



Libertarian Party of Brevard County - PO Box 237454, Cocoa, FL. 32923-7454  
Brevard County Commission Meeting 01/24/2023

-Resolution honoring the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women in Defense Space Coast Chapter. SCWID.org is their website. They have awarded over \$76,000 in scholarships for S.T.E.M. programs.

-Resolution honoring Fritz VanVolkenburgh for his work supporting District 2 and congratulations for his success on election for Port Authority in 2022. He passed out Port Canaveral Hats to the officials.

#### Consent Agenda:

-Sandra Sullivan did speak on the spraying of the weeds with herbicides. Including the spraying of poison into Lake Washington, which is the supply for City of Melbourne's drinking water. She suggested the county does not approve the spraying of herbicides.

#### Here's what was approved under Consent Agenda:

- -FWC contract 21215 'Aquatic Vegetation Control Service'. This was the contract to spray the water bodies with herbicides. Commissioner Feltner voted against this. Everyone else voted for it.
- -They approved a waiver for Concept Development Incorporated to not have to build a wall around their new property.
- -Approved the development plan of Protea Senior Living of Melbourne.
- -Approved Warrantee Deed and bill of Sale of Laurasia phase 1 of The Viera Company.
- -Approved an agreement with the United States Air Force to install Weather Monitoring Equipment at the Port St. John Boat Ramp.
- -Approved a contract to give someone access to Fay Lake.
- -Approval of EELS bonds. Commissioner Tobia voted against this.

-There was a public Hearing for a Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for 'Rogue Valley Microdevices, inc.' The Economic Development Council suggested a 80% abatement for 7 years for this company. Commissioner Tobia pointed out the CEO of that company actually ran for Governor of the State of Oregon. Commissioner Tobia pointed out this abatement would be over a million dollars they wouldn't have to pay in taxes. It came to light there is already a company in the same industry in Palm bay that provides 300 jobs and the local company does not get a tax abatement. And they are voting to bring in this company with a tax incentive.



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Commissioner Votes:

- Tobia voted No
- Zonka voted Yes
- Pritchett voted Yes
- Goodson voted No
- Feltner voted No

The tax abatement failed.

- ❖ -5041 Martin Lane, West Melbourne. This property will be needed for the widening of a road. The gentleman actually came to county to negotiate a deal for his property. Kristine Zonka asked the attorney how much it would cost the county to eminent domain his property. (I stand firmly against eminent domain as an option.) The commission rejected his request to sell his property.
- ❖ -The appointed Supervisor of Elections asked to carry his budget of \$500k from 2022 into 2023. The commission voted 4-1 yes. Commissioner Tobia voted No because he is asking to go above his 2023 budget also.
- ❖ -Approval of contract with Brevard Energy LLC for landfill Gas. Approved 5-0.
- ❖ -The Dissolution of 3 boards was pulled from the agenda. Commissioner Tobia spoke that we should reduce the size of government. Commissioner Goodson said he didn't believe advisory boards are considered government. After debate the board dissolutions were pulled.
- ❖ -Robert Klimkowski was appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
- ❖ -Solar permitting fee waiver extension. The waiver program was extended for 1 year.
- ❖ Public Comments:
- ❖ -There was a lot of people there from the Wickham Park campsite who were upset with the increase in costs to stay at the campsite. They were self-admitted snowbirds from up north. Nothing came of this.
- ❖ To finish the meeting Commissioner Tobia gave a report congratulating achievements for a school mural beachside.

Thank You all for reading Titusville's report will come out tonight!

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