

**Official Minutes of  
MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

May 8, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met in a special session in Commission Chambers at 1:33 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

**INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HEARING BY CHAIRMAN STONE**

The Board of County Commission (BCC) Chairman Stone advised that the public hearing is scheduled today in regard to the Dunnellon Airport Authority.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Vice Chairman David Moore, District 1; Commissioner Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Jeff Gold, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, District 4. Also present were Clerk David R. Ellspermann, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter and County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes.

**PRESENT PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Deputy Clerk Lewter presented legal ad No. A000951364 entitled, "Notice of Public Hearing" published in the Star Banner newspaper on April 22, 2019. The Notice states the Board will consider an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Dunnellon Airport Authority. The Deputy Clerk was in receipt of a 1 page Agenda, a 1 page memo and a 4 page copy of the proposed Intergovernmental Operations Agreement.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Appointment of Officers – Guy Minter, County Attorney  
County Attorney Matthew Guy Minter advised that the Dunnellon Airport Authority was established by a Special Act of the Legislature in 1981. The Act provides that the BCC shall serve as the Dunnellon Airport Authority. As it stands today the BCC acting as the Authority has never elected a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Airport Authority; therefore, the first item on the Agenda is for the appointment of those officers. In response to BCC Chairman Stone, Mr. Minter advised that there is nothing prohibiting the BCC from electing the BCC Chairman and Vice Chairman as the Dunnellon Airport Authority Chairman and Vice Chairman.  
Commissioner Bryant stated the Dunnellon Airport is located in District 2 and requested as the representative of that District to be considered for the position of Chairman of the Dunnellon Airport Authority.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, for the Chairman of the Dunnellon Airport Authority to preside with the Commissioner of District 2 and the Vice Chairman with the Chairman of the BCC. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

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BCC Chairman Stone passed the gavel to Commissioner Bryant, who assumed the Chair of the Dunnellon Airport Authority.

2. Approval of Intergovernmental Operations Agreement with the Marion County Board of County Commissioners – Guy Minter, County Attorney

Mr. Minter advised that the Dunnellon Airport Authority has to approve the Intergovernmental Operations Agreement. Then the Board will meet in a Public Hearing as the BCC immediately after this meeting concludes at which time it will have the authority to consider adoption of the Rate and Fee Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Gold to approve the Intergovernmental Operations Agreement with the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Couillard requested clarification on the name of the airport facility.

Mr. Minter advised that the Airport Authority was established by Special Act in 1981, the County has a couple Ordinances that were adopted that related to the Airport, which refer to the Dunnellon Airport Authority, noting in every BCC approved official document the airport is referred to as the Dunnellon Airport Authority. He stated the Board is unable to change the name given to the Authority by State Statute, but the Board could approve an alternate designation that can be utilized for purposes such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Chairman Bryant stated the Authority will always be the Dunnellon Airport Authority, which will oversee the Marion County Airport at Dunnellon Field.

Mr. Minter advised that the Legislation, Statute and County Ordinances refer to the Dunnellon Airport, noting there is no references to the Marion County Airport.

In response to Chairman Bryant, Mr. Minter stated the Board could operate as the Dunnellon Airport Authority doing business as (DBA) the Marion County Airport.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone to allow the Dunnellon Airport to conduct business under the name of the Marion County Airport.

County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that during the Legislative session staff will move forward with trying to do away with this Special Act. It was the general consensus of the Board to concur.

Chairman Bryant stated since the Authority approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the BCC to do the business of the Dunnellon Airport Authority should this matter be addressed at the next Public Hearing where the Board is considering the rate and fee changes. Mr. Minter concurred.

It was the general consensus of the Board to address this matter during the Public Hearing relating to Airport rates and fees.

Commissioner Stone withdrew her motion.


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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

  
Kathy Bryant, Chairman

Attest:

  
David R. Ellspermann, Clerk

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