

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING
1101 EAST FIRST STREET
SANFORD, FLORIDA
32771-1468



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00 PM

2nd Public Hearing

BCC Chambers

Charter Review Commission

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present	Angela R. Fleming, Colleen Hufford, Emily Tallman, Tom O' Hanlon, Michelle Smith, Deborah Bauer, Nicole Martz, Marilyn E. Crotty, Robin Dehlinger, Russell "Rusty" Roberts, Scott Culp, Sean Barth, Carissa Lawhun, and John Richardson
Absent	John Horan

Rusty Roberts appeared via Teams remote technology. Angela Fleming joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Additional Attendees: Special Legal Counsel Senator David Simmons, Assistant County Manager Meloney Koontz, Assistant County Attorney Robby McHugh, and Deputy Clerk Chariti Guevara.

Vice Chairman Michelle Smith chaired the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sean Barth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. Minutes from Charter Review Commission Meeting on 5/2/2024 [2024-0665](#)

Motion by John Richardson, seconded by Sean Barth, to approve the May 2, 2024, Charter Review Commission meeting minutes.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Other Business

2. Review Updated Meeting Schedule [2024-0666](#)

The Updated Meeting Schedule was not discussed.

Ms. Smith provided a synopsis of the Charter's history and purpose.

Unfinished Business from the Prior Meeting

Ms. Smith stated at the prior meeting the question was posed if there is the ability to amend or address changes at the end of the third public hearing, and she requested Attorney Simmons address that question.

Attorney Simmons explained Section 4.2(B)(4) of the Seminole County Home Rule Charter states "The Charter Review Commission shall hold at least three (3) public hearings at intervals of not less than 10 days nor more than 20 days on any proposed Charter amendment or revision, and no Charter amendment or revision shall be submitted to the electorate for adoption unless favorably voted upon by a majority of the entire membership of the Charter Review Commission." He stated the language for that particular section of the Charter appears to derive from Florida Statute 125.63, which deals with the initial commission that is put together. The language of Section 125.63 uses the same terminology about having three hearings at intervals of not less than 10 nor more than 20 days. The statute further says

"At the final hearing, the charter commission shall incorporate any amendments it deems desirable, vote upon a proposed charter, and forward said charter to the Board of County Commissioners for the holding of a referendum election as provided in Section 125.64." That concept is consistent with what he believes the CRC has adopted which is that the purpose of the required hearings is that at the conclusion of those hearings, the CRC would be able to make the appropriate revisions as they deem appropriate. Although that language is not contained in the Charter, the Charter seems to at least replicate the majority of Section 125.63, and it is clear that the language and the concept for revisions is similar to the initial adoption of a charter.

With that said, then what happens is the CRC is able to go through the hearing process listening to the interested electorate, take into consideration the comments that are made, and then at the conclusion of the hearing process be able to make appropriate amendments and revisions that the CRC feel would be appropriate. Robert's Rules of Order, which have been adopted by the CRC as the procedural mechanism for parliamentary process, would provide a mechanism for making changes to the two resolutions that are presently before the CRC.

Ms. Smith confirmed with Attorney Simmons that the statutory regulations allows the CRC to defer conversation and consideration until after the third public hearing.

Attorney Simmons stated with respect to the matters that are before the CRC and the discussions that were held, the issue becomes what would be the process. He believes there is the right that is inherent to deal with all the matters, including the matters that were raised at the last meeting. In regard to the question of whether they adopt a motion to reconsider, there are various rules with respect to motions to reconsider. As to the previously proposed third resolution (supermajority vote to change density and intensity in the rural areas) and how the CRC may want to deal with it, a motion to reconsideration must be made by someone who was a member on the prevailing side, but the seconder need not be made by a member who was on the prevailing side. The effect of the motion would be to suspend any effect of the matter under consideration until it's acted upon, which could be at the end of the hearings. Alternately, there could be a motion to delay consideration of all of the matters until the conclusion of the public hearings. Attorney Simmons opined someone would easily say the purpose of three hearings is to wait until the conclusion to make and incorporate any amendments that seems desirable and then vote upon them and then ultimately decide what it's going to send forward. Otherwise the hearings would not be needed.

There was brief discussion and it was determined the June 6th meeting would be the appropriate meeting to discuss any amendments.

Motion by Scott Culp, seconded by Tom O'Hanlon, to delay adoption and final vote on the resolutions.

All members in attendance voted AYE.

Public Hearings - Legislative

3. Resolution No. 1 Ballot Title: Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to transfer or change the use of Natural Lands

[2024-0663](#)

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4. Resolution No. 2 Ballot Title: Requiring Supermajority vote by County Commissioners to remove lands from the County's Rural Area

[2024-0664](#)

Public Comment

With regard to public participation, the following spoke in support: Lee Patrizzi, Richard Creedon, Virginia Creedon, Mike Martin, Tracey Stebbons, Linda Raden, Pat Southward, Rick Roberts, Patricia Burkett, David Nash, Gary Carney, Wafa Esposito, Cindy Haller, and Fred Milch.

Joseph Kovecses, Jr., Esquire, spoke in opposition.

Lisa Zitani submitted written comment in support.

Public Comment Forms and Written Comment Forms were received and filed.

BCC Commissioner Lee Constantine addressed the CRC and thanked them for their work.

Next scheduled meeting date

The next scheduled public hearing of the Charter Review Commission is on May 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the CRC, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting at 7:00 p.m., this same date.

SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

Seminole County

Charter Review Commission Meeting

Date: 5-16-24

Name: Lee PATRIZZI

Address: 265 RIVERWOODS DR CHULUOTA 32716

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SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

Seminole County

Charter Review Commission Meeting

Date: 5-16-2024

Name: RICHARD CREEDON

Address: 1172 APACHE DR, GENEVA FL

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SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

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Date: 5/16/24

Name: Virginia Creedon

Address: 1172 Apache DR GENOVA

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#3 should be combined with
#2.

SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

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Date: 5-16-2024

Name: MIKE MARTIN

Address: 395 RACCON ST

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Date: 5/16/24

Name: Tracey R. Stebbins

Address: 611 E. Main St., Geneva

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SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

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Date: 5/16/24

Name: Linda Radwin

Address: 657 Lake Dr Altamonte Sp, FL
32701

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SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

Seminole County

Charter Review Commission Meeting

Date: 5/15/24

Name: PAT SOUTHWARD

Address: 316 OAK LEAF CIRCLE
LK MARCY

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Date: May 16, 2024

Name: Rick Fodest

Address: 261 Nova Drive

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Date: 5-16-24

Name: Patricia Burkett

Address: 1821 Carlton St

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At least 5yr Mayor's Post Office
Unanimous,
Parks need protection too?

Seminole County's Natural Lands 2024

In 1990, Commissioner Nancy Warren proposed a Ballot Referendum to fund Acquisition, Preservation, Restoration and Use of Important Natural Environmental Lands. It was to raise more than 20 million dollars over 20 years by adding an average of \$15 to each homeowner's property taxes. Purpose? To preserve natural lands for current citizens and for future generations!

Local environmental and citizen groups campaigned and Seminole County citizens passed the referendum with a 60-40 vote.

The County Commission appointed environmental activists for the Natural Lands Selection Committee:

Dr. Henry Whittier, UCF Professor of Botany
Pat Burkett, Seminole County Environmental Studies Center teacher
Allen Clark, Florida Audubon Society
Fred Harden, The Nature Conservancy and Friends of the Wekiva River
Dr. David Vickers, UCF Professor of Biology
Rear Admiral Ret. Richard Fowler, Vice Pres Friends of the St. Johns.

It was to be willing seller only. Property owners offered their property for consideration. Often, the owners were proud of how they had managed their land and wanted their ranch/property to be preserved.

The Selection Committee spent much of the first year meeting to formulate criteria for fair selection:

Property Ranking Criteria:

Vulnerability
Rarity
Connectedness
Manageability
Nature-Oriented Human-Use Potential
Special Considerations

When a property was proposed, the Selection Committee walked the property, taking notes, discussing points of the criteria and ranking the property. They met on site and in the County Services Building to consider. When a site was agreed a great candidate for preservation, the information was given to the County Commission for action. County Planning Department found matching grants, even co-ownership. One site on the Wekiva River is now part of Wekiva Geo-Park.

Require a Super Majority to change a Natural Land? Of course! How about a "NEVER!" or at least a Unanimous vote instead. And do the parks purchased with the Parks Referendum need protecting as well? Let's be sure that 2024 is one more year that protected Natural Lands ARE protected Natural Lands!

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Name: David Nash

Address: 1692 Orrington Payne Pl., Casselberry, 32707

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Date: 5/16/24

Name: GARY CARNEY

Address: 304 RACHELLE AVE apt 313 SANFORD

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Name: Walter ESPOSITO

Address: 5040 Hawks Hammock way
Sanford

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Name: Cindy Haller

Address: 1731 Beacon Dr. Sanford 32771

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Florida Natural Areas Inventory ACRES OF CONSERVATION LANDS BY COUNTY

January 2023



Conservation Lands are Categorized by Lead Managing Agency

COUNTY	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL	PRIVATE	TOTAL	COUNTY AREA	PERCENT OF COUNTY IN CONSERVATION
Alachua	32,854	87,859	100	5,179	125,992	859,369	14%
Baker	2,594	39,450	124,210	30	166,284	371,427	44%
Bay	2,949	292,120	24,110	6,949	326,128	686,920	47%
Bradford	150	10,223	20	640	11,033	187,510	6%
Brevard	19,349	800,258	91,593	7,630	918,830	651,679	141%
Broward	5,650	471,550	10	30	477,240	773,760	62%
Calhoun	0	2,000	990	2,370	5,360	562,860	1%
Charlotte	4,810	174,500	610	110	175,030	444,190	39%
Citrus	154	124,318	9,600	410	134,482	373,798	36%
Clay	1,164	127,030	0	19,400	147,594	334,640	44%
Collier	4,630	221,728	619,000	12,450	857,808	1,260,540	68%
Columbia	810	28,450	117,450	2,520	148,230	516,630	29%
DeSoto	230	54,000	3,050	1,820	59,100	487,080	12%
Dade	0	116,570	27,670	0	144,240	150,560	96%
Duval	21,230	76,000	16,870	13,000	127,100	459,305	28%
Escambia	1,333	23,180	12,240	2,430	39,183	424,920	9%
Flagler	6,360	34,990	0	3,160	44,510	312,600	14%
Franklin	250	257,730	23,230	1,240	292,450	341,750	86%
Gadsden	290	16,850	10	2,300	19,450	230,540	8%
Gulf	270	2,240	0	120	2,630	221,350	1%
Hamilton	280	153,738	1,100	29,350	184,468	198,300	93%
Hardee	150	75,560	0	0	75,710	391,600	19%
Hernando	0	25,350	490	140	25,980	309,000	8%
Hillsborough	0	17,160	0	450	17,610	407,650	4%
Holmes	0	130,250	40,450	3,740	174,440	727,820	24%
Indian River	1,130	82,730	5,740	260	89,920	301,820	30%
Jefferson	1,380	84,630	114,010	29,580	239,600	267,820	90%
Lake	62,650	44,720	5,000	17,000	129,370	672,610	19%
Lalor	0	12,660	410	0	13,070	258,490	5%
Levy	4,970	81,630	1,100	3,110	90,810	324,920	28%
Lindsey	830	19,590	570	800	21,790	282,210	8%
Madison	60	71,470	10,710	23,250	105,430	347,520	30%
Manatee	0	90,020	10	0	90,030	148,830	60%
Maricopa	10,150	111,070	64,500	3,430	189,150	629,520	30%
Meeker	32,130	64,540	6,180	3,000	105,850	514,560	21%
Monroe	4,470	25,300	135,040	21,010	185,820	401,850	46%
Nassau	3,870	155,980	24,620	1,640	186,110	716,820	26%
Navy	0	51,140	274,090	5,500	330,730	639,010	52%
Okaloosa	0	17,730	750	800	19,280	342,630	6%
Orange	27,010	15,030	1,990	1,000	45,030	474,210	9%
Osceola	2,800	27,900	272,140	4,520	307,360	1,016,560	30%
Polk	2,150	82,610	4,140	1,120	89,020	333,410	27%
Putnam	16,350	381,620	648,430	13,000	1,119,400	1,284,900	87%
St. Johns	2,030	19,130	564,150	500	666,810	634,620	105%
St. Leon	310	23,560	10	7,550	29,430	417,280	7%
St. Lucie	110	72,110	119,010	0	201,230	629,010	32%
Sumter	0	139,880	22,440	2,520	164,840	696,930	24%
Talman	2,570	26,870	0	4,930	34,370	501,120	7%
Taylor	16,230	209,940	2,980	51,010	279,160	668,990	42%
Union	49,370	266,510	141,110	110	497,100	1,301,750	38%
Volusia	17,810	64,740	0	1,830	84,380	475,400	18%
Wakulla	16,633	3,770	560	0	21,963	179,250	12%
Walton	17,830	309,220	67,480	23,170	417,700	1,266,030	33%
Washington	1,400	93,250	27,690	1,000	123,340	402,980	31%
Watts	140	149,640	72,540	1,530	263,810	626,140	42%
Wayne	42,140	67,970	10	830	111,940	360,030	31%
Yamoua	7,140	12,360	430	830	19,760	187,130	11%
Yulee	7,810	66,550	360	12,630	87,350	329,760	27%
Zephyr	30,670	21,360	90	3,810	55,930	504,060	11%
Alford	0	113,630	0	110	113,740	343,440	33%
Alford	0	24,030	0	100	24,130	420,320	6%
Alford	0	51,570	1,300	5,920	58,790	626,630	9%
Alford	0	200	0	40	240	183,650	0%
Alford	52,570	145,420	33,460	22,190	253,640	707,840	36%
Alford	300	13,790	242,240	610	246,940	306,430	80%
Alford	230	102,670	194,920	9,540	309,360	673,120	46%
Alford	0	50,490	1,230	120	51,840	371,200	14%

PLEASE NOTE: Conservation lands include public and some privately owned lands managed for conservation of their natural resources, including land that are not managed for conservation (e.g., schools, and private) and are not considered conservation lands and are not included in this data set. County area boundaries are determined by county from the FIM/FDMA GIS data layer. These areas do not include areas within FIM/FDMA boundaries. Additional acres of managed areas, known as FIM/FDMA data, are added to the total total. FIM/FDMA data include conservation lands (CLAs) that are not managed by a managing agency. These attributes are not reflected in this table. County area boundaries may not yet be reflected in other tables. County area data derived from the National Aerial Imagery of Counties. State includes land managed by state agencies that are not management districts. As of September 2013, FIM/FDMA data for the Wetlands Reserve Program and Grassland Reserve Program were not included and reported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. These attributes are included in the "Federal" column.

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Name: Fred Milch

Address: 252 Coble Dr.

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Name: Joseph Kovacs, Esq.

Address: 215 N. Eola Dr. Orlando FL 32801

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Written
~~SPEAKER~~ REQUEST FORM

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Date: 5/16/24

Name: Lisa Z. Jani

Address: 1517 Florentino Ln
Winter Park, FL 32792

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Not present to speak
But in support of the proposed
amendments being presented

Builders don't seem to compromise
and ~~some~~ they don't have to live
In those areas they destroy
Protect wildlife as well