



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

September 14, 2021

Attorney General Ashley Moody
Office of the Attorney General
State of Florida
PL-01 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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The Honorable Wilton Simpson
Senate President
405 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senate President Simpson,

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The Honorable Chris Sprowls
Speaker of the House
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

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Added Commissioner Agenda Item - See Attached Agenda Update Memo



**Board of County Commissioners
September 14, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

SUBJECT

APPROVAL OF LETTER TO THE FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL IN FAVOR OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE CREATING A "SAFE HAVEN" FOR THE UNBORN IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND DIRECT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO REQUEST A FORMAL ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL ADDRESSING WHETHER THE COUNTY IS PREEMPTED UNDER FLORIDA LAW FROM ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ABORTION.

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner James Satcher, District 1

Action Requested

I move to approve the letter to the Florida Attorney General in the form submitted into the record, and to direct the County Attorney to request a formal advisory opinion from the Florida Attorney General addressing whether the County is preempted under Florida law from adopting an ordinance regulating abortion.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Attorney Review

Instructions to Board Re

Cost and Funds Source Account number and name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Copies of four executed letters received fm BCC Office on 9/27/21, RT

Motion 1: Satcher/VanOstenbridge: To approve the letter to the Florida Attorney General in the form submitted into the record, and to direct the County Attorney to request a formal advisory opinion from the Florida Attorney General, addressing whether the County is preempted under Florida Law from adopting an ordinance regulating abortion. The motion carried 4-3, with Bellamy, Servia & Whitmore voting nay.
Motion 2: VanOstenbridge/Satcher: that we vote to sent the same letter we just sent to the Attorney General, to Senate President Wiltom Simpson, Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls and Governor Ron DeSantis. The motion carried 6-1, with Bellamy voting nay.



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Scott Hopes, County Administrator

From: Diane Vollmer, Agenda Coordinator

Date: September 13, 2021

Subject: **Agenda Update for Meeting of September 14, 2021**

This memo and the changes indicated below are reflected in the electronic agenda.

Public Comments

Written comments submitted through the online Public Comment form were added to:

- Citizen Comments (Consideration for Future Agenda Items)

Changes to Consent Agenda

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Item 12 - Final Plat and Associated Documents for Summerwoods-Phases IIIA & IVA

The requested action was updated to include: "Acceptance, Execution, and Recording of the Mortgagee's Joinder from Western Alliance Bank."

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Item 30 - Permanent Utilities Easement and Permanent Sidewalk Easement from 63 Manatee, LLC for property located at 1515 63rd Avenue East, Bradenton FL, 34203, in District 4.

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Item 37 - Resolution R-21-150 Authorizing the Conveyance of Right-of-Way and County Deed Conveying Right-of-Way to Florida Department of Transportation for the Realignment of State Road 62 at US 301 North in Parrish, Florida 34219 in District 1

The requested action was updated to read:

- Adopt Resolution R-21-150; and
- Execute County Deed to State of Florida Department of Transportation

Item 38 - Notice of Termination of a License Agreement between Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc, and Manatee County for property located at 751 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, Florida 34219; District 1

This item is being deferred to the October 26 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Item 42 - Adoption of Resolution No. 21-110 Approving a Limited Access Agreement and Release of Claims Form for the Bradenton Beach Gravity Sewer Replacement Project

A location map was added to this agenda item.

Changes to Advisory Board Appointments

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Item 50 - Appointment of Six Applicants to the Children's Services Advisory Board

This item is being deferred to the September 28 meeting.

Additions to Consent Agenda

ADMINISTRATOR

Item 57 - Letter of Non-opposition for Skyway Bridge 10K Charity Run Sponsored by the Armed Forces Families Foundation

Requested Action: "Authorization for the Chairperson to execute a letter of non-opposition to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a proposed 10k charity run across the Skyway Bridge on March 6, 2022, sponsored by the Armed Forces Families Foundation."

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Item 58 - Subordination of County Utility Interests to subordinate the County's Utility Interests to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Parcel 503.1 (also known as Parcel 503), located along U.S. 41 N. - U.S. 301

Requested Action: "Execute Subordination of County Utility Interests for Parcel 503.3 (also known as Parcel 503)"

Addition to Commissioner Agenda

Item 59 - Approval of letter to the Florida Attorney General in favor of a county ordinance creating a "safe haven" for the unborn in Manatee County, Florida and direct the County Attorney to request a formal advisory opinion from the Florida Attorney General addressing whether the County is preempted under Florida law from adopting an ordinance regulating abortion

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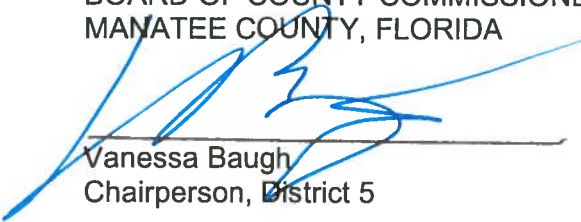
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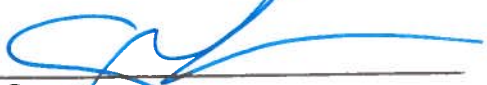

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Letter being replaced by Dr. Hopes

From: [Diane Vollmer](#)
To: [Carol Whitmore](#); [George Kruse](#); [James Satcher](#); [Kevin VanOstenbridge](#); [Misty Servia](#); [Reggie Bellamy](#); [Vanessa Baugh](#)
Cc: [Charlie Bishop](#); [Jan Brewer](#); [Robert Reinshuttle](#); [Scott Hopes](#); [William Clague](#); [Vicki Tessmer](#); [Robin Toth](#); [Sheila McLean](#)
Subject: September 14 BCC Meeting & Budget Public Hearing - Additional Public Comments
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:27:24 PM
Attachments: [Item 59 - Public Comments.pdf](#)
[Additional Public Comments - Budget Hearing.pdf](#)

Commissioners – Attached are additional public comments received for today's regular meeting and tonight's budget hearing.

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Agenda Coordinator
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Bradenton, FL 34205
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Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 14, 2021, 12:14AM EDT

Manatee County, FL

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| Full Name | First Name: April Last Name: Allison Culbreath |
| Email | aprilncora@gmail.com |
| Topic/Agenda Item | Abortion clinics in Manatee County |
| Comment (max. 3,000 characters) | <p>I am pro-life, especially once a heart beat is detected. For many reasons. There are two many birth control methods for responsible sexually active individuals as well as the morning after pill for the irresponsible. Which is also effective in the case of rape/incest. It's our duty as Christians and Catholics. Readily accessible abortion clinics are great excuses for young adults to be sexually careless, making an abortion "normal " vs a shameful act. We don't have any now and We The People of Manatee do not want any being built here in the future. We will not let this issue go and beg of the seated honorable commissions to support this motion and any assistance the AG may offer in creating legislation to protect unborn humans , at least I'm Manatee. For the love of God, there are plenty in surrounding counties.</p> |
| Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting) | September 14, 2021 |



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 14, 2021, 07:44AM EDT

Manatee County, FL

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| Full Name | First Name: Jason Last Name: Bearden |
| Email | jason@realestatemktg.com |
| Topic/Agenda Item | County ordinance creating a safe haven for the unborn. |
| Comment (max. 3,000 characters) | |
| Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting) | September 14, 2021 |



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 14, 2021, 09:24AM EDT

Manatee County, FL

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| Full Name | First Name: Pat Last Name: Olesen |
| Email | patolesen@gmail.com |
| Topic/Agenda Item | Item 59-safe haven letter to attorney general |
| Comment (max. 3,000 characters) | I just saw that there is an item on today's agenda concerning a letter to the FL attorney general on guidance in making Manatee county a safe haven. I am not in agreement with that action. I feel very strongly this is not something the government should be regulating/involved in. Services need to be provided for mothers and they need to make the best decision for their situation. |
| Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting) | September 14, 2021 |

From: Mary Ellen Stahr <mestahr@cs.wm.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:22 PM
To: BCC Agenda <bcc.agenda@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Commissioner Satcher's Agenda Item #59

I am very strongly opposed to regulating abortion. The term "safe haven" is used. Commissioner Satcher and others who support this should be focused on providing a "safe haven" for ALL children born into this county under the most difficult of situations. Taking that choice away from a woman is wrong.

MaryEllen Stahr

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Consideration for Future Agenda)

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Name:

Maily Ortiz

Address:

3509 Jefferson Commons Dr. Tampa FL

Phone: (Home)

727-337-8233

(Work)

Brief description of problem or concern:

Abortion Ban mentioned in letter to Attorney General Ashley Moody as "Safe Haven" for children inside mother's wombs

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Agenda Items)

Item #:

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CONSENT:

NO

YES

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Name:

Jack Wallace

Address:

2620 10th Ave W Brentwood

Phone: (Home)

727-773-5717

(Work)

Email:

Brief description of problem or concern:

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Phone: (Home) 727-773-5717 (Work) _____

Brief description of problem or concern:
Abortion Ban

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Agenda Items)

Item #: 59

CONSENT: NO YES

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Name:

Jimi DePriest

Address:

976 46th Street Sarasota FL 34234

Phone: (Home)

863-257-5410

(Work)

Email:

causticgauge@protonmail.com

Brief description of problem or concern:

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Name: KATE DANEHY-SAMITZ
Address: 439 ~~HERN~~ SALT MEADOW CIR #204
Phone: (Home) 941-407-9760 (Work) _____

Brief description of problem or concern:

ABORTION BAN

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Agenda Items)

Item #: 56

CONSENT: NO YES

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Name: KATE DANEHY SAMITZ

Address: 439 SALT MEADOW LITTLE #201

Phone: (Home) 941.404.9760 (Work) _____

Email: WOMENSVOICES.SWFL@GMAIL.COM

Brief description of problem or concern:

ASHLEY MOODY LETTER

CITIZENS' COMMENTS
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Name:

Amy Weintraub

Address:

4545 Dolphin Cay Ln S, St Pete 33711

Phone: (Home)

304-591-9027

(Work)

Brief description of problem or concern:

Very concerned about the abortion ban being
considered by the Commission

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Name: Daniel Judge
Address: 8754 52nd Dr E, Bradenton, FL 34211
Phone: (Home) (941) 544-1829 (Work) _____

Brief description of problem or concern:
The County Commission proposed an abortion ban and I oppose it.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Agenda Items)

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Name:

Karen Willey

Address:

1113 16th St W Bradenton 34205

Phone: (Home)

941-704-4325

(Work)

Email:

karenwildfl@gmail.com

Brief description of problem or concern:

You must not send this letter as written - it takes away my healthcare rights.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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Name:

GIVEN

Address:

Phone: (Home)

(Work)

Email:

Brief description of problem or concern:

Dashley Moody

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Name: JASON BEARDEN
Address: 2925 DESERT PLAIN CV
Phone: (Home) 941-330-3843 (Work) _____
Email: JASON.BEARDEN83@GMAIL.COM

Brief description of problem or concern:

Approval of letter to the Florida Attorney General
in favor of a county ordinance creating a
"safe Haven".

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Name: Sarah Parker
Address: 1543 18th St
Phone: (Home) 941 376 4528 (Work) _____

Brief description of problem or concern:
Abortion Ban / Abortion ordinance
letter

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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560

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NO

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Name:

Sarah Parker

Address:

1543 1st St.

Phone: (Home)

941 370 4382

(Work)

Email:

WomenVoices.swf@gmail.com

Brief description of problem or concern:

Abortion Ordinance letter
pg 2 Ashley Moody

From: [Robin Toth](#)
To: ["Lori.Rozsa@WashPost.com"](mailto:Lori.Rozsa@WashPost.com)
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Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:15:00 PM
Attachments: [Manatee County Letter to Florida Attorney General-UNSIGNED.pdf](#)

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[59 - Executed Letters to AGO & Reprs.pdf](#)

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To: ["Jorge Arana"](#); ["Celeste McDuffie"](#)
Subject: Letters to the Attorney General regarding Safe Haven for the unborn in Manatee County
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 9:22:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
Importance: High

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From: [Robin Toth](#)
To: "Celeste McDuffie"
Cc: [Jorge Arana](#)
Subject: RE: Letters to the Attorney General regarding Safe Haven for the unborn in Manatee County
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:29:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)
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Thank you both for your assistance. You are awesome.

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From: Celeste McDuffie <celeste.mcduffie@mymanatee.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Robin Toth <robin.toth@ManateeClerk.com>
Cc: Jorge Arana <jorge.arana@mymanatee.org>
Subject: RE: Letters to the Attorney General regarding Safe Haven for the unborn in Manatee County

Robin,

Per our conversation. Ms. Rozsa can use the link I have provided to submit a public records request (or follow the directions below) for any information she may need that the clerk is unable to provide or that may be in addition to your records.

<https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=256>

(Mymanatee.org I want to Get Public records Online Submission Form Other County Departments Not Listed)

Celeste McDuffie

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From: Robin Toth <robin.toth@ManateeClerk.com>

Sent: Monday, October 04, 2021 9:23 AM

To: Jorge Arana <jorge.arana@mymanatee.org>; Celeste McDuffie <celeste.mcduffie@mymanatee.org>

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