

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
WORKSHOP  
MARCH 1, 2023

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PRESIDING: Chairman Ryan Perez

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Vice-Chairman Dobbs; Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Mac Johns; Commissioner James Tallman; Jimmy Williams, County Coordinator; Pam Woodington, Finance Director; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Perez called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Dobbs offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Perez welcomed the public and called for public comments. Hearing none, he closed the floor to public comments.

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

Ginger Delegal, Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties, introduced herself and gave the Board her background in local government. Mrs. Delegal gave an overview of local governments, comparing and contrasting counties, municipalities and special districts, and the structure of county government. She explained that each county should structure itself based on its culture, population and demographics, and what works for one county may not work for another. She explained that the basic requirements for meetings, and stressed that all meetings should allow the public the right to be heard.

The commissioners thanked Mrs. Delegal for coming.

Board members inquired about the planning and zoning issues that were tabled on February 20, 2023, and it was agreed that the Board Secretary would reach out to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Williams brought to the Board's attention that the Suwannee River Water Management District is making changes to the floodplain maps, and that it is severely impacting many homeowners that may not be aware. He stated that the SRWMD is willing to meet with citizens, if scheduled and published by the Board. The Board agreed for Mr. Williams to schedule such a meeting. Commissioner Johns asked Mrs. Delegal if she had any advice, and she answered that Eric Poole, staff at FAC, would be helpful in the matter, and acknowledged that statewide, the issue is messy.

Chairman Perez adjourned the workshop at 6:32 pm.

*Adopted by vote of the Board, March 20, 2023 regular meeting*