

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX  
INDEPENDENT CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MAY 19, 2022**

**THURSDAY  
10:00 A.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, KEN ROGERS MEMORIAL CHAMBERS  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

**MEMBERS:**

Maria Antuña  
Debra Chandler  
Patrick Franklin  
Sandra Hammerstein  
Glen Harvie  
Rex Kirby  
Frank Lewis  
Allan Owens  
Denise Palmatier  
Erica Palmisano  
John Smith  
Christine Thrower-Skinner  
Lee Waring  
Kimberly Weston

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

Sherry Brown, Director IV, Office of Financial Management and Budget  
Alicia DeAbreu, Assistant Budget Director, Office of Financial Management and Budget  
Michael Jones, Chief Assistant County Attorney

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

Marisa Valentin, Deputy Clerk

(CLERK'S NOTE: John Smith served as the meeting chair in the absence of the chair and vice chair.)

1. Call To Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**MOTION to allow remote participation. Motion by Lee Waring, seconded by Christine Thrower-Skinner, and carried 5-0.**

2. Roll Call

**Present:** Sandra Hammerstein, Allan Owens, John Smith, Christine Thrower-Skinner, and Lee Waring

**Absent:** Maria Antuña, Patrick Franklin, Rex Kirby, Frank Lewis, and Kimberly Weston

**Present via teleconference:** Debra Chandler, Glen Harvie, Denise Palmatier, and Erica Palmisano

3. Approve Minutes– February 17, 2022

**MOTION to approve the February 17, 2022, minutes. Motion carried 9-0.**

(CLERK’S NOTE: The maker and seconder were not identified.)

4. Revenue Report

Sherry Brown, Director IV, Office of Financial Management and Budget (OFMB), delivered a slide presentation and discussed the following points:

- surtax revenues had increased compared to the previous year;
- the County was likely to collect more than \$100 million in surtax revenue in the current year; and
- based on current estimates, the sales tax would end on December 31, 2025, a year earlier than planned, with an estimate of just under \$900 million in collected funds.

Ms. Brown also stated that project costs had been adjusted to reflect increasing prices and that some project costs could potentially be covered by federal infrastructure funds.

5. Expense Report

a. Presentation by Jacobs Project Management Co.

Jonathan Jordan, principal/senior project manager for Jacobs Project Management Co., delivered a slide presentation in which he discussed revenues versus expenditures and provided a program summary.

Mr. Jordan reported \$167.4 million in total expenditures to date, which amounted to roughly 18 percent of the \$924 million total for budget projects. He also provided a project tracking report summarizing the status of each project.

In response to questions about road improvements, Steven Carrier, assistant county engineer, stated that the program covered various road improvements but not roadway expansions.

Mr. Jordan stated that the bridge replacement plan had been re-estimated to reflect increasing costs.

6. Budget Transfers/Project Presentations

a. Parks

1. Type 1: Sports Lighting Replacement Countywide FY18
2. Type 3: Acreage Community Park Expansion

Robert Hamilton, Division Director I, Parks and Recreation, delivered a slide presentation and provided an overview of the project and proposed scope change.

**MOTION to approve the project as changed carried 8-1.**

(CLERK'S NOTE: The maker and seconder were not identified.)

b. Engineering

1. Type 1: Curlee Rd. from State Rd. 80 to West Sugar House Rd.
2. Type 1: Hatton Hwy. from Gator Blvd. to State Road 80
3. Type 1: Kudza Rd. over LWDD Lat 8 Canal

Mr. Carrier delivered a slide presentation in which he provided an update on the status of engineering projects funded by the sales tax.

In response to a question about the increase in project costs, Mr. Carrier explained that the original scope of the program had not been fully developed and that bridge replacement costs had increased significantly.

c. FDO

Isami Ayala-Collazo, Director III, Facilities Development and Operations provided an update on the progress of housing construction and rehabilitation projects funded through the infrastructure surtax.

Ms. Ayala-Collazo responded to questions from committee members.

7. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Ms. Brown stated that remote attendance would no longer be permitted and that members would be expected to attend meetings in person.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

9. ADJOURN

**MOTION to adjourn carried 9-0.**

(CLERK'S NOTE: The maker and seconder were not identified.)

**At 10:58 a.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.**