



Libertarian Party of Brevard County - PO Box 237454, Cocoa, FL. 32923-7454

#### Brevard County Meeting 12-6-2022.

-The meeting started with a resolution for National Homeless Person's Memorial Day. There will be upcoming services at Daily Bread in Palm Bay, Matthew's Hope in Cocoa, and Sand Point Park Pavilion in Titusville.

-Then there was a resolution for Brevard County libraries. This was their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Consent Agenda was passed unanimously. Here's what passed:

-Approved paying Meeks Plumbing for lift station work on Merritt Island. \$469,000 - \$70,000 – and \$173,000

-Approved issuance of up to \$15 million in revenue bonds for Emerald place Apartments.

-Previous Commissioner Curt Smith was appointed to SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee.

-The Audit for the American Rescue Plan second half was completed and approved here is how Brevard County spent \$59 million of the Covid Relief funds from the federal government.

- \$2 million on a vaccine incentive

- \$12.2 million on a new Emergency Operations Center building.

- \$44 million went to water/sewer upgrades

- \$8.5 million went to Fire Rescue operations and equipment.

#### Public Comments:

-Dontavious Smith spoke and proposed what he called "321 Takeoff plan" a plan to provide incentives for children. He is proposing that Brevard County provide passports to all children who graduate high school with a diploma and no behavioral problems. He asked for an intergovernmental relationship with Border Patrol and customs to give passport to incentivize our children to do good in hopes of traveling after high school.

-Rick Heffelfinger spoke with questions. Is the commissioner's job part time or full time? Is the new board fiscally conservative? He is concerned they will not be. He questioned their accountability and transparency. Also pointed out there is an issue with Keep Brevard Beautiful.



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#### Public Hearings:

- Two easements were vacated. Approved.
- Authorization of a loan up to \$20 million from Florida Local Government Finance Commission to be used at the new Disposal Facility. Approved.
- \$5.7 million dollar bond reduction for The Viera Company for Pangea Park. Approved
- Restoration of engineered dunes on the South Beaches from Tropical Storm Nicole. This would spend the money to rebuild the engineered dunes from the storm and seek federal funds to cover it. Approved.
- Six Cultural Support Grants for \$90,000 from the Tourism Development Council (Feltner and Tobia voted against this one)
- Two grants from the Tourism Development Council. \$87,000 for the Cocoa Beach Air show. \$57,000 for the Cocoa Beach boat races. These grants go to the companies putting on the shows. (The vote was halted on the Cocoa Beach Boat Race. The request was sent back to the TDC for a better breakdown of the request.) (The Cocoa Beach Airshow Grant was also questioned heavily. The grant for the Cocoa Beach airshow was denied.)

Thank you all for reading and staying informed!

Nathan Slusher

Chair, Libertarian Party of Brevard County