

MINUTES OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2006

VCOG BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
1190 PELICAN BAY DRIVE, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Cassandra Reynolds
Mayor Greg Northrup
Mayor George Coleman
Commissioner Terry Dilligard
Commissioner Janet Deyette
Mayor Mike Thomas
Mayor Roland Via
Mayor Mark Shuttleworth
Mayor James Vandergriff
Mayor Albert Erwin
Mayor Fredrick Costello
Mayor James Sowell
Mayor Nancy Epps
Vice Mayor Mary Martin (*after roll call*)
Mayor Blaine O'Neal
Council-member Art Giles

REPRESENTING

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeBary
Mayor Apgar, DeLand
Mayor Mulder, Deltona
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Mayor Green, Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County

Members Absent: Mayor Mike Thompson, Oak Hill; Judy Andersen, Volusia County School Board

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT Michael Mellon, Emergency Medical Foundation

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Poling
Gregg Fitzgerald
Lynne Lindo
Michael Gondeck
Sean Stenson
Sam Colletta
Gordon Williamson
Evelyn Hartnett
Bill Clauson
Larry Taft
Don Scales
William Whitson
Vicki Reese
Stephen Cousins
Tracey Barlow
John Penny
Stephen Ralston
Julie Henessey

REPRESENTING

New Smyrna Beach
Verizon Wireless
Verizon Wireless
Verizon Wireless
Sprint-Nextel
MayCom/Nextel
Sprint-Nextel
Sprint-Nextel
Volusia County Communications
Daytona Beach Fire Dept/Vo.Co. Fire Chiefs
Ponce Inlet Fire Rescue
Port Orange
Daytona Beach Police Department
Edgewater Fire-Rescue
Edgewater
Holly Hill City Commission
Daytona Beach IT
DeLand City Clerk

VCOG STAFF PRESENT

Mary Swiderski, VCOG Executive Director
Herbert M. Seely, Chief Financial Officer
Mary Curran, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

At 5:00 PM, Chairman Northrup called to order the February 27, 2006, regular meeting of the VCOG Governing Board.

The roll was called and a quorum of voting members was declared present. Chairman Northrup then led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

None.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/RECOGNITION

Chairman Northrup gave Mr. Herbert Seely recognition and he read the inscription on the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement plaque. The Certificate of Achievement is for the VCOG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004; it's the 18th consecutive year VCOG has received this.

VCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

Mary Swiderski presented her report. This will be the last meeting of the VCOG Board at this location. The March and April meetings will be held at VOTRAN; at the March meeting, the County Charter Review Commission Chair James Scovell will make a presentation; at the April meeting, the new County Manager James Dinneen will be the special speaker. Mary Swiderski's written report was placed on the table for Board members' to review at their convenience. Also on the table for members was the VCOG Board Members' contact information sheet. A copy of the 2006 Florida Municipal Training Calendar book was distributed and Board members were encouraged to take it to their respective municipal managers to distribute to whoever may have interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2006

Minutes of the January 23, 2006, regular meeting of the VCOG Board had been mailed with Board members' agenda packets.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 31, 2006

Treasurer's report for month of January 2006 had been mailed with Board members' agenda packets. NOTE: Revenues and Expenditures were within VCOG's budget for the month.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2006-02

The VCOG Resolution had been mailed with Board members' agenda packets. VCOG's Resolution supports the Volusia County Council in its conflict resolution 2006-07 challenging the rezoning of land near Volusia County's border and the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Resolution 2006-03 for the construction of a Wal-Mart distribution center in Putnam County at the currently sited location until such time as there is funding to improve US-17 and SR-40 to accommodate the generated traffic.

MOTION by Mayor Epps and **SECOND** by Mayor Thomas for approval of all Consent Agenda items; motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

RELOCATION OF VCOG/WAV/MPO OFFICES**APPROVAL OF MOVING COST AND CONFERENCE ROOM CONSTRUCTION COST**

Chairman Northrup presented an update on the new office space. Mayor Costello commended Chairman Northrup for all his efforts in securing the new facility. Mayor Via mentioned the expansion of the conference room [at the new location]; as discussed by the VCOG Executive

Committee. Chairman Northrup explained that Committee members wanted a conference room to accommodate MPO and WAV meetings, as well as, VCOG meetings. Chairman Northrup presented actual costs for conference room construction and moving expense; he then requested a motion to authorize a one-time expenditure of up to \$3000.00 to cover these costs.

MOTION by Mayor Erwin and **SECOND** by Mayor O'Neal for approval to authorize a one-time expenditure of up to \$3000.00 for VCOG's portion of the conference room construction [at the new facility] and moving costs; motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATIONS BY VERIZON ,NEXTEL AND CINGULAR CELLULAR COMPANIES

VERIZON – Gregg Fitzgerald introduced himself and his colleagues, Lynne Lindo and Michael Gondeck. Mr. Fitzgerald distributed a hardcopy summary of their presentation and a Verizon information packet for the VCOG Board. He talked about: the Verizon network; all sites having battery backup; service level is checked monthly; contracts that governmental entities can utilize for cost savings, etc. There were questions from Board members concerning: quality of future service level; email capability of a PDA unit; remote access, etc. Mayor Sowell inquired about “dead spots” that occur periodically with his Town's current provider; he asked if that happens with Verizon; to which Mr. Gondeck explained how it could happen but said it doesn't with Verizon. Board members resumed discussions. Mayor Vandergriff mentioned his City has experienced some problems with Verizon; to which Mr. Gondeck offered to schedule a meeting with him to resolve any problems. Mr. Fitzgerald stated they appreciated getting feedback on Verizon. Chairman Northrup thanked the representatives of Verizon Wireless for their presentation.

NEXTEL – Evelyn Hartnett introduced herself and her colleagues, Sam Colletta with MayCom Communications, Gordon Williamson and Sean Stenson. Mr. Stenson mentioned there had been problems during the 2004 Hurricane season; he stated that he would welcome the opportunity to sit and talk individually with jurisdictions. Mr. Stenson and Ms. Hartnett gave an overview of some things Nextel-Sprint is doing regarding cellular communications. Mr. Stenson stated that jurisdictions should contact him concerning dropped calls, as “the issue” may be not knowing who to contact regarding problems with cellular service. Ms. Hartnett assured Board members that their jurisdictions will get information of who they should contact. Mr. Stenson and Ms. Hartnett talked about: some cellular service features; working towards hard-mount generator locations; presence of emergency response team member at EOC during major disasters; bringing in COWs for special events/hurricanes or bringing in SatCOLTS; and network resources. Chairman Northrup asked how many harden sites in Volusia County has Nextel added since representatives last came before the VCOG Board [October 2004]. Mr. Stenson replied that they didn't have that information with them and Ms. Hartnett commented they could send it to the jurisdictions later; Mr. Stenson added that he could sit with each jurisdiction individually and discuss this. Chairman Northrup clarified what he was asking is how many generators has the company put in over the last 14 months. Mr. Stenson stated there are a number of proprietary things company representatives could not discuss; he stated that company reps have met with cities individually [police and fire chiefs and city managers] and had given them that information previously. Chairman Northrup urged that response be given to the VCOG Board members' concerns regarding generators and towers. Mr. Stenson commented there are a lot of different factors that affect placement of towers; as far as, the generators, he repeated that he could come to individual jurisdictions later to talk with their staff of where generators are/are not or where they cannot be as he didn't have that information with him. There were further discussions of: overall service levels not improving; jurisdictions not getting towers as promised; the company reps' allegations of having problems with municipal planning and zoning departments; concerns of when Nextel-Sprint is going to address problems; what is potential of co-locating towers with other services; several users experiencing a total loss of service at a specific time [not during a disaster/hurricane]. Several members pointed out to Nextel-Sprint reps that they are talking with officials of local governments, sitting as the cities' reps [majority mayors] and County's rep on Volusia Council of Governments. Chairman Northrup requested the Nextel-Sprint representatives send a list to VCOG, for its members, within the next 45 days, of every tower the company

has put up in Volusia County in last 14 months, a projected date that a new tower is going to be put up, and a date and tower where the company can put generators in and a list of ones where they cannot put in generators [i.e. an update of everything relating to towers over the last 14 months]. Chairman Northrup did compliment Sam Colletta on his cooperation/working with jurisdictions. Following final discussions, Chairman Northrup thanked the Nextel-Sprint representatives for coming to the meeting.

CINGULAR – No presentation was made due to the absence of a company representative.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR FRED COSTELLO

He stated that he had requested information from Matt Zavadsky regarding emergency calls for Ormond Beach [the processing times, etc.]; which he wanted to compare with other entities but was told that Matt cannot give one city's information to another city, or vice versa.

Request made by Mayor Costello to place an item on a future VCOG meeting agenda for VCOG members' authorization for comparison of those statistics.

MAYOR NANCY EPPS

She reminded everyone that March 13th there is another joint Planning/Town Council meeting on the working waterfront.

MAYOR ROLAND VIA

He requested a poll of members to ask how many jurisdictions use Cingular and the response was no body except Holly Hill and Volusia County.

MAYOR MARK SHUTTLEWORTH

He commended VCOG for scheduling the presentations by cellular companies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the VCOG Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

AS SUBMITTED, THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD WERE APPROVED IN AN OPEN MEETING HELD ON MARCH 27, 2006, IN THE VOTRAN CONFERENCE ROOM AT 950 BIG TREE ROAD, SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA.

VCOG, Inc.

Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary