

Barbara Stewart, of Avon Park, was a member of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners from 2004 to 2012 and served as Board Chairman for 2 terms. While on the Commission, she was a member of the Policy Committee of the Avon Park Air Force Range Joint Land Use Study. Previously, she was vice president/planning director of a Florida based engineering consulting firm and owner of a retail establishment in Sebring.

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