

Monroe County OAAB Meeting June 7th, 2012 Minutes

Chairperson Fran Carlisle was out of town so Hank Bikofsky called the meeting to order in her place @ 10:04am. He welcomed members & guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. John Grech moved & Richard Overmann 2nd the motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

County Commissioner George Neugent spoke in Mayor David Rice's place. BOCC member Neugent talked about the big change in attitude about our wastewater funding. It looked like it would be possible to get the first \$50 million funding after being viewed negatively previously by Tallahassee. It looked like Islamorada would get \$20 million & Cudjoe would get the rest. FKAA had also helped lobby for these funds.

Next George talked about the May 8th meeting with the Governor & Cabinet in Marathon & the good opportunity we had to educate the Cabinet members on Keys issues. George suspected that the Windstorm Insurance would still be a big issue at that meeting too. New changes in Citizen's coverage would be: no coverage of homes over \$1 million dollars, no vacation rentals or 2nd home coverage as well as no coverage for contractors during home construction. FIRM talked with Governor Scott when he was in town. Commissioner Neugent thought windstorm insurance could have a greater impact on us than wastewater costs in the future. George updated us on the idea he had mentioned to us previously that we may have to think about forming our own Keys Insurance pool as we are a donor County & paid in to Citizens \$500 million over any claims cost from us.

Other topics discussed were the 3% State issue the Governor wanted to go to Florida versus the savings the County's reserved when employee were required to pay in 3% toward benefits, the "phone" issue with county staff, County budget for Senior Centers, staff raises & overall County budget.

Joyce Griffins from the Supervisor of Elections office spoke on Elections issues. She talked about how Monroe has joined with other County SOE's to protest voting changes. We have some protections because of past misdeeds & the August 2012 election will procede with our normal early voting days. She talked about the County website, updating aging voter signatures that change due to illness or injury, how to get an absentee ballot & encouraged everyone to vote.

No additional old business or new business was discussed. John Grech made the motion & Diver seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 4th, 2012 at 10am at the Marathon Library meeting room & for everyone to have a good summer.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted
By Pam Martin,
OAAB Secretary