

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

AUGUST 21, 2024

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

9:00 A.M.

**WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654**

County Commissioners	Honorable Ronald E. Oakley, Chairman, District 1 Honorable Kathryn Starkey, Vice-Chairman, District 3 Honorable Seth Weightman, District 2 Honorable Lisa Yeager, District 4 Honorable Jack Mariano, District 5
Clerk & Comptroller	Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq.
County Administrator	Mike Carballa, P.E.
County Attorney	Jeffrey N. Steinsnyder, Esq.

Call to Order

Chairman Oakley called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Ms. Alvarez-Sowles called the roll. All members were present.

Regular

Legislative/Administrative - County Attorney

Mr. Steinsnyder stated, "I desire the advice of the Board of County Commissioners concerning two cases. First one being Embassy Center, LLC versus Pasco County, Circuit Court case number 51-2024CA-00851-AXWS Florida Sixth Judicial Circuit. The second one is Coastline Boat Covers Nature Coast LLC, Jeromy Gamble, individually, and Rebecca Gamble, individually versus Pasco County, Florida case number 512021-CA-002892AXWS Florida Sixth Judicial Circuit to discuss settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation and for that reason I request a private attorney-client meeting. If the Board approves you should open the private attorney-client meeting and announce the commencement and estimated length of the private attorney-client meeting and the names of the persons attending, at the conclusion of the private attorney-client meeting the Board's public meeting should be reconvened and you should announce the termination of the private attorney-client meetings. The entirety of each private attorney-client meeting will be reported by a certified court reporter and the transcript thereof will be made a public record upon conclusion of the litigation. I estimate each attorney-client meeting will last approximately thirty minutes; we have scheduled a certified court reporter to be in attendance in the Commissioner's Conference Room for the private attorney-client meeting."

Chairman Oakley stated, "I hereby announce the commencement of two private attorney-client meetings at which the Board will discuss the settlement and negotiations strategy related to the litigation expenditures in the cases of Embassy Center LLC, Pasco County, Florida case number 51-2024-CA-000851CAXWS and Coastline Boatlift Covers Nature Coast LLC, Jeromy Gamble, individually, and Rebecca Gamble, individually versus Pasco County, Florida case number 51-2021-CA-002892-AXWS Florida Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit. The names of persons proceeding to attend the private client meeting will be Chairman Ron Oakley, Vice-Chairman Kathryn Starkey, Commissioners Seth Weightman, Lisa Yeager, and Jack Mariano, the County Attorney Jeffrey N. Steinsnyder, the Chief Assistant County Attorney David Goldstein, Assistant County Attorney Sam B. Boundy, the County Administrator Mike Carballa, and a court reporter. The estimated time of each attorney-client meeting is approximately thirty minutes. The private attorney-client meeting will now convene in the Commissioner's Conference Room."

THE BOARD RECESSED INTO THE LITIGATION ASSESSMENT MEETING AT 09:11 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:10 A.M.

Mr. Steinsnyder stated, “on behalf of the Chairman, the private attorney-client meetings to discuss litigation and strategy in the cases of Embassy Center, LLC versus Pasco County, Florida case number 51-2024-CA-000851-CAAXWS Florida Sixth Judicial Circuit and Coastline Boat Covers Nature Coast LLC, Jeromy Gamble, individually, and Rebecca Gamble, individually versus Pasco County, Florida case number 512021-CA-202892-CAAXWS Florida Sixth Judicial Circuit have concluded.”

R1 CLOSED ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION- Litigation Assessment Meeting pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, for the case of Embassy Center LLC. v. Pasco County, Florida Case No. 51-2024-CA-000851-CAAXWS, (Fla. Cir. Ct., 6th Jud. Cir.)
 File Number CAO24-3503
 Comm. Dist. All
 Recommendation Approve

Items R1 and R2 were heard together during the closed attorney-client session.

Mr. Steinsnyder requested a motion to authorize the County Attorney’s Office to counter offer up to \$100,000.00 payable only if the non-conforming sign is removed or made conforming within one year with sign permits issued to the tenants in the interim as discussed in the litigation assessment meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the requested motion.

COMMISSIONER STARKEY MOVED to authorize the County Attorney’s Office to counter offer up to \$100,000.00 payable only if the non-conforming sign is removed or made conforming within one year, with sign permits issued to the tenants in the interim as discussed in the litigation assessment meeting; **COMMISSIONER YEAGER SECONDED**.

Chairman Oakley called on the motion; the motion carried with Commissioner Mariano voting nay.

R2 CLOSED ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION- Litigation Assessment Meeting pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, for the case of Coastline Boatlift Covers Nature Coast LLC; Jeromy Gamble, Individually; and Rebecca Gamble, Individually v. Pasco County, Florida Case No. 51-2021-CA-002892-CAAXWS, (Fla. Cir. Ct., 6th Jud. Cir.)
 File Number CAO24-5501
 Comm. Dist. All
 Recommendation Approve

Items R1 and R2 were heard together during the closed Attorney-Client Session.

Mr. Steinsnyder noted he believed he had adequate direction from the Board in the litigation assessment meeting by consensus to move forward with a proposal on the case and that no motion was needed.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Prepared by: Meaghan Legnini , Operations Lead, Board Records Division