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Bradenton Area Convention Center
Manatee Room
1 Haben Boulevard, Palmetto
9:00 AM - April 8, 2026

**Board of County Commissioners
Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - Work Session**

Written comments can be submitted at <https://mymanatee.org/services-and-amenities/service-listing/service-details/submit-public-comment>.

Walk-in comments are welcome during the work session in the Manatee Room at the Bradenton Area Convention Center located at 1 Haben Boulevard, Palmetto.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION (The Commission does not endorse the religious beliefs of any speaker.)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. AGENDA ITEMS

Government Relations

1. Economic Development Workshop providing an Overview of Economic Development Strategies, Affordable Housing Policy, Workforce Initiatives, and Planning Tools Supporting Long-Term Growth in Manatee County

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

F. ADJOURN

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**Economic Development Workshop Agenda
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1. Incentivizing Economic Development

Presenter: Dr. Nathan Palardy

- Building diversified economic development strategies
- Successful case studies from other counties

2. Affordable Housing Policy

Presenter: Ms. Ali Ankudowich

- Crafting affordable housing policy to align with community needs and objectives
- Examine lessons from case studies in Florida

Break – 10 Minutes

3. Planning and Form-Based Codes

Presenter: Professor Thomas Hawkins

- Setting form-based codes to align with community objectives and foster long-term growth
- Review examples of form-based code adopted by Florida communities

4. Questions and Answers - Discussion with Commissioners and Audience

Lunch

5. Suncoast Prosper

Presenter: Jamie M. Smith, Assoc. VP of Government Relation/PIO, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota

6. Upskill Manatee

Presenter: Joshua Matlock, CareerSource Suncoast

7. Opportunity Zones

Presenter: Aimee Johnson

- Review of current Opportunity Zones and discussion of OZ 2.0 designation process

8. Affordable Housing

Presenter: Ms. Ali Ankudowich

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