



Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice-Mayor Osterman, Commissioners Rumsey, Hockman and Longtin, Town Manager Maria Davis, Town Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Lemley. Mayor DuBois was absent.

Vice-Mayor Osterman led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Vivian Lemley performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0

PROCLAMATIONS

Lake Park Lions Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball Team for Winning the County Championship

Vice-Mayor Osterman read the Proclamation to Lake Park Lions Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball.

A coach of the Lake Park Lions Basketball Team thanked everyone for the Proclamation and spoke about his experiences as a coach.

PRESENTATION

Palm Beach County Ethics Committee Chair Brad Merriman

Mr. Merriman introduced himself and Mr. Alan Johnson the new Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics. He gave a brief background on what the Commission on Ethics has recently established. He began a PowerPoint presentation (see Exhibit "A") to continue his explanation. He stated that in December 2009 Palm Beach County passed three Ordinances which created the Commission on Ethics (COE), Inspector General (IG) and the Code of Ethics (see page 1 of Exhibit "A"). He explained the Commission on Ethics and its functions (see pages 2 through 5 of Exhibit "A"). He explained and reviewed the "Commission on Ethics' Powers and Duties" (see pages 6 through 7 of Exhibit "A"). He reviewed the Commission on Ethics' Executive Director Duties (see pages 8 of Exhibit "A"). He reviewed the Commission on Ethics Funding (see page 9 of Exhibit "A"). He reviewed and explained the "Inspector General Ordinance" its "Function, Authority, and Power", the process of "Selection and Removal of Inspector General" and the "Inspector General Funding" (see pages 10 through 14). He reviewed and explained the "Code of Ethics" and its duties and functions (see pages 15 through 23 of Exhibit "A"). He reviewed and explained a "Proposed Charter Amendment" that will be placed as a referendum question at the next election. The question will be whether or not those Ordinances should be placed in the County Charter (see page 24 of Exhibit "A"). He explained the "Implementation Committee" (see page 25 of Exhibit "A"). He concluded by reviewing a copy of the Palm Beach County website page that had the link to the Ethics/Inspector General information (see page 26 of Exhibit "A").

Commissioner Rumsey stated that the present Ethics Commission was only covering county employees and elected officials but to have other municipalities included, the referendum would need to be passed in November.

Mr. Merriman explained that the majority of the residents in the municipality would have to vote for it.

Attorney Tom Baird stated that there would be one ballot question and the Supervisor of Elections office would determine whether or not the majority voted for the question in each municipality which would set those ordinances in place within that municipality.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Merriman, Attorney Baird and the Commissioners regarding the proposed ordinances, their implementation, and how they would affect the Town of Lake Park.

Commissioner Rumsey congratulated Mr. Merriman and the Palm Beach County Ethics Committee for their work and efforts and he stated that he hoped that the voters of Lake Park would approve the proposal.

Commissioner Longtin asked if it was the voters or the Commission that would bring the ordinances to Lake Park.

Mr. Merriman explained the process and stated that the only thing that would come before the County Commission would be the ballot language for the referendum question.

Commissioner Longtin asked if the Town would be deducting 2.5% of their payments to vendors.

Mr. Merriman explained that there would need to be dedicated funding source. He explained that the negotiation was still in process.

Commissioner Longtin asked if the voters did not vote in favor, could the Commission participate.

Mr. Merriman explained that if the voters did not vote in favor the Commission could enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Inspector General and the Commission on Ethics to use their services.

Commissioner Longtin asked if the training offered for county employees was also available for municipal employees.

Mr. Merriman stated that the training was available on the County's website under the "Training" link and anyone could watch a training session online.

Commissioner Longtin asked if Mr. Merriman expected any push back on the vote.

Mr. Merriman stated that he did not expect any push back and he gave an explanation why.

Commissioner Hockman asked if the rate to participate would be the same for all municipalities.

Mr. Merriman explained that it would not be the same rate across the board and that there were certain exclusions involved.

Discussion continued between Mr. Merriman and the Commissioners regarding their questions about the Commission on Ethics.

Mr. Merriman thanked the Commission for their time.

The Commission thanked Mr. Merriman for his presentation.

PUBLIC AND OTHER COMMENTS:

Roslyn Saunders, 211 E. Ilex Dr. – expressed her concerns regarding the proposed street closures in Lake Park and the effects it would create in the event of storms and hurricanes.

Tim Kasher, 315 Foresteria Dr. – stated that he would be moving out of Town. He expressed his issues with sober homes and halfway houses that have been allowed to run in the Town.

Vice-Mayor Osterman and Commissioner Rumsey thanked Mr. Kasher for the work he has done and for being outspoken on the sober housing issue.

Public Comment Closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2010
2. Resolution No. 21-05-10 Grant Application to Fund Lake Shore Drive Construction Project
3. Amendment to the Bioscience Interlocal Agreement

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she wanted all consent items pulled for discussion. She stated that there were errors in the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2010 and that they were not done to her recollection. She stated that to her recollection there were death threats made to Commissioner Hockman by Mr. Balius and the threat to burn Commissioner Hockman's house was made by Mr. Wallace.

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that the April 7, 2010 meeting minutes were done verbatim and they were done exactly how she remembered and she had reviewed the DVD recording of the meeting several times and the minutes were done accurately.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she did not remember making a specific comment that was noted in the minutes.

Vice-Mayor Osterman tabled the minutes and directed Town Clerk Vivian Lemley to review the DVD recording of the meeting and the minutes and make sure that it was accurate and the Commissioners who had questions regarding the minutes to bring back their questions to the next Commission Meeting with pages of the minutes identified for possible discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to table the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2010; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
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| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |

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| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Commissioner Longtin asked for clarification of the Lake Shore Drive Construction Project.

Town Manager Davis explained that the project was to alleviate drainage problems on Lake Shore Drive.

John Downs of Calvin, Giordano and Associates explained that one new outfall to the intracoastal would be installed at the north end of the park. Pipes would be upsized and an infiltration trench installed to improve the drainage.

Commissioner Longtin asked how much of the grant for the project would also be for beautification as well as for drainage alleviation.

Town Manager Davis explained that she could not answer that question because it was a matching grant in order to obtain another grant. They would be proposing to pledge storm water utility dollars as debt service for the remainder of the needed funds. She stated that she could not yet tell how much would be attributed to drainage and how much attributed to beautification, however she felt the majority would be for drainage.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to approve Resolution No. 21-05-10; Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor | | | |

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| DuBois | | | Absent |
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Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Vice-Mayor Osterman apologized to Mr. Balius for being remiss and not calling him up to speak on a previous issue of the April 7, 2010 meeting minutes. She asked Mr. Balius if he could speak at the next meeting since the minutes would be addressed again. She asked him if that would be acceptable.

Mr. Balius agreed.

Commissioner Longtin asked for item #3 of the Consent Agenda, Amendment to the Bioscience Interlocal Agreement to be explained.

Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan explained that a Bioscience Meeting would be taking place at Town Hall the next day. At the meeting the Amendment change would be voted upon or tabled by Commissioner Rumsey and Mayor DuBois. He explained that the item was brought before the Commission so that Commissioner Rumsey and Mayor DuBois could have guidance on whether or not to vote on the amendment. He stated that Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus requested that the item be brought before the Bioscience Board. He explained that the board was an Advisory Board and only gives an advisory opinion. In reviewing the new amended language he found there was not any substantial change.

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that in her review of the language she did not see any substantive change in the language.

Attorney Baird explained the reasons why the language needed to be changed and clarified. He gave past examples of instances where language had to be changed and reviewed by the Bioscience Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to approve the Amendment to the Bioscience Interlocal Agreement; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |

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| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |
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Motion passed 4-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2010 Amendment to Town Code of Ordinance Section 2-151 et. Seq. Regarding Rules Governing the Library Board

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED "LIBRARY BOARD"; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 2-154, 2-158, 2-160 AND 2-161 PERTAINING TO THE LIBRARY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Library Director Karen Mahnk explained why the changes needed to be made to Section 2-151 of the Town's Ordinances.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Osterman to approve Ordinance No. 05-2010; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

Town Attorney Baird read Ordinance No. 05-2010 by caption-only.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2010 Mobile Food Vendors

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "SOLICITATION" TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE III PERTAINING TO MOBILE VENDORS PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT A LICENSE IS REQUIRED; PROVIDING

FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR A LICENSE APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPIRATION OF LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSES BE DISPLAYED IN PLAIN VIEW; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HEALTH REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR MOBILE VENDOR STANDARDS; PROVIDING THAT MOBILE VENDORS SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REVOCATION OF LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan explained the reason for Ordinance No. 06-2010.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to approve Ordinance No. 06-2010; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

Town Attorney Baird read Ordinance No. 05-2010 by caption-only.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Appointment of a Commissioner to Serve on the Street Lighting Cost Study Short List Committee

Town Manager Davis explained that when the item was placed on the agenda it was anticipated that there would be a lot of participation in the RFP process for the project. Bids were opened yesterday and there were three qualified bidders that met all of the criteria and she stated that staff recommended bypassing the short list committee option

since there already was a short list and for the vendors to prepare presentations for the Commission so that the Commission could select from the three.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she had heard at a prior meeting that the consulting work would be done by the Town's in-house engineer.

Town Manager Davis stated that the scope of work was too great to be done in-house.

Commissioner Longtin stated that she had thought that Calvin Giordano and Associates would be doing the work.

Town Manager Davis stated that Calvin Giordano and Associates was one of the firms that submitted a proposal.

Vice-Mayor Osterman explained and clarified the process for Commissioner Longtin.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Rumsey to not appoint a Commissioner to a Short-List Committee and to move forward with the presentations by the three firms who submitted proposals; Commissioner Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

| Commission Member | Aye | Nay | Other |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Commissioner Hockman | X | | |
| Commissioner Longtin | X | | |
| Commissioner Rumsey | X | | |
| Vice-Mayor Osterman | X | | |
| Mayor DuBois | | | Absent |

Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Longtin asked when those firms would be making their presentations.

CRA Project Manager Richard Pittman explained that he had spoken with all three firms and asked them if they would be able to make a presentation by the week of June 7, 2010 or later. He stated that they all responded that they would be able.

Commissioner Rumsey asked if the presentations could be done at the June 16, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting.

Vice-Mayor Osterman recommended that the presentations be made at the June 16, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting with the option of making a decision by the next Commission Meeting in July.

Commissioner Longtin expressed concern that it would be a month before a decision would be made. She asked if the presentations could be done at the June 2, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting.

CRA Project Manager Pittman explained that there was one firm out of the three who could not have a presentation ready sooner than the week of June 7, 2010.

Discussion ensued between the Commissioners regarding the time limit which should be given for each presentation.

Vice-Mayor Osterman recommended a suggested time of 15 minutes with a cut-off of 20 minutes allowing a total of 30 minutes for presentation, questions, and answers.

Commissioner Hockman suggested having set times for each firm to make their presentation so that each firm is not in attendance while the other is giving their presentation.

CRA Project Manager Pittman explained that as a professional courtesy those firms would wait outside of the room while the other is giving their presentation. He requested that the firm who has traveled the farthest be given the earlier time due to their length of travel.

Vice-Mayor Osterman stated that she would trust CRA Project Manager Pittman's judgment in setting the times for those firms.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTOR

Mayor DuBois

Absent

Commissioner Hockman stated that he observed that a fishing tournament took place at the Marina over the weekend. He stated that he was glad to see the activity at the Marina.

Vice-Mayor Osterman asked Marina Director Michael Pisano to come up and speak about the Fishing Tournament Event and its success and the revenue generated.

Marina Director Michael Pisano stated that the Marina had a very successful Fishing Tournament over the past weekend. He stated that \$13,783.00 in revenue was made in two days. He stated that the parking meters at the Marina generated \$650 during the event. He stated that the patrons were very grateful that Lake Park "rolls out the red carpet" for the Fishing Tournament every year. He stated that the winner of the tournament donated his trophy to the Marina for display.

Commissioner Longtin thanked the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for donating the sign that forewarns of a new stop sign installation on Flagler Drive. She thanked the Vice-Mayor and Commissioners for their vote on the stop sign. She reminded everyone and announced the Street Closure Workshop on May 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. She thanked Commissioner Rumsey for his suggestion of Mr. Merriman's and Mr. Johnson's presentation from the Commission on Ethics Committee.

Commissioner Rumsey stated that he wanted to remind the public that a permit was required for yard sales, and that signs were not allowed on trees on Park Avenue.

Town Attorney Baird

None

Town Manager Davis stated that Human Resources Director Bambi McKibbon-Turner coordinated the "Relay for Life" with the American Cancer Society and joined with Singer Island to have a walk last weekend. She congratulated the staff members who participated. She stated that they raised over \$500. She named Dena Davis in Finance, Library staff Phillip Lyle Doss, Karen Mahnk, Mary Ann Matthews and HR Director Bambi McKibbon-Turner as those who participated in the event. She thanked Grants Writer Virginia Martin for her press releases. She also thanked Dena Davis' daughter Leah Davis, Sean Wolf, Ruth Korman of Lake Park, and Karen Currington of North Palm Beach for all of their efforts.

She announced the Bioscience Advisory Board Meeting on May 27, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. taking place in the Commission Chamber.


Commissioner Longtin commended Vice-Mayor Osterman for doing a great job in conducting her first Commission Meeting.

Vice-Mayor Osterman thanked Commissioner Longtin. She encouraged everyone who has a position on the issue to come out to the Street Closure Workshop on May 26, 2010.

Marina Director Michael Pisano announced that there would be another fishing tournament taking place at the Marina on May 22, 2010. The tournament would be more family oriented and from 2:30 p.m. on there will be a bounce house, face painting, and a water slide. He encouraged everyone to come out and have a great time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hockman and seconded by Commissioner Rumsey, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor Desca DuBois



Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica Shepherd, CMC



Approved on this 2 of June, 2010

Exhibit "A"



Ordinances

- **Commission on Ethics (COE)**
- **Inspector General (IG)**
- **Code of Ethics**

COMMISSION ON ETHICS



COE Membership

-- A former law enforcement official with experience in investigating white collar crime or public corruption.

Bruce Reinhart

-- A person who has served as a former elected official for a governmental entity in PBC.

Judge Edward Rogers (Chairman)

-- An attorney of experience in ethics regulation of public officials and employees.

Manny Farach

COE Membership

— a faculty member who teaches at an institution of higher education located in PBC & who has taught professional legal ethics or who has published or performed service in the field of professional legal ethics.

Dr. Robin Fiore

— a member with at least 5 years' experience as a CPA with forensic audit experience.

Ron Harbison

Members serve 4-year terms.

To Ensure Independence of COE

- Members will be selected through institutions that will never be subject to the jurisdiction of the COE/IG.
- Members may not hold or campaign for any elected office, political party or political committee, or be involved in any other political activity.
- Members may not be employed by any govt. entity subject to the authority of the COE/IG.

COE Powers & Duties

- Review, interpret, render advisory opinions, and enforce:
 - The PBC Code of Ethics
 - The PBC Post-Employment Ordinance
 - The PBC Lobbyist Registration Ordinance

COE Powers & Duties

- Develop and deliver training and outreach programs for County employees, officials and other participating governmental entities.
- Appoint an Executive Director to the COE

Alan Johnson

- Serve as the Selection Committee, along with the State Attorney & the Public Defender, or their designees, to select the Inspector General.
- *Negotiate agreements with other govt. agencies to provide services that the COE provides to PBC.*

COE Executive Director Duties

- Counsel to Ethics Commissioners and Ethics Commission Staff (additional support staff may be required).
- Legal counsel to serve as an advocate to prosecute cases before the Commission on Ethics.

COE Funding

- The COE Ordinance includes funding in the amount of \$180,000 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 fiscal year.
- Future funding from the BCC and entities that contract for COE services.

INSPECTOR GENERAL ORDINANCE



IG Function, Authority & Power

- To prevent misconduct involving abuse, corruption at all levels of County government. Hotline Number 877-283-7068
- Authorized to investigate, review & audit PBC funded programs and contracts & prepare reports & recommendations to PBC based on these investigations.
- *Authorized to negotiate agreements with other public entities to authorize the IG to exercise any & all authority & powers for the benefit of other public entities.*

Selection of Inspector General

- The IG shall be selected by the COE Selection Committee, based on qualifications established in the Ordinance.

Tentative Selection: Sheryl Steckler

- The COE Selection Committee determines whether or not to renew the contract for an additional four-year term.

The IG serves a 4 year term.

Removal of Inspector General

- May only be removed for cause based upon specified charges & involves a 2-step process:
 - **Initiation**
 - By the BCC, the selection committee, or by an entity that provided at least 25% of the IG budget in the prior fiscal year, with a **SUPERMAJORITY** vote at a public hearing.
 - The IG is given 60 days prior to a 2nd public hearing to prepare a response.
 - **Final Public Hearings**
 - The BCC, the selection committee & each Funding Entity will be required to conduct a public hearing and vote with a **SUPERMAJORITY** to remove.

IG Funding

- The IG Office includes funding estimated to be \$320,000 for the remainder of the 2009/2010 fiscal year.
- IG contract fee – .25%
- Future funding from contract fee and fees from entities contracting for IG services.

CODE OF ETHICS



Code of Ethics

Effective May 1, 2010

- Prohibits any official or employee from entering into contracts between the County and the official or employee or their outside employer or business
- Prohibits contingent fees
- Prohibits any official or employee from accepting or agreeing to accept any gift in exchange for an official public action to be taken

Code of Ethics

- Requires public officials to abstain from voting on any matter that would result in a financial benefit for the public official, the official's relatives, or any members of the official's household, any outside employer or business of the official, any customer or client of the official, any substantial debtor or creditor of the official, and any non-governmental civic group, union, social, charitable or religious organization of which he or she is an officer or director.

Code of Ethics Training

- All 6000 current County Employees as well as new employees are required to receive training
- All Advisory Board members are required to receive training

Code of Ethics

Gift Law

- Prohibits any official or employee from accepting gifts valued at more than \$100 from lobbyists or their principals, & further required to file an annual report (to COE) of all other gifts received valued at more than \$100.
- Prohibits all Advisory Board members from accepting gifts of over \$100 from lobbyists or their principals who lobby the Advisory Board or any related County Department

Code of Ethics

Lobbyist Registration

- The Lobbyist Registration Program is amended to require a filing fee of \$25 for each registration submitted (one principal per registration).
- Beginning October 1, 2010, Lobbyists will have to list all expenditures made by the Lobbyist in lobbying Palm Beach County officials and employees in excess of \$25 for the preceding year. The first expenditure report is due October 1, 2011.

Code of Ethics Enforcement

- Most stringent enforcement mechanism available to County govt. is to treat violations of County Ordinances consistent with second degree misdemeanors:

Maximums upon conviction:
60 days in prison, \$500 fine, or both.

Code of Ethics Enforcement

- Interference, refusal to cooperate with investigations of the COE or the IG, or harassing anyone attempting to cooperate with the COE or the IG will be referred to the State Attorney for prosecution.
- Both the COE & IG are authorized to refer certain violations of the Code of Ethics to state or federal authorities for criminal prosecution. Other provisions are subject to civil enforcement through administrative hearings by the COE.

Code of Ethics

Administrative Remedies

- Finding a violation by the COE shall subject a person to public reprimand, a fine of up to \$500, or both. The COE may also order restitution when a person or third party receives benefit as a result of the person's violation.
- Any contract, grant, permit, development order or other benefit given by the County as a result of a violation of the Code of Ethics may be rescinded or declared void by the BCC.

Proposed Charter Amendment

- In preparation for placing a charter amendment on the ballot for voter approval in November, 2010, the County is working with interested groups, including the League of Cities, and plan to present proposed language to the County Commission in June or July.

Implementation Committee

- To serve in advisory capacity, to make recommendations for the implementation of the Ethics Ordinances.



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- BCC Meetings**
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Ethics/Inspector General

The News - Budget Info - Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA)

- 05-10 Donations Needed for Pet Food Bank
- 04-10 BCC HINT: Flu Vaccination Locations Update
- 04-10 Palm Tran to Issue "Census 2010 - Be Counted" Reminders
- 03-10 Efram Sigel to Read from "The Disappearance" at the Royal Palm Beach Branch Library
- 02-10 County Offers New Single Family Mortgage Bond Program
- 01-10 County Offering Free Five-Week Course on Neighborhood Revitalization
- 01-10 Consumer Traps & Tips # 62 - Auto Repossessions [Spanish]
- 01-10 Mounts Botanical Garden to Host Workshop on Growing Herbs
- 29-10 County's Annual VITA Program Underway



United States **Census 2010**

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Palm Beach County Day 2010

1916 County Courthouse

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