

Older Americans Advisory Board

(Meets the 1st Thursday of the month from October thru May at 10 am, at the Marathon Library)

Agenda February 4th, 2016

11. Call to Order
22. Pledge of Allegiance
33. Establish a Quorum
44. Acceptance of the minutes of January 7th, 2016 meeting
55. Introduction of Guests & New Members
66. Program guests: County Commissioner David Rice and Jenna Tuttle who will give us an in depth look at Monroe County's nutrition program as well as update us on services.

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Program

- Part 1: David Rice Monroe County Commissioner
- Part 2: Jenna Tuttle - Monroe County Social Services
- Part 3: Non-Profit Groups update on their services or new information

Older American Advisory Board Meeting

"The public is invited to speak on any items of business prior to the Board's taking official action."

Old Business:

Volunteer hours for December
Any information Changes for OAAB 2016 members positions

New Business:

Handouts
Member suggestion:
Adjourn

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Roman Gastesi, Monroe County Administrator will be our guest speaker. He will update us on the State of the County"

OAAB JANUARY 7, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions.

Established a quorum

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Minutes read and accepted without change. First by Jim, second by Pat.

Passed. Monroe County

Commissioner George Neugent was the guest speaker.

Commissioner Neugent wished everyone a Happy New Year. Last year the premature adjournment of the Florida House and Senate caused numerous delays... so they will have a busy calendar for 2016. The Stewardship Bill is on the table for this year. Amendment 1 passed with overwhelming support, but action must be taken to follow the goals. Doc stamp funds land acquisitions. There is not enough building permits available in Monroe County for buildable lots. LDR's & Hurricane evacuation regulations greatly restrict the number of building permits available for release. State Rep. Holly Rachein's bill asks for \$25 million/year for 10 years to buy up those lots. On the November general election ballot there will be a local item that would provide a 1 penny sales tax to offset the ad valorem and EMT taxes to reduce the property tax by about \$800 per average property per year. 52% of our taxes are estimated to be paid by tourists so tourist would pay the majority of this tax while reducing our property taxes.

The capital projects this year are Rawl's Marina in Key Largo, a new library for Marathon (which may have a new location on school property near the Stuffed Pig); Big Pine/Lower Keys are looking into a new senior center to address the access and parking issues. The OS Heritage Trail (bike path) is closer to completion. Cudjoe regional sanitation site is open and connected. Hook ups continue to increase.

The penny tax would fund fire and EMS in the county. Currently it is \$33 million in taxes.

County bus fees for transportation for those resident 60 and up will be free soon. This may start about February 1st. There are still questions about adding more buses for overall transportation. The status of the Key West Senior Center is slowed due to the higher than expected bids coming in. Canal restoration will continue to be funded. It is a very popular project.

Environmental firms are hired to do the assessments of the canals. The stop light in Big Pine continues to be a topic as it has been for the last 17 years. The Ragnar permit was not issued. Road maintenance in Big Pine Key was questioned. DOT made the decision about the bike path placement on Roosevelt in Key West. Vacation rentals are being enforced better than ever.

Pam announced that Jim and Darlene are both in the hospital. Hanks ashes were being spread today.

Peggy Ricciuto of the Marathon Monroe County office for VA benefits was a guest speaker. Peggy had numerous hand outs. She does not work for the VA but does represent the services they provide. Peggy is a vet of 25 years from the Coast Guard. For home services from the caregiver program you must be registered with VA healthcare. The Choice Care Program is for veterans that live more than 40 miles from a VA center or clinic. (At this time only Marathon residents qualify because of the Key Largo & Key West clinic.) The VA van still travels from Key West to Miami for the VA patients going to Miami medical center. VA services in Key West have begun to expand. Telemed is increasing as well. Waiting time for disabilities is +/- 2 years. Appeals +/- 6 years. Aide and attendance program has specific criteria and services.

There was a request to send minutes out prior to meeting so that there is time to review them.

The Trauma Star discussion continues.

Jenna reminded us that it is a new grant year. Money needs to be spent.

The congregate meal budget was increased while home meals stay the same.

An outreach plan is in the works. As of January 1st LTC participants may now go to meal sites. LTC agencies are managed by the Alliance.

Bob suggested we invite a college representative and a library representative to speak.

Motion to adjourn at 11:44. First by Jim second by Bob.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Jackson, secretary.