

OCTOBER 24, 2023

The [Special Meeting](#) of the [Board of County Commissioners](#) was held on this date with the following Commissioners:

Brian Hamman, Chairman  
 Mike Greenwell, Vice-Chairman  
 Kevin Ruane – *Absent*  
 Cecil Pendergrass  
 Ray Sandelli

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30 AM

### COUNTY MANAGER

#### 1. Consider Adopting a Resolution Opposing Any Future Legislation Pertaining to an Elected County Executive (Administrator, Manager or Mayor)

**Item Summary:** At the October 17, 2023 regular Board meeting, the Board discussed its opposition to any future legislation in regards to an elected County Executive (Administrator, Manager or Mayor).

**Board Discussion:** Commissioner Pendergrass presented the item to the Board stating important to have a conversation regarding potential future legislation. Commissioner Pendergrass stated that he has been approached by a delegation member who questioned if he would support a bill being brought forward regarding elected County Executives. The delegation member stated that the item would not be heard at the special session being held on October 30, 2023 as part of the 2023 legislative agenda. However, the item could be heard at a special session meeting in the future. Commissioner Pendergrass urged the Commissioners to take action now to ensure Lee County is protected.

Commissioner Pendergrass moved to direct Staff to draft a resolution for the Board of County Commissioners opposing any future legislation pertaining to elected County Executive (Administrator, Manager or Mayor) and direct the Chairman to provide copies of the resolution to the delegation at the upcoming special session meeting on October 30, 2023. Commissioner Pendergrass stated that Lee County has a charter form of government and provides great representation to its residents. Commissioner Hamman stated that he did not understand why the Board would want to put this item on the radar of the delegation if it is not something that they were already looking at. He stated that typically resolutions and letters have not swayed or been persuasive to delegations in the past. Commissioner Hamman then read a [letter of opposition from Commissioner Ruane](#) into the record. Commissioner Hamman stated that he agreed with the sentiments that Commissioner Ruane shared regarding the Board needing to be unified while working with the delegation to obtain the hurricane relief funds for the community and not be distracted. Commissioner Hamman stated that since the Board called for a special meeting, the delegation is aware of how the Board feels. He stated that he feels it is not necessary to formalize the item in the form of a resolution, and that if in the future the Board felt it necessary, or if it appears on the delegation agenda, the Board could call for a special meeting in order to take an action. Commissioner Hamman stated that it is not clear what the Board would be voting on and suggested a Workshop if there was a need for further discussion of the item.

County Attorney Richard Wm. Wesch stated if it was the will of the Board to take a recess, Staff could draft a resolution for Board consideration today. However, he stated it has to be the wishes of the majority of the Board. Commissioner Pendergrass stated that he trusts Staff to draft language for a resolution to bring back to the Board for consideration at a later date.

There was a majority agreement to have Staff draft a resolution for consideration by the Board.

**Public Comment:** The Chairman called for public comment and there were two speakers.

**Vote:** Commissioner Pendergrass moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Sandelli called and carried with Commissioner Hamman voting Nay and Commissioner Ruane absent.

#### [RESOLUTION NO. 23-10-25](#)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

ATTEST:

KEVIN C. KARNES, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Clerk

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 Chairman, Lee County Commission