

eAgenda

February 2, 2011 Special Meeting

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Special Joint Meeting – February 2, 2011
9:00 a.m.
Port St. Lucie Community Center
2195 SE Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. [Joint Meeting between St. Lucie County Commission, Port St. Lucie City Council, Fort Pierce City Commission, St. Lucie County School Board](#)

Minutes:

County Commissioner Chris Craft called the February 2, 2011 Joint Meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Port St. Lucie Community Center.

2. [Roll Call](#)

Minutes:

All five of the St. Lucie County School Board members were in attendance along with elected officials of the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, Fort Pierce City Commissioners, and Port St. Lucie City Council (Councilwoman Michelle Berger was absent).

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

3. [School Resource Officer Funding \(Revised\)](#)

Minutes:

Commissioner Craft stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to discuss a dedicated funding source for the School Resource Deputy/School Resource Officer program, possibly by using a Municipal Service Tax Unit (MSTU). He recapped how funding for the SRD/SRO program had continued to present a dilemma for the School Board, law enforcement agencies and the local governing bodies over many years, and particularly so in light of the country's economic downturn and the state's growing budget deficit. County Attorney Dan McIntyre reviewed the question of using a MSBU v. MSTU of which the latter was determined appropriate (both city attorneys concurred). A tentative timeline was shared so that everyone was familiar with what and when decisions and documents would be needed.

When Commissioner Craft asked if there was support for an MSTU, he received a plethora of comments, questions, concerns, and suggestions, many of which revolved around program logistics. All of the officials appeared to agree that the program should be maintained but funding it was the big question that everyone was struggling to answer. And, before that question could be answered, some members wanted to know what the program would look like. Another important issue was whether or not taxes in some other millage could be reduced to make the funding cost neutral to taxpayers. As a result, it was moved and seconded by each entity (School Board/Hilson/Mills/Carried 5-0) (exception: City of Fort Pierce to vote at its regular meeting within city limits) that two members from each governmental body, along with the sheriff and both city police chiefs, shall form an SRD Task Force to examine funding and program options to be brought back to the joint meeting body before May 15, 2011.

Chairman Craft recessed the joint meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. and the group moved on to the next agenda item.

4. [Pain Clinics](#)

Minutes:

Officials shared their concerns about the number of pain clinics that were moving into their communities and agreed that all, including the state of Florida, should either extend existing ordinances or draft similar laws that would deter these establishments from doing business on the Treasure Coast.

5. [Other Joint Funding Areas](#)

Minutes: Port St. Lucie City Mayor asked officials to think about other areas of commonality where governmental bodies could join together for the benefit of taxpayers.

6. [Creating Co-ops](#)

Minutes: Commissioner Craft suggested, (BOCC/Mowery/Hutchinson/Carried 5-0) that purchasing agents from each agency work together to create coops that save taxpayer dollars.

ADJOURNMENT

7. [Adjourned 11:25 a.m.](#)

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