

**MINUTES**  
**LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION**  
**CONVOCATION of GOVERNMENTS JOINT MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2014**  
**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING**  
**SARASOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**4748 BENEVA ROAD, SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**Town of Longboat Key**

**Present:** Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Dave Brenner, Commrs. Lynn Larson, Jack Duncan, and Terry Gans

**Absent:** Commrs. Phillip Younger and Patricia Zunz

**Also Present:** Town Manager Dave Bullock, Assistant Town Manager Anne Ross, Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

**Note:** The Town Commission participated in the Sarasota County School Board Convocation of Governments meeting with members of the following governmental entities: Sarasota County School Board, Sarasota County Commission, Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice.

**1. Welcome / Introductions**

**2. Convocation Goals and Agenda**

Sarasota County School Board Chairman Jane Goodwin provided opening remarks and an overview of the meeting schedule.

**3. Workforce Development**

Sarasota County Schools of Career, Technical and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden and Career Edge Executive Director Mireya Eavey provided a review of the school programs held at the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI), highlighting the Career Edge Program, Precision Machining Program, and summarized the activities.

Individual comments followed regarding the following topics/issues:

- job seekers
- cost to attend SCTI (\$2.50 for an hour of education)
- maintenance
- machinery (skill levels).

**4. Technical Institute for North Port, with a Possible Joint-Use Public Library**

Sarasota County School Board Long Range Planning Director Ken Marsh discussed long range goals. Dr. Bowden identified the need for a technical institute in the North Port area, and possible development opportunities.

Sarasota County Director of Libraries and Historical Resources Sarabeth Kalajian discussed the concept of a combined school media center/public library and noted the service model had been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.

4. Technical Institute for North Port, with a Possible Joint-Use Public Library – Continued

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- funding from surtax
- South County Public Library usage
- youth programs
- legislative issues
- impact fees used to purchase possible building sites
- role of the Sarasota County Commission
- 5-year Capital Improvement Plan
- City/County owned property sites
- construction costs/planned phased approach
- Town of Longboat Key voting support regarding education
- City of North Port growth potential
- joint efforts and sharing expenses (County/Cities/School Board)
- changing the Convocation of Governments Joint Meeting to September.

5. Other Business

Lamarque Elementary, 3415 Lamarque Avenue, North Port

Discussion ensued regarding the construction in 2007, lift station and campus analysis, health issue of school staff and students, and the performance of a dry wall analysis.

6. Open to the Public

Comments were made by the following individuals:

- Career Edge Executive Director Mireya Eavey (transportation issues/vehicles)
- Peter Straw (SCTI machinery program/workforce)

7. Announcements

Chairman Goodwin commended the participation of the entities present and advised that the next Convocation was scheduled for January 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with the location to be determined at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Goodwin adjourned the January 17, 2014, Convocation Meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 04-07-2014