

MINUTES OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 22, 2010

MPO & VCOG CONFERENCE ROOM
2570 W. INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BLVD., SUITE 100
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Cassandra Reynolds
Mayor Harry Jennings
Mayor Robert F. Apgar
Mayor John Masiarczyk
Mayor Mike Thomas
Mayor Roy Johnson
Mayor Buddy Snowden
Mayor Adam Barringer
Mayor Harley Strickland
Mayor Ed Kelley
Mayor James Sowell
Mayor Tony Goudie
Mayor Allen Green
Vice Mayor Nancy Long
County Chair Frank Bruno
School Board Chair Lankford

Members Absent:

Mayor Bob Garcia
Mayor Darla Lauer

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Mellon

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT

Anthony Pupello
Ann Benedetti
Julie Via
Jim Cameron

VCOG STAFF PRESENT

Mary Swiderski, VCOG Executive Director
Patricia Knabe, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

At 5:04 p.m., Chairman Apgar called to order the November 22, 2010, regular meeting of the VCOG Governing Board.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Apgar led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION

None

REPRESENTING

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Orange City
Ormond Beach
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
Mayor George Locke, South Daytona
Volusia County
Volusia School Board

DeBary
Oak Hill

REPRESENTING

EVAC

REPRESENTING

City of Orange City
St. John's River Water Mgmt. District
Spouse of Former Mayor Roland Via, Holly Hill
Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Mayor Apgar welcomed Ann Benedetti from the St. Johns River Water Management District.

B. Welcome Newly Elected Officials

- Mayor Apgar introduced and welcomed the new mayors and representatives:
 - Mayor Harry Jennings, Daytona Beach Shores
 - Mayor John Masiarczyk, Deltona
 - Mayor Ed Kelley, Ormond Beach
 - Mayor Roy Johnson, Holly Hill
 - Vice Mayor Nancy Long, South Daytona
- Mayor Apgar requested that the other members introduce themselves.
- School Board Lankford stated that the School Board Chair is now Stan Schmidt.
- Mayor Strickland stated that there are 140 reservations for the Volusia League of Cities bi-monthly dinner meeting which is being hosted by his City of Orange City at the new University High School on December 2, 2010.
 - School Board Chair Lankford stated that the new school was dedicated last week and, as she will be unable to attend the dinner on December 2, 2010, welcomed all to University High.
- Mayor Apgar congratulated Mike Thomas of Edgewater on his re-election of Mayor.

C. Recognition of past Mayor Roland Via

- Mayor Apgar read resolution 2010-10 and presented it to past Mayor Roland Via.

A RESOLUTION OF THE VCOG, INC. GOVERNING BOARD TO MAYOR ROLAND VIA IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE VCOG, INC. GOVERNING BOARD.

RESOLUTION 2010-10

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. a Volusia Council of Governments, was established in January 1970, to develop coordinated plans, programs and policies of mutual interest for all participating jurisdictions in Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. Governing Board consists of representatives from the Cities of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, DeBary, DeLand, Deltona, Edgewater, Holly Hill, Lake Helen, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Orange City, Ormond Beach, Pierson, Ponce Inlet, Port Orange and South Daytona, the County of Volusia and the Volusia County School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roland Via originally joined the VCOG, Inc. Governing Board in November 2006 as a representative for the City of Holly Hill and remained so until October 2010. During his tenure, Mayor Via was a member of the Executive Committee from 2006 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roland Via served on the Smart Growth Committee that was instrumental in the protection of environmentally sensitive lands and the future development of sustainable communities in Volusia County, as well as, participating on the Property Tax Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roland Via, represented the cities of Volusia County on the Congress of Regional Leaders encompassing a multi-county area; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roland Via dedicated his time and talents to designed the Volusia Council of Governments, Volusia League of Cities and the Volusia TPO logo's; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Roland Via has served both the City of Holly Hill and the VCOG, Inc. Governing Board with unwavering dedication, dignity and distinction; As a result of his leadership and vision there have been great strides made building cohesive consensus among Volusia Governments; and

WHEREAS, that VCOG, Inc. does hereby honor Mayor Roland Via for his years of service with this Board and express sincere appreciation for his constant, diligent and responsible involvement and interest in VCOG, Inc. and its goals and objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting held November 22, 2010.

Mayor Apgar asked if there is a motion to adopt the resolution.

MOTION was made and **SECOND** to adopt the resolutions for past Mayor Via; motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

- Mr. Via stated that VCOG is a vital board which makes things work in Volusia County.
- The City of Holly Hill will be faced with many challenges and Mr. Via asked that the VCOG Board support the new Mayor, Roy Johnson.
- Mr. Via welcomed Mayor John Masiarczyk of Deltona, Ed Kelley of Ormond Beach and Mayor Harry Jennings of Daytona Beach Shores.
- Mr. Via stated that he especially enjoyed working with Mayor Apgar as the VCOG Board's Chair and thanked all the members.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. United Way – Lori Grant
Mayor Apgar stated that Ms. Grant had an emergency and will not be giving her presentation this evening.

VCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

- A. Ms. Swiderski stated that the 2011 schedule for the VCOG Governing Board and the VCOG Executive Committee Meetings is included in the agenda packets. The Executive Committee Meeting dates may be subject to change if the new Chair so desires to adjust the schedule.
- B. Ms. Swiderski wished everyone and Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2010
- B. Approval of the Treasurer Report for October 2010
- C. Cancellation of December 2010 meeting

Mayor Apgar asked if there is a motion for the Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2010, Approval of the Treasurer Report for October 2010 and Cancellation of December 2010 meeting.

MOTION by Mayor Jennings and **SECOND** by Mayor John Masiarczyk for approval of the consent agenda as presented; motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pain Clinic Moratorium Resolution – Mayor Robert Apgar

RESOLUTION 2010-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE VCOG, INC. GOVERNING BOARD ENCOURAGING VOLUSIA CITIES AND COUNTY TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM AS TO THE FILING AND/OR RECEIVING OF APPLICATION OR THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE OPERATION OF "PAIN CLINICS" AND "PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS" FOR 180 DAYS OR LONGER.

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. a Volusia Council of Governments, was established in January 1970, to develop coordinated plans, programs and policies of mutual interest for all participating jurisdictions in Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, VCOG, Inc. Governing Board consists of representatives from the Cities of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, DeBary, DeLand, Deltona, Edgewater, Holly Hill, Lake Helen, New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Orange City, Ormond Beach, Pierson, Ponce Inlet, Port Orange and South Daytona, the County of Volusia and the Volusia County School Board; and

WHEREAS, as a result of illegal prescription drug abuse VCOG is working with over 20 collaborative organizations and created a Substance Abuse Task Force whose mission is to develop strategies to prevent the epidemic of the abuse, addiction, overdose and illegal distribution of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, this task force has studied the activity up through June 2010 and found that; Volusia County had 39 deaths related to Oxycodone in 2009, a 77% jump from 2008; Volusia County has increased referrals to detox and rehab facilities since 2005 by 14.5 times; Volusia County increased pills seized twelve times since 2005 and that within the first seven months of 2010 have already seized 2,000 pills in Oxycodone alone; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and County of Volusia have grown from 25 pain clinics and pain management clinics since December 2009 to a total of 38 pain clinics and pain management clinics which is a 65% increase in the number of individuals interested in opening "pain clinics" and "pain management clinics" as a result of southern counties in Florida having placed moratoriums and increased regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes, the Cities and County of Volusia are authorized and required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and has the power and authority to enact regulations for valid governmental purposes that are not inconsistent with general or special law; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety and welfare is a legitimate public purpose recognized by the courts of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 893.055, prescription drug monitoring program that was to go into effect December 2010, has been delayed and that portion of the Statute that went into effect October 1, 2010; that will prohibit dispensing more than 72 hours of controlled substance to cash paying customers; prevent felons and disciplined physicians from owning and operating pain clinics or pain management clinics; and provides greater medical regulatory authority and ability to shut down clinics in violation of the law by the health department; needs to be monitored for a period of time to determine the effect of the new laws and where necessary changes in the existing law needs to occur; and

WHEREAS, over 16 counties and over 30 cities in Florida, including Volusia cities; South Daytona, Port Orange, Ponce Inlet, and Orange City, have enacted moratoria pertaining to pain clinics and pain management clinics in their jurisdictions, and as a result, the County could become a target for the migration and proliferation of new pain management clinics; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2009, the Broward County Grand Jury issued an Interim report entitled "The Proliferation of pain clinics in South Florida" after an investigation and review of the "Pill Mill" proliferation in South Florida and the effect on Broward County as a major source of Oxycodone, a controlled substance; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury found that the number of pain clinics increased from 4 to 176 in two years in South Florida and that 9 million dose units of Oxycodone was dispensed every 6 months; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury recommended that the State prescription drug monitoring program be swiftly implemented and adequately funded, as of the time of the Grand Jury report the program had not been funded by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury found that in the State of Florida in 2006 there were 2,780 lethal dose reports of prescription drugs, in 2007 there were 3,317 lethal dose reports of prescription drugs, in 2008 there were 3,750 lethal dose reports of prescription drugs and in 2008 an additional 6,286 reports of non-lethal prescription drugs detected in deceased persons that may have been found in combination with other substances to be lethal; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury found that burglaries and robberies in the areas where pain clinics and pain management clinics are located have increased; drug trafficking in prescription drugs and street level sales of prescription drugs have increased; and identity theft and organized criminal activities have increased; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of VCOG believes that by establishing a 180 day or longer moratorium on the issuance of business tax receipts for "pain clinics" and "pain management clinics", the cities and County of Volusia will have the opportunity to research and study various regulatory options as well as the effects of the present law; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of VCOG finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of Volusia County to minimize and control the adverse effects of pain clinics and pain management clinics and thereby protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizenry; protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life and preserve property values by adopting appropriate regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of VCOG encourages those Cities and the County of Volusia, who have not yet placed a moratorium on pain clinics and pain management clinics in their jurisdiction, do so until appropriate regulations are in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD:

SECTION 1: Encourages the cities and the County of Volusia to place a 180 day or longer moratorium on the submission, processing and issuance of business tax receipts for the operation of clinics and pain management clinics from its effective date of the ordinance to research the nature and scope of possible measures of mitigation and regulation of pain clinics and pain management clinics.

SECTION 2: This moratorium shall not affect any business currently operating within the cities or County of Volusia pursuant to a validly issued business tax receipt as long as the business and property are in compliance with all applicable, local, County, State and Federal laws.

SECTION 3: Applications for business tax receipts for the operation of pain clinics and pain management clinics received after the date of advertisement of the first reading of the ordinance shall be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the moratorium period.

SECTION 4: Renewal of Business Tax Receipts authorized to renew the business tax receipt of any existing business affected by this moratorium with a valid business tax receipt in the event such receipt expires before the expiration of this moratorium, upon a finding that the business has taken adequate precautions to mitigate the potential for abuse of prescription drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting held November 22, 2010.

Mayor Apgar asked Mary Swiderski to discuss the Pain Clinic Moratorium Resolution

- Ms. Swiderski stated that included in the agenda packet is a copy of the resolution requesting that all the cities place a 180 day moratorium on pain clinics.
 - The moratorium will allow the substance abuse task force to monitor the existing 38 clinics in the County to determine if the new law which became effective on October 1, 2010 is having any effect and allow for stronger legislation to be established by Tallahassee.
- School Board Chair Lankford asked where the 38 clinics are located. Ms. Swiderski stated the clinics cover all of Volusia County and she will send out the data she has with the breakdown of the locations.
- Ms. Swiderski stated that some of the clinics are listed under the name of Chiropractic; however, the law specifies pain or pain management.
- Mayor Apgar stated that both the Florida League of Cities Board and the Florida League of Mayors have adopted resolutions urging legislature to find solutions to the pain clinics problem. The area of concern is that imposing a moratorium could result in adopting additional regulations. As legislation better understands the impact of the clinics then it will be known what needs to be done on a local level.
- Mayor Green stated that the Port Orange moratorium resulted in a major arrest and confiscation of illegal prescriptions.
- Mayor Kelly stated he will consider a moratorium and requested the list of the existing clinics.
- Mayor Apgar stated that the City of DeLand is waiting to see what the County's lead is on the clinics.
- County Chair Bruno stated that County Sheriff Ben Johnson and the County Attorney do not want to support a moratorium. He does agree with a six month moratorium and will present it to the County Council December meeting.
- School Board Chair Lankford stated that Orange County and counties in South Florida have been successful with having placed moratoriums.
- County Chair Bruno stated the problem is with incorporated counties vs. unincorporated counties and the cities and counties should be working in partnership.
- Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President, Government Relations Daytona Regional Chamber stated he appreciated VCOG addressing the pain clinics issue.
 - Retailers have been complaining regarding the impact it is having on them.
 - The illegal clinics are causing problems for the legitimate clinics.
 - The Chambers is making this a priority on their list at the local level and VCOG has their support one-hundred percent.
- Mayor Strickland stated that a pain clinic in Orange City was shut down resulting in the city's council to consider a six-month moratorium which would allow time to determine what an implementation plan would entail. The problem does need to be addressed and the City of Orange City is going to proceed with a six month resolution.
- Ms. Swiderski stated that hopefully a database will be in place in January. It will serve as a cross-check to determine those people who are finding doctors to prescribe the drugs and which doctors are issuing the prescriptions. The database is presently funded by federal grants and donations but proper funding is needed.
- Mayor Kelley asked if a new moratorium is placed regarding clinics using the name Chiropractic would they be denied on suspicion of being a pain clinic. Ms. Swiderski stated that a doctor is required to abide by medical regulations if they issue prescriptions and will be required to input the information into the database regardless of the name of the clinic.
- Mayor Masiarczyk asked what terminology should be used in writing a resolution so as to not jeopardize a legitimate clinic. Ms. Swiderski stated that the names pain or pain management are being used but with the database the information is being tracked with the name of the doctor and pharmacy, not the name of the clinic.
- School Board Chair Lankford recommended that the Volusia County Medical Society be involved with the substance abuse taskforce.

Mayor Apgar asked if there is a motion to adopt the resolution.

MOTION by County Chair Bruno and **SECOND** by Mayor Goudie to accept the Pain Clinic Moratorium Resolution as presented; motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Report from the Nominating Committee

Mayor Apgar thanked Mayor Green, School Board former Chair Candace Lankford and Mayor Sowell for serving on the nominating committee.

- Mayor Green stated that the nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers:
 - Frank Bruno, Chair of County Council – Chair
 - Mayor Harley Strickland – Vice Chair
 - Mayor Adam Barringer – Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor Apgar asked if there was a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers.

MOTION by Mayor Green and **SECOND** by School Board former Chair Lankford to accept the VCOG Nominating Committee's recommended slate of VCOG Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer) for 2011 as presented; motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on a voice vote.

B. Announcement of the Executive Committee - Chair, County Chair Frank Bruno
County Chair Bruno presented Mayor Apgar a bronze eagle statue in appreciation for his dedication and years of service to VCOG. The inscription reads as follows:

Mayor F. Apgar, VCOG Chair 2008-2010, with sincere gratitude for outstanding leadership

County Chair Bruno thanked Mayor Apgar for all he has done for the County and VCOG.

- County Chair Bruno introduced the Executive Committee:
 - Mayor Bob Apgar
 - Mayor Harley Strickland
 - Mayor Adam Barringer
 - Mayor Ed Kelley
 - Mayor Allen Green
 - School Board Member Candace Lankford
 - County Chair Bruno stated that a strategic plan will be put together at the January 5, 2011 Executive Meeting.
- County Chair Bruno stated he met with Sam Bell who is the lobbyist for the County. Mr. Bell stated that the number one item on the list for January is TABOR.
- Other areas on the list will be:
 - Special districts-- whether it be hospital, mosquito control or port authority-- all are in jeopardy.
 - The Florida retirement system, Medicaid and Medicare issues and how it is affecting the budget. The Governor wants to cut the budget by \$7 billion and put caps on County and cities taxes and spending.
 - The Florida Association of Counties are working in conjunction with the cities regarding cases having to go to a constitutional amendment on the ballot and the State School Board needs to be involved.
- School Board Chair Lankford referred to the conversation with the coalition regarding whether or not to support the TABOR issue. She stated that people are more interested in quality of life issues than property tax cuts. She stated that a group needs to be formed to "reframe" the conversation regarding what government represents. It is not just about money, it's about the services we are providing to our citizens.
- Mayor Apgar stated that the Florida League of Cities Keys to the City Task Force will hopefully be presenting a white paper to Governor Elect Scott regarding the 19% reduction in property tax which is focused on the required local effort.

- Mayor Apgar stated he was told by a reliable source that Governor Elect Scott's main focus is on the state government.
- County Chair Bruno stated that budget cuts, unfunded mandates, TABOR and Medicare cuts will create demise for the State of Florida public health departments and will require more County, Regional and State- wide conversation regarding Medicare and Medicaid charges.
- School Board Chair Lankford recommended that there is need to have conversation with the local Chambers of Commerce regarding opposition of the TABOR issue.
- Mayor Goudie stated that children will be greatly affected by the passing of TABOR.
- County Chair Bruno stated that the next phase of the ECO Map regarding proper growth outside the area will need to be addressed.
- Water is going to be a major issue in Tallahassee and there will be more Regional and State-wide meetings regarding this utility.
- Cultural, education and community services possibly resulting in unfunded mandates
- School Board Chair Lankford suggested that representatives from Colorado be requested to attend the Florida legislative session regarding TABOR and present the ramifications it has had in their state.
 - County Chair Bruno stated that the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties is working on those presentations and he will also relay this information to Tallahassee.
 - Mayor Kelley requested that VCOG present to the Volusia County Legislative Delegation the concerns regarding property tax cuts, TABOR and pension reform.
 - Mary Swiderski will submit cards to the Delegation. Ms. Swiderski stated that the date of the meeting has been changed from December 10, 2010 to December 13, 2010.
 - School Board Chair Lankford recommended that non-profit organizations form a coalition present a voice regarding TABOR at the Delegation meeting.
 - County Chair Bruno stated that he was been working with Doug and Sam Bell, The Florida Association of Counties, The Florida League of Cities and the School Board and they may be able to present a white paper to the Volusia County Legislative Delegation on December 13, 2010.
- Mayor Strickland stated that he learned at the Volusia League of Cities Annual Conference that there are representatives in Tallahassee who have never served in city or county governments and have no understanding of local governments. The cities and counties need to be more active, vocal and demanding of partnership. Mayor Strickland asked if there are copies of this session available so everyone can listen to it and Ms. Swiderski will check to see if the session was recorded.
- Commissioner Reynolds stated that there is a need to return to grassroots and get constituents and the people to see what it means to them which would result in them rallying together.
- County Chair Bruno stated that DCA, which makes the final decisions in all local land use regulations, will be under consideration in Tallahassee and he has no idea if they will receive continuation of funding or be placed under another organization.
- Mayor Greene stated that in the past there were many representatives in Tallahassee with no prior local government background who represented the cities and county very well.
 - School Board Chair Lankford stated that was before Volusia County was divided among five representatives and four senators and now do not have a voice. County Chair Bruno said that hopefully with the redistricting Volusia County should again have a voice.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR CANDACE LANKFORD

The economists met at 8:00 this morning to draw up a projected forecast. She thanked Mayor Apgar for representing VCOG on all levels.

MAYOR ALLEN GREEN

Thanked Mayor Apgar for his years of service to VCOG and how much he helped him by serving an additional term.

COMMISSIONER CASSANDRA REYNOLDS

Happy Thanksgiving

MAYOR TONY GOUDIE

Thanked Mayor Apgar for all he has done and the inspiration he has been to him. He reiterated that if you want to change the status quo you need to look at what does not work and rewrite the play book.

MAYOR JOHN MASIARCZYK

Glad to be back.

MAYOR HARRY JENNINGS

Glad to be a new member and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

MR. MICHAEL MELLON

Safe holidays.

VICE MAYOR NANCY LONG

Stated that he is glad to be here representing her City and sees there is a lot work to do in 2011.

MAYOR BUDDY SNOWDEN

Thanked Mayor Apgar for all he has done, welcomed all the new members, welcomed back Mayor John Masiarczyk and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

Thanked Mayor Apgar and stated that a group is only as good as its leader and he has done very well. He thanked the County for taking proactive steps for the Leffler Ranch acquisition.

MAYOR JAMES SOWELL

Stated that it is his pleasure to work closely with Mayor Bob Apgar, County Chair Frank Bruno, School Board Chair Candace Lankford and Mary Swiderski who, whenever he calls, is always ready to help him. He thanked everyone for doing a good job.

MAYOR ED KELLEY

Told Mayor Apgar that he knows he did a great job and to County Chair Bruno that he will do the job equally as well. He has learned that more can be done together than individually. So much has been accomplished County-wide thanks to County Chair Bruno and the members of VCOG working together to be more efficient.

MAYOR ADAM BARRINGER

Thanked Mayor Apgar, stated that he is a true gentleman and he has nothing but respect for him. He is looking forward to serving on the Executive Committee for another year and thankful that Mayor Mike Thomas was re-elected and for Mayor Allen Green.

MAYOR ROBERT APGAR

- Acknowledged that Florida Hospital in DeLand recognized School Board Chair Lankford's husband as the healthcare leader in their community at a dinner last week.
 - He spoke with Gary Bruns regarding the vacancy on the Congress of Regional Leaders.
 - County Chair Bruno stated that Mayor Apgar will be the new representative of all the Volusia County cities on the Congress of Regional Leaders.
- Mayor Apgar stated that circumstances allowed him serve as the VCOG Chair for three consecutive years and there are advantages when one can serve for longer than the one year term. He stated that County Chair Bruno will do a good job in taking his place.
- Mayor Apgar reiterated Mayor Green's statement that it is one of our responsibilities to bring along opportunities for younger leaders and for others to move up in leadership.

- He thanked Ms. Swiderski for her help and support. She has done a good job in helping to bring VCOG and the Volusia League of Cities to a higher level with training programs, greater levels of continuity, partnership with VCARD at a number of events and is now greatly recognized as a viable organization.
- He thanked everyone and their predecessors for all that VCOG has collectively accomplished.
- Mayor Apgar thanked all the new members and requested that they work collectively with VCOG and recommended that relationships be cultivated with the upcoming legislative leadership resulting in earlier and stronger relations.
- He wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and is looking forward to working with them next year.

COUNTY CHAIR FRANK BRUNO

- Stated that Mayor Bob Apgar has accomplished a great deal with VCOG over the past few years and that it is a respected Board in Volusia County as a result and thanked him very much.
 - He congratulated all the new mayors, is looking forward to working with them and seeing them at his informal monthly luncheon meetings and stated that there is a need to be more proactive and part of the conversation on state level issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the VCOG Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

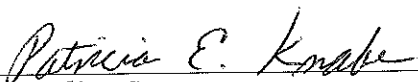
AS SUBMITTED, THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VCOG GOVERNING BOARD WERE APPROVED IN AN OPEN MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2010, IN THE MPO/VCOG/WAV CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2570 W. INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 100, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.

VCOG, INC.



Chair

ATTEST:


Recording Secretary