

OCEAN HIGHWAY & PORT AUTHORITY



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Ray Nelson – Commissioner, District 4
Mike Cole – Commissioner, District 5

Shade Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2023

The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County held a Shade Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Nassau County Commission Chambers, James S. Page Government Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097.

The OHPA Board public meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Fullwood. Mr. Krechowski, Port Attorney, made a statement requesting a shade meeting for the *City of Fernandina v. OHPA* case. The shade meeting was convened with the full Board; Mr. Kaufman, Port Executive Director; Mr. Krechowski, Port Attorney; and Sherry Smith, court reporter present. The shade meeting concluded at approximately 4:35 PM and the public meeting was reconvened by Chairman Fullwood. The conclusion and termination of the shade meeting was announced.

There was no meeting agenda submitted except for the shade meeting. However, there were items brought forth for discussions/reports.

Commissioner Nelson reported an issue regarding the Customs and Border Patrol facility.

Discussion: On Tuesday, May 23rd Commissioner Nelson received a call from CBP Port Director Steve Parrott advising that his boss and her boss would be visiting the Port of Fernandina on Tuesday, June 6th. During this visit they will inquire on the status of any plans for a new CBP facility at the Port of Fernandina. Mr. Parrott advised that the current CBP office contract with OHPA expires next year. Commissioner Nelson was advised that this issue has been a topic of discussion for the last several years and that they will be looking for a definitive decision to either move forward or not with a new office building and contract. In the event no new agreement is reached, the two CBP agents Steve Parrott and Eric Blair will be relocated to the Jacksonville CBP office. Commissioner Nelson advised Mr. Parrott that this issue will be mentioned at the shade meeting held on 5/24/2023 and then placed on the OHPA Board meeting agenda scheduled for June 14, 2023 for further discussion.

Commissioner Cole mentioned the North Florida TPO invited the OHPA Board to Jax Port in the future to witness the arrival and docking of a large international vessel that is expected to arrive in the near future.

The last non-agenda item was brought forth by Chairman Fullwood. He wished to discuss the location of the budget workshop to be held in June and surveyed the Board for input on holding the meeting in Callahan. Vice Chairperson Hill inquired about the change of location since OHPA has never held meetings in Callahan. Commissioner Cole suggested the Chairman can dictate where the meetings are held without discussion. Subsequently, the Chairman announced that OHPA will hold the workshop at the Callahan City Hall. He declined to state the reason for the change of location.

Adjourn

With no other questions brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 PM.

Rossana Hebron, Office Manager, was excused from the shade meeting; therefore, Mr. Krechowski took notes for the entire meeting. Vice Chairperson Hill and Commissioner Nelson both contributed their meeting notes for the minutes.



Danny Fullwood, Chairman

6-14-2023

Date