

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY March 28, 2011

Members in attendance:

Senator Jim Norman, Chair
Representative Debbie Mayfield, Vice Chair
Representative Larry Ahern
Representative Michael Bileca
Representative Daphne D. Campbell
Representative Jeff Clemens
Senator Arthenia L. Joyner
Senator Evelyn J. Lynn
Senator Maria Lorts Sachs
Senator Stephen R. Wise

Representative Shawn Harrison was excused.

Introduction of Members and Staff

Chair Norman asked the members to introduce themselves. The Chair introduced the staff members.

Discussion of Committee Responsibilities

Kathy DuBose, Acting Coordinator, gave an overview of the Committee's responsibilities.

Overview of the Office of the Auditor General: Presentation by David W. Martin, Auditor General

Mr. Martin gave a presentation concerning responsibilities of the Office of the Auditor General.

Overview of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA): Presentation by Kathy McGuire, OPPAGA Acting Coordinator

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not presented.

Discussion of a certified petition request, received pursuant to s. 11.45(5), F.S., for an audit of the Village of Islamorada.

Debbie White, CPA, JLAC Legislative Analyst, explained the request.

Vice Mayor Ken Philipson of the Village of Islamorada spoke to the Committee regarding the certified petition request for an audit.

Rep. Clemens moved to direct the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the Village of Islamorada and allow him to determine the scope and timing based on the availability of staff and deadlines for statutorily mandated assignments.

The motion was adopted.

Discussion of a request for an audit of the City of Lake Worth's Sub-regional Sewer System received from the City of Lake Worth and on behalf of six Palm Beach County municipalities and Palm Beach State College (collectively, the System Customers)

Rex Taylor, Town Manager for South Palm Beach, spoke to the Committee concerning the audit request.

Susan Stanton, Lake Worth City Manager, spoke to the Committee on behalf of the City of Lake Worth.

Thomas Cloud, an attorney with GrayRobinson (Orlando), also spoke to the Committee on behalf of the other municipalities concerned.

Rep. Clemens moved to direct the Auditor General to interview appropriate staff of the City of Lake Worth and its System Customers in order to determine the issues and concerns of the payments dispute related to the City's Sub-regional Sewer System. Further, the Auditor General is allowed to set: (1) the scope of the operational audit to address the financial-related issues and concerns, based on the information obtained in the interviews, and (2) the timing of the audit as audit resources are available, consistent with his workplan and so as not to jeopardize the timely completion of statutorily mandated assignments.

The motion was adopted.

Presentation of Auditor General Report No. 2011-069, Payroll and Personnel Administrative Processes at Selected State Agencies - Operational Audit

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not presented.

Presentation of OPPAGA Report No. 10-53, Most Local Governments Participating in the Expedited Review Process Report Benefits

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not presented.