



CITRUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES • MARCH 28, 2017

Special Meeting Economic Development Citrus County Courthouse

9:00 AM

Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

A. CALL TO ORDER

March 28, 2017 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

1. Invocation

Chairman Scott Carnahan performed the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Carnahan	Chairman District 4	Present	
Ronald E. Kitchen Jr.	1st Vice Chairman District 2	Present	
Jeff Kinnard D.C.	2nd Vice Chairman District 1	Present	
Jimmie T. Smith	Commissioner, District 3	Present	
Brian J. Coleman	Commissioner, District 5	Present	
Charles R. Oliver	County Administrator	Present	
Denise A. Dymond Lyn	County Attorney	Present	
Tifani White	Deputy Clerk	Present	

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**B.1. Special Meeting: Economic Development**

Discussion and plan for Economic Development in Citrus County

Chairman Scott Carnahan made opening comments and County Administrator Charles R. Oliver provided an overview.

Sean Sullivan, Executive Director and Randy DeShazo of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; Don Taylor, President of the Economic Development Authority of Citrus County; Rob Wardlow, past Chair and Josh Wooten, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce; Frank DiGiovanni, City of Inverness Manager; Dave Burnell, City of Crystal River Manager; Phil Geist representing the Florida Small Business Development Center Network; Jeff Henry representing the North Florida Economic Partnership; and Gloria Bishop representing Withlacoochee Technical College provided presentations and responded to questions and comments from the Board. Board discussion followed.

Motion to direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance to create an Economic Development Advisory Board, using the Tourist Development Council as a model.

Following the motion, First Vice Chairman Ronald E. Kitchen, Jr., offered suggestions regarding the structure and funding of the proposed advisory board.

Prior to the vote, citizens Tom Paslay, Lou Newman, Jim Green, Bruce Burrows, Janet Barek, Dan Kern, Arbuth Bumgardner, Andrea McCray, Josh Wooten, Chris Lloyd, Frank DiGiovanni, Meredith Bleakley, and Renee Christopher-McPheeters commented. Board discussion followed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Ronald E. Kitchen Jr., 1st Vice Chairman District 2
SECONDER:	Jimmie T. Smith, Commissioner, District 3
AYES:	Kitchen Jr., Smith, Coleman
NAYS:	Carnahan, Kinnard D.C.

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Josh Wooten and Lou Newman made comments in response to the motion and discussion by the Board.

Gregory Thomas offered suggestions to enhance economic development.

Sheila Woods representing Citizens for Informed Teens provided handouts and discussed the effects of teenage pregnancy on the economy.

D. UPCOMING MEETING

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| <p>1. Regular Meeting: March 28, 2017 at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450</p> <p>2. Regular Meeting: April 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100,</p> |
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110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Regular Meeting: **April 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM**, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100,
110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Joint Meeting BOCC & Inverness City Council: **April 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM**, Citrus
County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Workshop: Fire Services : **May 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM**, Citrus County Courthouse, Room
100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM

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