



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Health, Public Safety and Intergovernmental
Committee (HPSIC)**

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FINAL OFFICIAL Meeting Minutes

Health, Public Safety & Intergovernmental Cmte

Sally A. Heyman (4) Chair; Rebeca Sosa (6) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Dorrin D. Rolle (2), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Thursday, May 14, 2009

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, SPCC

Members Present: Sally A. Heyman, Dorrin D. Rolle, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Bruno A. Barreiro.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Alicia Stephenson, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1475.*

1A INVOCATION

Report: *The Committee convened in a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak; Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez; and Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw and Alicia Stephenson.*

Assistant County Attorney Sanchez advised that no changes were being requested to today's (5/14) agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that today's agenda be approved as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioners Barreiro and Diaz were absent).

1D **PRESENTATIONS**

1D1

091363 Report

ORAL PRESENTATION REGARDING FEMA
REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING
(Dept. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Chairwoman Heyman noted that she requested this report be placed on today's agenda because hurricane season was approaching and municipalities and agencies needed to be ready, especially with regard to submitting documents in order to receive public assistance funding.

Mr. Frank Reddish, Emergency Management Manager, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, made an oral presentation. He noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was the agency which primarily handled public assistance funding. Mr. Reddish outlined the process for communities to receive an emergency declaration or a major disaster declaration from the President of the United States. He noted that after a community requested a declaration, a preliminary damage assessment of the community was done to determine the extent of disaster damage and the amount of money which the community was eligible for. Mr. Reddish identified categories of funding, including Category A (Debris), and noted the funding amounts covered by FEMA in various categories. He also noted that since Hurricane Andrew, the State had chosen to cover half of the non-federal share of the cost of recovery from disaster.

In response to Chairwoman Heyman's question as to whether Mr. Reddish was the contact person for members of the County Commission and for municipal and agency officials with regard to submitting their documents, Mr. Reddish noted this was correct.

Chairwoman Heyman noted the importance of officials submitting the documents before storms occurred.

Mr. Reddish noted that if an entity's insurable property was damaged by a disaster and the property was insured, FEMA would determine the amount of damage to the property. He explained

that FEMA deducted the entity's insurance proceeds from the amount of damage and paid the difference. Mr. Reddish outlined FEMA's Obtain and Maintain Requirements as related to maintaining insurance on property after FEMA had provided grant funds to repair or replace the property.

Mr. Reddish noted that annually, the County presented its insurance coverage policies to the State's Insurance Commissioner for a determination of whether the County's coverage rates were reasonable. He further noted the County experienced no problems during this process in instances of storms and hurricanes.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiries regarding whether the County was meeting the requirements of all public institutions in order to receive disaster assistance and meeting the requirements regarding future assistance funding, Mr. Reddish noted the County was meeting the requirements and needed to maintain insurance for the life of its assets in order to continue receiving disaster assistance.

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091440 Special Presentation

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE MIAMI-DADE BLUE INSURANCE PLAN (Office of Countywide Healthcare Planning) **Presented**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing special presentation into the record.*

Chairwoman Heyman noted that Commissioner Martinez initiated the Miami-Dade Blue Insurance Plan approximately one year ago.

Ms. Janet Perkins, Executive Director, Office of Countywide Healthcare Planning (OCHP), noted a limited benefits insurance plan product was approved in September 2008 and product benefits would be effective as of July 1, 2009. She also noted steps taken toward implementation of the product. Ms. Perkins pointed out that a rollout with a press conference between Mayor Carlos Alvarez and Commissioner Martinez was planned for May 26, 2009. She noted people with low income would be able to receive assistance with paying their premiums for the Blue Insurance pending the Governor's signature approving the expenditure of resources to be used for this purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding the County's and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, Inc.'s (BCBSF's) roles in implementation of the product; and regarding the method of promoting the product to the community, liability issues, and advertisement of the product.

Ms. Perkins noted that section five of the County's contract with BCBSF regarding the Product supported the fact that the County would hold no risks in the event of a malpractice lawsuit.

Ms. Perkins and Ms. Penny Shaffer, Market President, BCBSF, addressed Commissioner Sosa's concerns that members of the community should not be led to believe the County was trying to convince them to subscribe to this product.

In response to Commissioner Rolle's inquiry as to the premium rates for this product, Ms. Perkins noted the average rates of coverage for 35 year old persons were approximately \$101 for a male and approximately \$110 for a female.

Ms. Shaffer noted that under group coverage, an employee's premium was comparable and varied according to whether the employee included one or more other persons in their plan.

Ms. Shaffer outlined planned methods of advertising the product. In response to Commissioner Rolle's inquiry as to community-wide education about the product in the inner city, Ms. Shaffer offered to work with each member of the County Commission to address their concerns about community-wide education in their Districts. She noted that educational material would be published in Creole, English, and Spanish.

Chairwoman Heyman asked Ms. Perkins to work with Ms. Shaffer to compose a concise statement about the product as a resource for community outreach for submittal to each member of the Commission.

Ms. Perkins and Ms. Shaffer noted that when they met with some members of the Commission, they submitted to them, for placement in their offices, drafts of material which outlined the product. They also noted that additional material, including a brochure to be submitted to commissioners in July, would be available shortly.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive the foregoing report.

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091439 Special Presentation

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS UPDATE (Dept. of
Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

Presented
Mover: Sosa
Secunder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing special presentation into the record.*

Chairwoman Heyman held up a hurricane season preparedness guide for the audience to see. Mr. Jonathan Lord, Assistant Director, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM&HS), later noted that this guide was provided to Commission District offices, Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas (UMSAs), municipalities, libraries, and other such entities.

Mr. Lord made an oral presentation regarding the County's hurricane preparedness activities. He pointed out efforts which were being made to ensure that adequate hurricane evacuation spaces were available to those who might need assistance with shelter in the event of a hurricane.

Mr. Lord noted the following services were currently available or would be available for the upcoming hurricane season:

- over 85,000 shelters spaces at 20 sites countywide;*
- as a part of the People with Special Needs & Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (PSN/EEAP), over three thousand spaces at six sites throughout the County;*
- three pet-friendly shelters;*
- 65 emergency evacuation bus stops;*
- an emergency evacuation bus stop at every mobile home park in the County; and,*
- to help meet the community's needs following a disaster, over 25 pre-identified distribution sites and support through the Disaster Assistance Employee Program and from municipalities.*

Mr. Lord noted a list of the primary sites was recently published on the DEM&HS website. He also noted that registration information for the PSN/EEAP and Pet Friendly Evacuation Centers programs were available on the DEM&HS website

or through the County's 311 phone line. Mr. Lord pointed out efforts underway to perform community outreach and to update lists of generator-capable gas stations and supermarkets and make the lists available. He noted that a hurricane exposition with free admission and parking was scheduled to be held at the Miami Beach Convention Center on May 30 and 31, 2009 and that testing of the County's disaster plans and procedures was scheduled to occur on June 1, 2009 in conjunction with the State and other Florida counties.

Ms. Hudak noted she anticipated the appointment of the recommended DEM&HS Director today (5/14), and the County Commission's confirmation of the appointment at the next Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Chairwoman Heyman requested that Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak ask the DEM&HS Director to attend this Committee's June meeting for a presentation.

The Committee proceeded to receive the foregoing report.

Commissioner Rolle asked that Mr. Curtis Sommerhoff, the Interim Director of the DEM&HS, submit to him maps depicting the locations of hurricane shelters available in the area between N.W. 62nd Street and the City of Miami Gardens.

Chairwoman Heyman asked that maps depicting the locations of hurricane shelters in each County Commission District be prepared and submitted to the respective commissioner.

Assistant County Manager Hudak noted that Mr. Sommerhoff was recommended to fill the position of DEM&HS Director and that Mr. Lord was recommended to fill the position of Deputy Director of DEM&HS.

The Committee heard no further discussion on this item.

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091455 ReportUPDATE ON THE PAWS IN PRISONS PROGRAM
(Animal Services and Corrections Departments)*Presented*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing report into the record.*

Dr. Sara Pizano, Animal Services Department (ASD) Director, noted that ASD and the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) collaborated on the Paws in Prisons program. She noted the Paws in Prisons pilot program was scheduled to start on August 1, 2009.

Dr. Pizano noted that as part of this program, a dog would be sent to live in MDCR facilities for three weeks for obedience training and MDCR would choose an inmate handler to work with the dog. She noted that while the dog was being trained, AMS would market it, which should make it more adoptable.

Chairwoman Heyman noted the program provided employable skills to inmates in minimum security facilities. She also noted her office would support capital improvements related to this program.

Dr. Pizano clarified that the selected dog would be from a shelter and would be evaluated by a volunteer trainer to ensure the dog had no aggression issues. She further clarified that the dog would live at TGK Correctional facility. Dr. Pizano noted that an inmate at TGK would be trained by the volunteer trainer three times a week. The inmate would train the dog multiple times a day, she explained. Dr. Pizano added that the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) was working with ASD to obtain dogs from ASD for use as sniffers and in narcotics work.

1E POLICY MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1E1

091438 Discussion Item

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (Office of Intergovernmental
Affairs)

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Mr. Joe Rasco, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA) Director, noted the OIA had worked with other entities to assemble an aggressive program to pursue American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) grants. He also noted that status reports regarding ARRA grants were given at the February 24-26, 2009 Washington, D.C. Fly-In. Mr. Rasco explained that ARRA funding would, for the most part, be allocated in the form of formula grants through the State through programs which already existed in federal and State bureaucracies. He pointed out that the County was pursuing 33 ARRA grant applications for a total amount of \$163 million. Mr. Rasco noted County departments had been informed that they needed to find a way to obtain ARRA grants and move them forward. He added that the Office of Grants Coordination, under the direction of Mr. Dan Wall, was working to ensure the departments received the grants.

Commissioner Rolle asked Mr. Rasco to submit to Committee members a report indicating whether a category for gap funding for Hope VI housing projects existed in the federal economic stimulus package.

Commissioner Souto expressed concern that people were being misled and abused with regard to foreclosure issues. He noted that currently, many banks were using the people's money to keep their customers out of their homes. Commissioner Souto expressed concern that payment plans were not arranged by some banks with their customers. He suggested that the County institute a program to help families work with banks to resolve foreclosure problems.

Chairwoman Heyman asked that the report requested by Commissioner Rolle also identify which governmental entity would administer the federal economic stimulus funds, whether the funds were earmarked, and the restrictions on the release of these funds, if any.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to receive the foregoing report.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

091418 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONFLICT WAIVER
REQUEST BY GREENBERG TRAURIG, P.A. PURSUANT
TO ITS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACT WITH MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2A Amended (Legislative File No. 091512) for the amended version.*

2A AMENDED

091512 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONFLICT WAIVER
REQUEST BY GREENBERG TRAURIG, P.A. PURSUANT
TO ITS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACT WITH MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO.
091418]

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with favorable
recommendation with committee
amendments*

*Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote to grant the request by Greenberg Taurig, P.A. for a conflict waiver.

Chairwoman Heyman asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the County Commission's Chairman waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing resolution to be heard at the May 19, 2009 County Commission meeting.

2B

091197 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION WHENEVER THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS OR ACCEPTS A REPORT WHICH INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION THAT CERTAIN ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2C

091388 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION CREATING ELDERLY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

091345 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT FOOD SERVICES BUREAU

(Corrections & Rehabilitation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro

Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

In response to Commissioner Rolle's inquiry as to whether the proposed Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) Food Services Bureau Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was free of problems, Mr. Tim Ryan, MDCR Director, noted that this was correct. He added that the Director of the Office of Strategic Business Management, employees of the MDCR's Food Services Bureau, and he were moving forward in a collaborative effort on the MDCR Food Services Bureau MOU.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

3B

091398 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO REALLOCATE \$600,000 AND \$2.3 MILLION FROM CERTAIN CAPITAL ASSET ACQUISITION BONDS AND \$7.175 MILLION FROM 2006 SUNSHINE LOAN TO OTHER BUDGETED MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro

Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

3C

091405 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS FOR MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT (MDPD) CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 932.7055 (5)(C)(3), REQUIRING THAT FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THESE FUNDS BE ALLOCATED FOR THE SUPPORT AND OPERATION OF CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS OPERATED BY MDPD AND PROVIDING MDPD THE AUTHORITY TO EXPEND THESE TARGETED FUNDS EACH FISCAL YEAR UNTIL OTHERWISE REVOKED BY THE BOARD (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

091391 Report

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 HEALTH PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Barreiro
Excused: Diaz

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

091790 Report

NON-AGENDA REPORT-MAY 14, 2009 HPSIC

Report: *Chairwoman introduced Dr. Eneida Roldan as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH).*

Dr. Roldan noted it was an honor for her to serve as the new CEO of JMH. She noted she was committed to working with her constituents; JMH employees, stakeholders, and academic affiliates; union leaders; and members of the County Commission to make JMH more of a gem.

Commissioner Sosa commended Dr. Roldan and those who selected her as the CEO of JMH.

Commissioner Souto welcomed Dr. Roldan. He noted the importance of dispelling myths about JMH and the need to attract people and insurance companies to JMH. He suggested that tours be held to familiarize members of the community with JMH's facility and staff. Commissioner Souto expressed his support for Dr. Roldan.

091791 Report

NON-AGENDA REPORT-MAY 14, 2009 HPSIC

Report: *Commissioner Souto expressed concern that animals belonging to cattle and horse breeders were being stolen.*

Mr. Robert Capote (phonetic) appeared before the Committee and noted that his cattle ranch was located near N.W. 170th Street and 97th Avenue. Mr. Capote expressed concern that in the County, at least one animal disappeared from a farm or ranch every night. He requested the Committee's help regarding this issue, noting that although he made police reports, the situation seemed to stay the same.

Mr. J.D. Patterson, Jr., Assistant Director, Support Services, MDPD, advised that he would refer Mr. Capote to the appropriate contact in MDPD's northwest district. He noted that MDPD would work with AMS to resolve this issue.

Dr. Pizano added that some of the stolen animals were being found slaughtered near the locations from which they were stolen. She pointed out that some animal owners were slaughtering their animals and selling them as meat. Dr. Pizano noted that these problems were being addressed by ASD and MDPD, which had resulted in one arrest for trespassing.

091792 Report

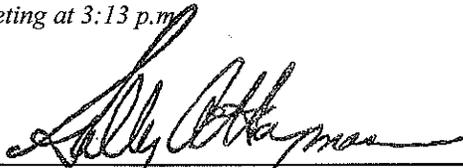
NON-AGENDA REPORT-MAY 14, 2009 HPSIC

Report: *Chairwoman Heyman asked Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak to research and provide a follow-up report on whether a report was prepared from which the County Commission could prioritize the County's federal transportation funding projects and develop a strategy for maximizing County funding from the 2009 reauthorization of the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) transportation, as was directed in Resolution R-940-08 (Legislative File No. 082029).*

7 REPORTS

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *Hearing no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.*



Sally A. Heyman, Chair