

Board of County Commissioners

July 21, 2011

A meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room B-106, Port Charlotte, Florida, in order to interview potential candidates for the position of Economic Development Director.

Members present were: Chairman Starr, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Skidmore, Assistant County Attorney Gallagher, and Deputy Clerk Carleton. The following members were absent: Commissioner Deutsch. The meeting was called to order at **8:45 AM**.

Attorney Gallagher provided opening comments related to the interview process and explained packet information. Board discussion ensued.

William Bradley – 9:00 AM: Mr. Bradley provided a summary of his education and employment background and responded to Board inquiries.

RECESS: 9:40 AM – 9:45 AM

Peter Kay – 9:47 AM: Mr. Kay summarized his background, discussed his experience with Economic Development, and responded to Board inquiries.

RECESS: 10:36 AM – 10:42 AM

Thomas Patton - 10:43 AM: Mr. Patton gave an overview of his background and accomplishments, specifically with Polk County, and responded to Board inquiries.

RECESS: 11:34 AM – 12:45 PM

The Board briefly discussed wages related to the position.

Dan Murphy – 12:50 PM: Mr. Murphy noted his background, commented on his work experiences in Highlands County and other locations, and responded to Board inquiries.

RECESS: 1:28 PM – 1:32 PM

Randy Johnson – 1:34 PM: Mr. Johnson remarked on his professional employment experiences and responded to Board inquiries.

RECESS: 2:20 PM – 2:30 PM

There was discussion related to the selection of Tom Patton.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO EXTEND AN OFFER TO TOM PATTON FOR \$100,000, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

RECESS: 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

Attorney Gallagher advised the Board of the outcome of his discussion with Mr. Patton. Board discussion ensued. Attorney Gallagher and Assistant County Attorney Ronald Dente provided additional detail related to a change in classification for the Economic Development Director position. **Commissioner Duffy** suggested changing the job title to Executive Director.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO OFFER MR. PATTON THE TOP OF THE PAY SCALE (\$119,000) FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

NO VOTE TAKEN.

There was further Board discussion with Attorney Gallagher.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO AMEND HIS PREVIOUS MOTION TO INCLUDE A SIX (6) MONTH SALARY REVIEW, USE OF A COUNTY VEHICLE, AND AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$119,000, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

RECESS: 3:48 PM – 3:59 PM

Attorney Gallagher advised the Board of Mr. Patton's request for additional leave time to be included in his hiring agreement.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

ADJOURNED: 4:10 PM

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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