

MEETING IN THE SUNSHINE MINUTES

Date: Friday, May 13, 2011
Time: 8:42 a.m.
Location: Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Room W300, Orlando, Florida 32819
Members Present: County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Commissioners S. Scott Boyd, Jennifer Thompson, Tiffany Russell
Member Absent: Commissioner Fred Brummer
Elected Officials: City of Edgewood Councilman John Dowless
Participants: Cindy Brown, Senior Field Representative/Scheduler to District 8
Congressman Daniel Webster
Kathryn Salerno, Field Director to Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater
Gary Sain, President & CEO, Visit Orlando
Dr. Sean Snaith, Director, Institute for Economic Competitiveness
Jerry Ross, Executive Director, Disney Entrepreneur Center
Brian Walters, Executive Vice President, Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission
Catherine Ojeda Figueroa, Owner, Redi Pedi Cab Company
Doug Gehret, Secretary, Executive Committee, Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association
Dan Sherfield, Vice President, Human Resources, BAGS, Inc.
Johnny Rivers, CEO, JR International Enterprise
Howard Britt, Founder & President, Premier Show Group - Premier Orlando

County Mayor Jacobs and Commissioners Boyd, Damiani, Thompson and Russell along with local elected officials and area business leaders attended an Economic and Jobs Summit for the South Orange County area. County Mayor Jacobs welcomed the attendees and presented an overview of the agenda.

County Mayor Jacobs and Mr. Sain presented an overview of the economic region of South Orange County area by the numbers. Mr. Sain presented an overview of travel and tourism in Central Florida.

Dr. Snaith presented an economic outlook.

Mr. Ross presented an overview of National Entrepreneur Center resources available to small businesses and notified the audience of their new location in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall.

Mr. Walters presented a report on regional economic strategy.

Industry Panelists: Ms. Figueroa, Mr. Gehret, Mr. Sherfield, Mr. Rivers, and Mr. Britt presented a brief history and beginning of their companies, as well as growth, expansion, investment, infrastructure, education, challenges and ways local government can help local businesses in the community. Discussion ensued. County Mayor Jacobs, Commissioners Boyd and Russell and Mr. Snaith contributed to the discussion.

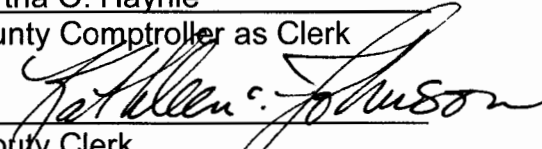
An open forum of questions, issues, statements, concerns, and suggestions from local business leaders to the elected officials ensued. County Mayor Jacobs, Commissioners Boyd, Damiani, and Russell and Councilman Dowless, Mr. Sain and Mr. Walters contributed to the discussion.

• MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 11:52 a.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie
County Comptroller as Clerk


J. Allen Johnson
Deputy Clerk


Craig A. Stopyna
Minutes Coordinator

Note: Commissioner Lui Damiani was not listed in the notice. However, he was in attendance and spoke.