

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2011

A meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: (Charlotte County) Chairman Starr, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Skidmore, County Attorney Knowlton, Assistant County Administrator Shoemaker, Deputy Clerk Lansing, (Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA)) Chairman Gary Stasko, Vice-Chairman James Herston, Commissioner Pam Seay, Commissioner Don Lee, Commissioner Kathleen Coppola, Executive Director Gary Quill, and Tom Garrard, Esq. The following members were absent: Charlotte County Administrator Sandrock and CCAA Assistant Director James Parish

The meeting was called to order at **10:00 AM**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Visitor and Convention Bureau Knoxville Lift Market Promotion (County)

Lorah Steiner gave a brief presentation on the Lift market, provided an update, noted goals, and responded to inquiries.

Chairman Starr commended Ms. Steiner on her contributions. Ms. Steiner acknowledged her staff, noted reviving the Charlotte Harbor Hospitality Association, and mentioned the upcoming August 2nd meeting at the Airport. Commissioner Seay commented further.

II. Airline Passenger Growth (Airport Authority)

Gary Quill gave a detailed slide presentation which outlined the points listed below, commented on noise compliance, discussed the amount of new jobs created, remarked on future goals, pointed out other airport-related topics, and responded to inquiries.

CCAA Finance; Airport Master Plan; Airport Area Economic Impacts; Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park & New Piper Road; Land Use Compatibility is Critical; Avigation Easements; Tower Cab Coming in for a Landing; Florida International Air Show; Former Air Service; New Terminal; The Bailey Brothers; Fire Station #7; Total Investment: Over \$45 million in seven years; Direct Air, Allegiant Airlines & Vision Airlines at PGD

III. Economic Development in the ECAP (County)

Kay Tracy provided an Economic Development update, paralleled visual slides which outlined the points listed below, and responded to inquiries related to railroad access.

Today's Objectives; Economic Development Office; Expanding Economic Development Opportunities; Charlotte County Focus Areas; Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP); Major Developments; Current Businesses; What's New in our Economic Development Toolbox; What's in the Pipeline; Goals; Target Sectors; IDA/Airport Authority Land Discussion

IV. Airport Flight Patterns, Air Traffic Control Tower Benefits and Avigation Easements (Airport Authority)

Gary Quill described the topic, mentioned progress being made, noted working noise concerns, and responded to related inquiries.

V. Citizen Input

Sharon Fox, a resident of the Burnt Store area, expressed concern with airplanes flying low over her house, and questioned the reason for the route.

VI. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Constance commented on the significance of the completion of Burnt Store Road. **Commissioner Duffy** inquired about the video to be run in the Airport. Ms. Shoemaker mentioned equipment problems and indicated she would look into the matter. **Commissioner Duffy** asked about a meeting in early August related to annexation. Chairman Stasko responded. Mayor Harvey Goldberg offered additional information related to annexing. Commissioner Coppola commented on the importance of signage and directing visitors to the County's beaches and sights. Chairman Stasko thanked everyone for attending, commended Ms. Steiner, and responded to concerns of residents related to noise. Commissioner Herston thanked the Board for meeting with the Airport Authority. **Commissioner Deutsch** agreed with the importance of signage, mentioned attending Charlotte County Airport Authority meetings, and noted the cooperation of the City of Punta Gorda, the Airport Authority, and the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Seay thanked the Commission for the opportunity to work together, expressed understanding of residential concerns, pointed out the Airport is not considering annexation, and commended Ms. Steiner for assistance with visitors coming to the area. **Chairman Starr** thanked everyone for attending the meeting, responded to resident concerns, and discussed signage.

ADJOURNED: 11:23 AM

Chairman

ATTEST:

**BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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