation of the revision of our Comp Plan & strategies to address things like climate change. He explained the updates to the County Website, public access to the BOCC meetings through public notice & TV broadcast as well as the creation of the County Report. He announced that the County is still looking at cost-saving & efficiencies in local government while still improving the county's responsiveness to its customer base - the citizens. He also addressed the BOCC's 2012 projects. Roman went into the funding cost of the sewer mandate as well as updating us on the latest information on the search for dollars to pay for it. Mr. Gastesi also updated us on the Fema suspension letter & the Counties plan of action to deal with this.

The hiring of new help for the BPK Senior Center was announced. The County is now subsidizes these employees because of grant reduction that had previous paid for the Senior Center staff. If more personnel left, they would not be replaced. Sheryl Graham announced the weatherization grant funding was extended.

Lou Hernandez of HelpLine told us they joined with Switchboard of Miami to offer the 211 services in the Keys. Sandra Colin told about Medicare fraud & asked about volunteers for the Senior Medicare Patrol. Michael Salem of S.T.E.P.S. announced he had applied for some new grants. VNA announced there were 2 Nursing Homes in the Keys with the opening of the Upper Keys PKNC & that Tavernier's Lily's house would be closing.

No additional old business or new business was discussed. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 1st at 10am at the Marathon Library meeting room and County Commissioner Kim Wigington will be our guest speaker.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted
By Pam Martin,
OAAB Secretary