



Board of County Commissioners

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April 27, 2026

Via Hand-Delivery and Electronic Mail

The Honorable Ed Brodsky
State Attorney, Twelfth Judicial Circuit
County Administration Building
1112 Manatee Avenue W.
P.O. Box 1000
Bradenton, FL 34206-1000
ebrodsky@sao12.org

RE: Pending Criminal Charges Regarding Bishop Animal Shelter

Dear State Attorney Brodsky:

On behalf of Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of the Florida, (County) and its Board of County Commissioners, I write regarding certain pending criminal matters arising from an alleged trespass at the County's Bishop Animal Shelter located at 5718 21st Avenue West in Bradenton. The Board no longer wishes for the County to participate in or support the prosecution of individuals charged in connection with this alleged incident. Accordingly, the County respectfully requests that your office exercise its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss the charges against those individuals whose cases are based on alleged trespass at the Bishop Animal Shelter.

Respectfully,

Tal Siddique
Chairperson

Cc: Konrad Strzalkowski, Assistant State Attorney at kstrzalkowski@sao12.org (via email only)

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KRUSE
At Large



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Dr. Robert McCann

Action Requested **** See Page 2 of this Agenda Memorandum for Board action**

Motion: Manatee County and its vendors shall inform the Prosecutor of its intent to voluntarily dismiss its trespass charges said no longer participate in any criminal proceedings regarding actions against any citizens for alleged trespass at the Bishop Kennel facility and request that the prosecutor dismiss the action.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

NA

Applicable Advisory Board

NA

Background Discussion

A vote was previously taken by the County Commission to continue charges despite Charlie Bishop, the County Administrator, stating for the County and its vendors to drop the felony trespass charges, the Commission has the authority by vote to direct the County and its vendors to "drop" the charges. The investigation revealed that the elements of a felony were not present and first-degree misdemeanor charges were presented. The individuals were Summoned to appear on 5/6/2026 at 9 am.

Note: If a complainant drops charges for misdemeanor trespass in Florida, the charges are **not** automatically dismissed. Because the State, not the victim, prosecutes crimes, the State Attorney has the final authority to continue or drop the case. However, a victim's request to drop charges is highly persuasive and often leads to dismissal.

The specific charge states, "Trespass to dwelling -"entered and remained with the intent to commit an offense thereon."

See attached Agenda Update Memo Version 2, 4/14/26 & Update Memo 3, 4/15/26

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

NA

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

NA

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

NA

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, that Manatee County and its vendors shall inform the prosecutor of its intent to voluntarily dismiss its trespass charges and no longer participate in any criminal proceedings regarding actions against any citizens for alleged trespassing to the Bishop Kennel Facility, and request that the prosecutor dismiss this action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kruse.

Amendment: Commissioner McCann amended the motion that we send a letter to the prosecutor Ed Brodsky's office, saying that the Manatee County Commission does not want to participate in this any longer, and we suggest that the action be dismissed. Commissioner Kruse agreed to the Amendment.

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, suggested adding the wording and to authorize the Chair to sign and submit said letter on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner McCann also asked if a date could be put on since the Court date is May 6.

Motion Amended: Commissioner McCann revised his motion the Board through letter, instruct County Attorney's Office to write a letter to Ed Brodsky, that we no longer want to participate in criminal proceedings or citizens regarding the Bishop Facility.

Commissioner McCann is taking out the recommendation that the charges be dropped. The inference is that the Board no longer wants to participate. Commissioner Kruse supported the amended wording.

The County Attorney suggested the letter say the County as the victim, is no longer requesting prosecution.

The motion by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Kruse and carried 3-2, with Commissioner Rahn and Chairman Siddique voting nay, and Commissioner Bearden absent.

****NOTE:** Refer to the Minutes for detailed comments.



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Updates to Agenda - April 14, 2026 Version 2

Category

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates(dated April 14, 2026 Version 2) for the meeting of April 21, 2026.

37. Update on the Movement of the Dogs to the Bishop and Jail facilities

The following changes to the background and discussion:

With the Administrator absence at the last meeting, questions remained unanswered for the movement of the dogs. The Commission voted to have a complete update at the next BOCC meeting. This update did not appear of the preliminary draft of the April 21st meeting. The following motion passed unanimously as the last meeting.

48. Motion to direct staff to provide detailed information on how many dogs were moved, when were they moved, who directed the move, who is doing the evaluations on the dogs prior to the move, what evaluation were completed post move.

38. County Administrator Contract Renewal

The following language added to the Background and Discussion:

FINDINGS AND JUSTIFICATION:

- Election Year: 2026 is an election year in Manatee County Florida. Four seats are up for election at the BOCC. The County Administrator's contract is due to renew on August 8, 2026. The primary election is only 10 days later, August 18, 2026.
- Board Continuity: The current Board recognizes that the selection and retention of a County Administrator is one of the most significant policy decisions a governing body makes. Extending the current contract through the end of the calendar year ensures that the seated Board following the upcoming election cycle has the direct authority to negotiate and vote on a long-term agreement.
- Operational Stability: This extension prevents a lapse in leadership during the transition period, ensuring that county operations, department management, and ongoing capital projects continue without interruption.
- Fiduciary Responsibility: By maintaining the current "status quo" terms for the remainder of the year, the Board avoids committing the County to long-term financial obligations or structural changes immediately prior to a shift in Board composition.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this extension will be accounted for within this Fiscal Budget.

39. Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility

The following language added to Background/Discussion:

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April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Dr. Robert McCann

Action Requested

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Enabling/Regulating Authority

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Applicable Advisory Board

NA

Background Discussion

Attorney Review

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Instructions to Board Records

NA

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

NA

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

NA

PUBLIC COMMENTS – DISMISSAL OF TRESPASS CHARGES
AT BISHOP KENNEL FACILITY

From: DD <davidd4300@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 7:39 PM

To: Tal Siddique <Tal@mymanatee.org>; Amanda Ballard <amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org>; Robert McCann <drbob.mccann@mymanatee.org>; George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>; Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>; Mike Rahn <mike.rahn@mymanatee.org>; Charlie Bishop <Charlie.bishop@mymanatee.org>

Subject: Vindictive Prosecution

To pursue charges against a volunteer and citizen is completely uncalled for. It is vindictive. It is a stain on the board if this is not called off.

This has nothing to do with setting some kind of "precedent." There is no binding precedent on a decision to pursue criminal charges. Every decision is an independent matter of judgement. These young ladies were obviously not there to steal or damage county property. They were there to provide transparency to a situation in which citizens were asking for information.

These young ladies are being scapegoated for the legitimate public outrage against Mr. Bishop for his role in the kennel fiasco.

Consider - does anyone seriously think these young ladies would be facing criminal charges had they raved with positive reviews about the kennels? We know that they would not.

In this week's Bradenton Times podcast, the hosts reported hearing from numerous county employees(off the record) who have described a threatening work environment under the current administration where employees are afraid of retaliation for complaining or speaking unfavorably about personnel policy. Pursuing these charges confirm a tendency to retaliate. Mr. Bishop is using the power of his office to punish citizens for complaining about a poor decision he made.

This isn't about precedent, or justice, or any kind of property damage. It is about bullying two citizens who care deeply about animals. This case needs to be dropped. There was no criminal intent, zero.

Shame on Charlie Bishop, and shame on the board for supporting this vindictive prosecution.

David Daniels

Julie's Post



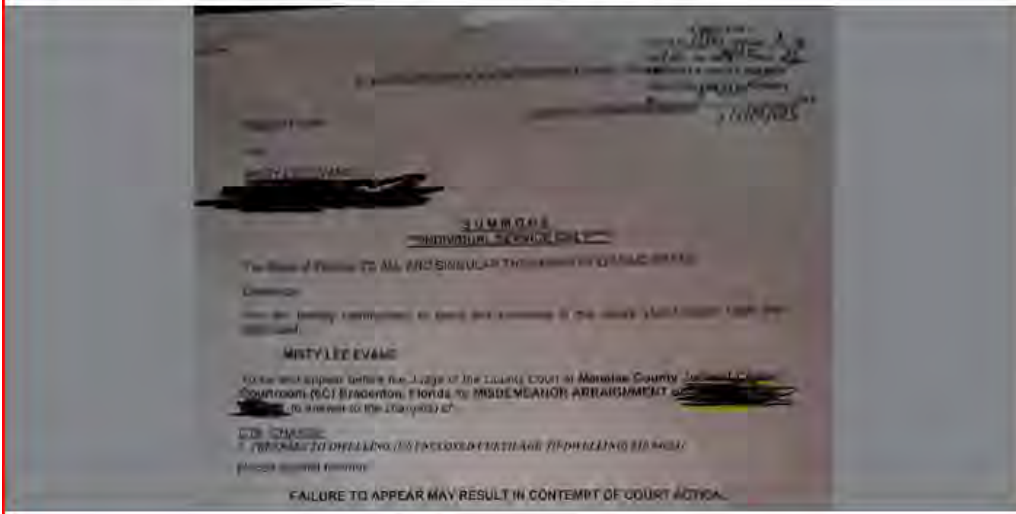
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So far one citizen and one Manatee County Animal Welfare volunteer have been summoned to appear in court for misdemeanor trespassing Charges. The volunteer and citizen were on property on December 26th. Ten days after the ribbon cutting on December 16th. Detectives showed up on their doorsteps approximately 48-72 hours after presenting safety concerns to the BoCC. A few weeks later, Tal Siddique, Amanda Ballard, Jason Bearden, and Mike Rahn all voted in favor of pressing charges against the volunteers/citizen. They were concerned about the precedent it would set. To be clear. There were no construction zone signs, no "no-trespassing" signs, no damage was done, staff was seen but nobody said a word about asking them to get off the property, the volunteer had an invite from Sarah Brown to go see the property, the gate was wide open, as of the ribbon cutting everyone was under the impression that both the general public and volunteers would be allowed in the kennels. Plus, who would build a facility where the usual people couldn't access dogs from the inside? Seems very much like the precedent they are concerned about setting is people speaking out, unless they are overly concerned about volunteers regularly showing up early.



From: Elizabeth Gregov <elizabethgregov@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 1:13 PM
To: Amanda Ballard <amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org>; George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>; Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>; Mike Rahn <mike.rahn@mymanatee.org>; Charlie Bishop <Charlie.bishop@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Vindictive Prosecution

Commissioners,

To pursue charges against volunteers/ citizens is completely uncalled for. It is vindictive. It is a stain on the board if this is not called off.

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Elizabeth Gregov



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Updates to Agenda - April 15, 2026

Category

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 4/15/26) for the meeting of April 21, 2026:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generic Public Comments

- This agenda item was updated to include additional generic comments.

REGULAR

Attorney

Item 44, Draft County Administrator Contract

- This agenda item was added to the Agenda.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 37, Update on the Movement of the Dogs to the Bishop and Jail facilities

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 38, County Administrator Contract Renewal

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 39, Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility

- This agenda item was updated with public comment.

Item 42, Update on ONDCP White House Homeless Summit Update

- This agenda item was added to the Agenda.

Item 43, Letter of Agreement Authorizing Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc.

- This agenda item was added to the Agenda.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS – DISMISSAL OF TRESPASS CHARGES
AT BISHOP KENNEL FACILITY

From: talonthedog@mail.com <talonthedog@mail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 3:58 PM
To: Robert McCann <drbob.mccann@mymanatee.org>; Bryan Parnell <bryan.parnell@mymanatee.org>; Tal Siddique <tal@mymanatee.org>; Charlie Bishop <charlie.bishop@mymanatee.org>; citizenservices@myfloridalegal.com; Mike Rahn <mike.rahn@mymanatee.org>; Amanda Ballard <amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org>; George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>; Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>
Subject: **Concern Regarding Motion to Dismiss Charges and Implications for Governance**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the reported motion (at the next Commission meeting) to dismiss charges against two individuals who entered a clearly posted construction site after hours and subsequently publicized their actions. While I respect the role of elected officials in representing community interests, this situation raises important questions about the appropriate boundaries of that role—particularly when it intersects with active legal or enforcement matters.

At issue is not the subject of the individuals' message, but the manner in which it was carried out. Entering a posted construction site after hours presents clear safety, liability, and compliance concerns. If charges stemming from such actions are dismissed due to external influence rather than a standard legal process, it risks creating the perception of unequal application of the law.

I would respectfully ask the Board to clarify whether any member's involvement in seeking or supporting dismissal of these charges is consistent with Florida law, applicable ethics rules, and the principles of separation between elected officials and the judicial or prosecutorial process.

Specifically:

- What authority, if any, exists for elected officials to influence the disposition of pending criminal or civil enforcement actions?
- What safeguards are in place to ensure that such actions do not create the appearance of preferential treatment?
- How does the County ensure consistent enforcement of safety and trespass laws across all individuals, regardless of advocacy or affiliation?

Beyond the immediate case, the broader concern is the precedent this may set. Actions that appear to circumvent standard enforcement processes can erode public trust and

create confusion among staff, partners, and the community about expectations and accountability.

Given the potential implications, I believe it would be appropriate for this matter to be reviewed for compliance with relevant ethics standards and state guidance to ensure that all actions taken align with established legal and governance frameworks.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request clarification on the Board's position and the legal basis, if any, for such involvement and have copied the Florida Attorney General's office for additional guidance.

Respectfully,

J. Bender
Manatee County



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Updates to Agenda - April 20, 2026

Category

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 4/20/26) for the meeting of April 21, 2026:

REGULAR

Attorney

Item 44, Draft County Administrator Contract

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Government Relations

Item 33, Update of progress on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant and Lasting Manatee Program, Robert Burke, Business Services Manager, and Edrick Sweeting, Grant Supervisor

- This agenda updated to reflect presenters as Robert Burke, Business Services Manager, and Odugo Ohizu, Communications Coordinator - CDBG-DR.

REPORTS

Development Services

Item 36, Report on Environmental Compliance Field Solutions - follow up to Agenda Item #50 on April 7, 2026, Nicole Knapp, Development Services Director, and Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director - District 1

- This agenda item was updated with a public comment.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 37, Update on the Movement of the Dogs to the Bishop and Jail facilities

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 38, County Administrator Contract Renewal

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 39, Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 43, Letter of Agreement Authorizing Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc.

- This agenda item was updated with a Letter of Support from Ed Brodsky, State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

From: Becky Brothers <thebeckybrothers@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 7:05 PM
To: Tal Siddique <tal@mymanatee.org>; Amanda Ballard <amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org>; Robert McCann <drbob.mccann@mymanatee.org>; George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>; Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>; Mike Rahn <mike.rahn@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Proposed Actions and Leadership Decisions

Commissioners Siddique, Ballard, McCann, Kruse, Bearden, Rahn, and Mr. Bishop,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the reported pursuit of criminal charges against volunteers who, by all available accounts, acted without criminal intent while attempting to bring transparency to conditions within the county kennels.

Pursuing charges against engaged community members—particularly those advocating for animal welfare—is deeply troubling. It raises questions not about “precedent,” but about judgment and proportionality. These individuals were not acting to steal or damage property. They were responding to public concern and attempting to shed light on an issue that matters to this community.

The decision to move forward with charges appears, at minimum, misaligned with the values of transparency and public service, and at worst, risks being perceived as retaliatory. That perception alone should give pause.

There is also growing concern within the community regarding the leadership and direction of the current administration. Reports of a work environment where individuals feel discouraged from speaking openly, combined with actions like these, contribute to a broader erosion of trust. Public confidence depends on accountability—not punishment of those who raise concerns.

Additionally, with Mr. Bishop’s contract up for renewal in August, the Board should carefully evaluate this decision. The Board of County Commissioners exists to serve the people of Manatee County—not to consolidate power or reappoint individuals whose leadership has raised significant and ongoing concerns within the community.

At this time, I do not support renewing Mr. Bishop’s contract. It is in the best interest of the community to seek out qualified leadership that demonstrates integrity, due diligence, transparency, and a clear commitment to serving the people of Manatee County—not personal or internal interests.

The county should discontinue any pursuit of criminal charges in this matter against the two individuals. This does not serve the interests of justice or the community, and instead gives the appearance of vindictiveness in response to being called out for poor decision-making related to the new kennels.

This moment calls for leadership grounded in accountability and trust. Moving forward with criminal charges against citizens, while simultaneously considering the continuation of current leadership under these circumstances, sends the wrong message to the community.

The people of Manatee County are paying attention. We expect decisions that reflect fairness, sound judgment, and a genuine commitment to public service.

Respectfully,
Becky Brother



Public Comment

Submitted On: Apr 17, 2026, 01:36PM EDT

Manatee County Government

Full Name	First Name: David Last Name: Daniels
Email	davidd4300@gmail.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	April 21, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	39. Charges against kennel volunteer
Comment	To pursue charges against volunteers/citizens is completely uncalled for. It is vindictive. It is a stain on the board if this is not called off. Voting to pursue these charges has nothing to do with setting some kind of "precedent." Every decision to pursue criminal charges is an independent matter of judgement. These young ladies were obviously not there to steal or damage county property. They were there to provide transparency to a situation in which citizens were asking for information. These young ladies are being scapegoated for the legitimate public outrage against Mr. Bishop for his role in the kennel fiasco. Consider - does anyone seriously think these young ladies would be facing criminal charges had they raved with positive reviews about the kennels? We know that they would not. In this week's Bradenton Times podcast, the hosts reported hearing from numerous county employees(off the record) who have described a threatening work environment under the current administration where employees are afraid of retaliation for complaining or speaking unfavorably about personnel policy. Pursuing these charges confirm Mr Bishop's tendency to retaliate. Mr. Bishop is using the power of his office to punish citizens for complaining about a poor decision he made. This isn't about precedent, or justice, or any kind of property damage. It is about bullying two citizens who care deeply about animals. This case needs to be dropped. There was no criminal intent, zero. It is ironic that Charlie Bishop, who has been knowingly violating public records law for years is the person who is pushing these charges. Shame on Charlie Bishop, and shame on the board for supporting this vindictive prosecution. David Daniels

From: Alicia Hopkins <aliciadhopkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 10:54 AM
To: Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Bishop volunteer charges

Good Morning,

My name is Alicia Hopkins and I am a Manatee County resident. I am writing you today to ask that you request the State Attorney General drop trespassing charges against the two individuals who visited Bishop.

I understand that you cannot control what the SAG will do, but if the BOCC were to vote that these charges should not be pursued, I believe it would help to inform the decision of the SAG. Pressing charges against the two individuals does not feel commensurate to the actions that took place. The fact that one of the individuals has a text message from Sarah Brown inviting her to view the property, signals to me that they were acting in good faith - not a rogue action based in malice. It is my belief that the intent of the individuals was to help, not harm. I ask that you remember that these two individuals are people who have done a lot of good for the animals of Manatee County. Please vote to drop the request to the SAG at the BOCC meeting tomorrow. Show the community that this is not a retaliatory action against two people who have been vocal about Bishop.

Thank you,
Alicia



Public Comment

Submitted On: Apr 20, 2026, 11:01AM EDT

Manatee County Government

Full Name	First Name: Alicia Last Name: Hopkins
Email	aliciadhopkins@gmail.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	April 21, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	39. Dismissal of Trespass Charges at Bishop Kennel Facility
Comment	Good Morning, My name is Alicia Hopkins and I am a Manatee County resident. I am writing you today to ask that you request the State Attorney General drop trespassing charges against the two individuals who visited Bishop. I understand that you cannot control what the SAG will do, but if the BOCC were to vote that these charges should not be pursued, I believe it would help to inform the decision of the SAG. Pressing charges against the two individuals does not feel commensurate to the actions that took place. The fact that one of the individuals has a text message from Sarah Brown inviting her to view the property, signals to me that they were acting in good faith - not a rogue action based in malice. It is my belief that the intent of the individuals was to help, not harm. I ask that you remember that these two individuals are people who have done a lot of good for the animals of Manatee County. Please vote to drop the request to the SAG at the BOCC meeting tomorrow. Show the community that this is not a retaliatory action against two people who have been vocal about Bishop. Thank you, Alicia