

## APRIL 2, 2015 OAAB MINUTES

The April 2, 2015 OAAB meeting was called to order at 10 am by Chairperson Pam Martin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was established.

The March minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the March minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were accepted.

It was verified that all Monroe County property owners ride Trauma Star for free. It was commented that the website states you must present a Monroe County Driver's License. This will be reviewed.

### PROGRAM:

1. 1. Monroe County Commissioner Dan Kohlage was the guest speaker.

Mr. Kohlage summarized Keys Days at the State Capital. He discussed Amendment 1 – funding to purchase and protect land. The BOCC asked for \$3M a year for 10 years from the legislature to purchase Keys lots. In the next ten years Monroe County will have available 3,500 permits for new buildings leaving lots worth \$52M that would have to be bought under "taking" rules. If granted the \$3M a year, Monroe County could purchase the lots so the taxpayers would not be on the hook for the total \$52M. With further funding all of the conservation lands would then be protected at the end of the ten year plan. Amendment 1 was passed by 75% of the state and 80% in Monroe County.

Senior issues discussed included Medicaid expansion, a potential \$1 B+ loss of funding. Florida is not supporting the expansion while at the same time hoping to not acquire any fines or lose any funding.

Cudjoe sanitary system project is to commence within a month.

There was a discussion about the homeless people living in Big Pine Key and the recent fires. Commissioner Kohlage will investigate this.

Conversation about Danny's old position and updates regarding FIRM.

Dan discussed the flood insurance rate increases and the various reasons for those increases.

2. 2. Marlene Steckley from Monroe County Social Services spoke on several topics: Medicaid benefits, services, costs, SSI, SSD, "welfare", Share of Cost, Long Term Care, Home Care Services, Alliance for Aging, Home bound meal delivery and work around scenarios.

It was noted that Monroe County's common issue is being linked to Miami-Dade County for many services. This almost always results in the Keys losing out on "services".

It has been estimated that 1,800 residents of Monroe County have Alzheimer's disease.

3. 3. OAAB membership list was passed around for updated information.

### OLD BUSINESS:

New member Keith Jackson accepted the Secretary position.

Dixie Humelsine & Michael Cunningham joined OAAB as a new members.

Kristen Wheeler represented Island Home Health which is another sub-contractor for Monroe County social services. They now have PT in the Marathon area. They have RN services for the Upper Keys but do not yet have PT services for that area. Hospice of the Fl. Keys/VNA still does in home services also. (Correcting last month's minutes.)

Jenna spoke on the improvements for the Key West Senior Center in Key West. Groundbreaking will commence April 19 or 20.

Keith provided an update on the recent newspaper articles on PKNC. The reporter has finally made a visit in person to the center.

Hank will not be returning to the Keys. Dixie will replace him as Vice Chairperson at the next meeting.

Pam reviewed various handouts and information.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Jackson, Secretary OAAB