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CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP

Citizen Outreach Group October 17, 2022

**Members Present
In Person and Via
Virtual/Teleconference
Meeting:**

Jim Godfrey, Carl “Chip” Frazer, Kelvin Dean, Stephanie Adams, Rafael Chanza

Members Absent:

Sara Brittain Jack, Art Glynn, Ruble Henderson, Kevin Cox

Commissioners Present:

Stan VanderWerf

County Staff Present:

Nikki Simmons, Ryan Parsell, Vernon Stewart, Rebecca Rudder, Lori Cleaton

I. Call to Order, Jim Godfrey - Chair: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. Administrative Items, Jim Godfrey - Chair:

- a. A motion to excuse or not excuse absent Board members for the August 15, 2022 (due to lack of a quorum at the September 19, 2022, meeting) and the September 19, 2022, meetings was made by Chip Frazer and seconded by Stephanie Adams.
- b. A motion to approve the August 15, 2022 (due to lack of a quorum at the September 19, 2022, meeting) and the September 19, 2022, meeting minutes as written was made by Chip Frazer and seconded by Stephanie Adams.
- c. Commissioner Stan VanderWerf informed the Board members that he is preparing for the State of the Region scheduled for November 20, 2022, and it would be great to have Citizen Outreach Group (COG) representation at the luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.
 - i. Vernon Stewart will send out the details after the COG meeting.

III: 2023 Preliminary Balanced Budget Presentation, Nikki Simmons – Chief Financial Officer

- a. Presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on October 4, 2022. No action was taken by the BOCC because this is just the Administration’s proposal to the BOCC for what should be included in the 2023 Preliminary Balanced Budget.
- b. The COG was asked to do a presentation to the BOCC on October 19, 2022.
- c. The BOCC invited COG’s input on Preliminary Balanced Budget.
- d. The Preliminary Balanced Budget is open for public inspection.

IV: Continuation of the Future Direction of the COG Discussion – Ryan Parsell

- a. Action Item: Review list of 2023 Community Events for COG outreach opportunities.
- b. Action Item: Consider taking the lead on scheduling and running Commissioner Town Halls
- c. Action Item: Consider creating and teaching a County Ambassador Program to help individuals to become more knowledgeable about the County.
- d. Discussed current and upcoming vacancies on COG and the opportunity they present to redefine the future generation of the COG.
- e. COG members agreed to move the November meeting to the 14th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- f. Action Item: Members were informed that a recording of the Public Safety Tax meeting would be sent to them to listen to prior to the November meeting to comply with certain legal obligations COG must fulfill by the end of the year.

V: Meeting Adjourned: 11:15 a.m.